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## School News

### A message from Mrs. Denham

Well done to even more parents who have managed to get onto Teams this week. Thank you for persevering and supporting us. The children are really enjoying using Teams in school. We will get there in the end!

We hope you enjoyed reading all about the Christmas activities staff and the PTA have planned for your children. We all really wanted to make Christmas a very special time for all the children. It was wonderful to see the children and staff in their Christmas jumpers and clothes today. Thank you so much for those families who have already donated to "Christmas Jumper - Save the children" on Parentpay.

These are the dates and things we would like to achieve: -

1. We would like to support "**Save the Children - Christmas Jumper** Fundraise" every Friday on December 4<sup>th</sup>, December 11<sup>th</sup> and December 18<sup>th</sup>
2. **Christmas cards** – we are afraid we can't allow several hundreds of Christmas cards coming into school due to COVID. Therefore, we are going to have to say that no cards can come into school from home. However, instead, in school every child will design and make and then receive one lovely personal card from someone else in the class.
3. **Christmas lunch** – this will be on Wednesday December 9<sup>th</sup> in class bubbles, over two sittings. Children will be able to wear Christmas jumpers and hats on this day too and children will make a special **laminated placemat** to take into the hall for their lunch. Before lunch, at 11.40pm all classes to be on a Teams meeting. A special visitor may make a surprise entrance on Teams and then wave and welcome children to their Christmas lunch – all socially distanced of course.
4. **Christmas swop shop** – Monday December 14<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am. Parents may send in any small donations of presents. Due to COVID restrictions, donations will ONLY be accepted on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> & Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. A tray will be left on the doorstep of the main entrance for donations and they will be put in the back of the hall over the weekend to be isolated for 72hrs. On swop shop day, we will ensure the children will hand sanitise before and after the swop shop. They will only touch the item they choose as their present. They will put it in a **decorated white paper bag** and then take it home the same day. Parents can then isolate the item for 72 hours, in line with all present guidance.
5. **Carols and Christingle service** – via Teams, we will hold a short carol service and Christingle in each class at 2.30pm on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Rev Rosie will join us via Teams.
6. We will organise a **socially distanced Christmas party/film afternoon** in class bubbles on the last day of term, Friday December 18<sup>th</sup>.
7. Each class will take part in a simple **play/song/dance** instead of our normal Christmas Extravaganza. We aren't sure if we can share this with families yet but we hope to be able to and will let you know.

### **Privacy Notice**

The Trust has updated its Privacy Notice for parents. It is available for you to view on our website <https://www.ventrus.org.uk/our-people/privacy-notices/>

## School News

### **Diwali Workshop**

A reminder that if you have not already done so, the Parent Pay account is still active for donations to be made for the Diwali workshop.

### **Parental Consent Form**

If you have not yet already done so, please return the annual parental consent forms on Monday. It is important that we have your up-to-date email address and telephone numbers and information relating to your child. A blue tray will be left on the front door step of the main entrance to school for you to place them in.

### **Certificates**

Congratulations to all children who received certificates in assembly today.

### **Admission to primary school 2021 (for children born between 01/09/2016 and 31/08/2017)**

The application facility opened on 15th November 2020 and closes at midnight on 15th January 2021. It is important that parents apply before the closing date, even if they are intending to defer their child's admission until later in the academic year, they must secure a place before that decision need be made.

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## **Dates for your diary**

4 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Flu Immunisation
4 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Christmas Jumper Day also then on 11 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup> December
9 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Christmas Lunch
18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Last day of Term
5 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Spring Term begins
27 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Bags2School
15 <sup>th</sup> February to 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	Half Term
1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021	Last Day of Term
19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Summer Term begins
3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021	Spring Bank Holiday
28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Non Pupil Day
31 <sup>st</sup> May to 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Half Term
23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2021	Last Day of Term

## PTA News

### **Art Competition**

Thank you to all the children that have handed in their entries to the Christmas Art competition. Take a look at our PTA Facebook page to see the photos of the fantastic art hamper prizes we have up for grabs. If your child hasn't managed to create their masterpiece yet, then there's still time as the closing date isn't until Monday 30th November.

### **Christmas Hamper**

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to the Christmas hamper. Raffle tickets for the hamper will be sent home next week. If we could kindly ask for you to try and sell the tickets and return to school in the sealable/wipeable bags. Please post in the lockable postbox inside the porch by the school reception, where Mrs Lake can collect from.

### **Christmas Fayre in a Bag**

We are delighted to offer children the chance to have 'Christmas Fayre in a Bag'!! As we are unable to have a Christmas fayre we didn't want children to miss out on some of the Christmas goodies!! The bag will include a gift from Father Christmas, a Christmas tattoo, a hot chocolate cone, reindeer food, Christmas sweets and a handmade gift your child has made in school. All for the cost of only £6, a total bargain!!! Payment has been set up on parent pay, as bags will need to be paid for in advance. Yours purchase, will be handed out to children during the last week of term.

### **School Tea Towels**

We are offering a lovely keepsake and/or wonderful Christmas gift idea. Your child has been busy drawing a self-portrait that has been printed onto a tea towel along with all the other children and staff at Bratton Fleming school. If you would like to buy one or more, please pay by parent pay. The cost is £4 per tea towel.

Once again thank you so, so, much for all your support in raising much needed funds for our children at Bratton Fleming Primary School.

## Community News

### **Bratton Fleming Pre-School**

We've had a Fairy-tale week at Pre-School where we have been learning about The Three Little Pigs, Hansel and Gretel, Princess and the Pea, Goldilocks and The Elves and The Shoemaker. The children have all listened really well to the different fairy tales, created Hansel and Gretel's gingerbread houses, story sequences, making porridge for Goldilocks, discussing and building the pigs' houses and designing their own clothes! We have really enjoyed playing in the role play house this week making our friends some yummy food and drink, some of us have enjoyed threading and others cutting and sticking. Outside we have wrapped up warm and enjoyed playing on the bikes and exploring the woodlands area, at the end of the week we even got to explore frost!

**We now take children from 0-5yrs we have a lovely designated 'Bunnies' area for our under 2s, we currently have spaces for all ages.**

**La Tragna Dance Academy** will be starting ballet and tap classes here in Bratton Fleming Village Hall, on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 4.30 to 5.30pm. £4.00 per lesson or £7.00 to attend both classes. To book a place for your child, please call Melanie La Tragna on 07941242215.