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School News

A message from Mrs. Denham

Dear families,

I wish you all a very happy half term. I hope you have been able to enjoy some of the activities from Feel Good Friday and that the children have enjoyed receiving their thank you postcards from us. As it is Valentine's Day this weekend, we thought decorating the heart and using the magnet, may always remind you all of Lockdown Valentine's Day.

We thank you all for your support, kind words and encouragement during what has really been a quite extraordinary term. We certainly did not predict that we would be doing this a year ago!

I thank all the parents who are key workers who have been sending their children to school and supporting us through their crucial working roles. I thank all the parents who have been at home working and supporting their children with the home learning. You have all been stars.

I'm sure there has been some really tough times for everybody in the last few months and I just hope that we are going to hear in the next few weeks, that school can return to some sort of normality soon.

I really also want to thank the amazing staff for all they have done supporting children both at home and at school. I wish them a relaxing half term as they most certainly need to recharge their batteries, ready to come back for the rest of the spring term.

And I finally want to thank the most amazing and fabulous children that go to our school. They had to experience the most unusual, difficult year – one that I have never experienced in all my years – and have had to carry on with their learning, at home or at school throughout it all. They are I am sure missing their families, their friends, going on outings, celebrating birthday parties, enjoying their sporting clubs and many other activities that they would normally be enjoying that should be part of their childhood. We are so proud of each and every one of them and hope they enjoy their half term with you.

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- Please may we remind parents that when collecting your child from school, to wait outside the school gate. Children need to walk out of school maintaining a social distance.
- As a school we are always excited to celebrate World Book Day with the children. This year we have been working hard to think of ways to still celebrate via remote learning. During the first week of March all classes will be running book themed activities. We will be holding a virtual sponsored read during the week

and will hold an Usborne virtual book fair at 7.30pm on Friday 5th March. All monies raised will go towards books for our school. Further details are attached.

- Please find attached to this newsletter a revised menu which will take us up to the end of term.

**Severe weather conditions and the closure of School
Procedures for the closure of the school in bad weather.**

1. We will send out a message on the Bratton Fleming Primary School Facebook page as soon as we know the weather conditions, we will also put a message on the Bratton Fleming Facebook page, Bratton Fleming website page and we will also email you.
2. You can register with Devon County Council school closures, alert me -stay up to date. The email link is: <https://new.devon.gov.uk/schools/closure/> They will then alert you if the school is closed.
3. Listen to Radio Devon.
4. If you are unsure, as a last resort please telephone either Bratton Fleming Primary school on (01598 710337). However, if we cannot get into school to man the phone please try Holywell C of E School on 01271 345908 they may be open to assist you. We will always have staff, if possible, to answer the telephone.

We will always try, wherever possible, to remain open. Alternatively, it may be safer to open school later than normal.

Individual families should assess the risk posed by their journey to school and make their own decision. Many families who live close to the school will have a different level of risk to those who have much more complex travel arrangements.

Bratton Fleming School is a NO NUT Zone

Dates for your diary

15 th February to 19 th February 2021	Half Term
1 st April 2021	Last Day of Term
19 th April 2021	Summer Term begins
3 rd May 2021	Spring Bank Holiday
28 th May 2021	Non Pupil Day
31 st May to 4 th June 2021	Half Term
23 rd July 2021	Last Day of Term

PTA News

Thank you to all those parents and friends who have already signed up to support the children and school through the new PTA lottery. We are aiming to reach a target of 50 tickets sold by the first draw on 27th February. This is quite a challenge for a small school like ours, so if you can, jump on board and be in it to win it! Please follow the link below to purchase as many or as few tickets as you like, and forward it to family and friends too. Thank you!

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/cause-data/046ca73f-e6b2-472e-aadc-c69aa4bdced8/leaflets/eec428bf-a8e4-4454-a112-c7d1b58cc942/ysl-covid19-leaflets%20-%20digital.pdf?updated=637466443255200000>