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Certificates

In our assembly this week certificates were awarded to:

John Potter, Summer Comer, Fenn Foster,
Ollie Mortlock, Ezme Illingworth, Tristan Eve,
Sienna Fontoura-Ellison, Annabelle Rowe,
Hayden Ligat-Jones and Armani Sutton

Well done to you all we are very proud of you.

Happy Birthday!

Phoebe Dallyn

Notices

Class Photos

Today your child has been given an order form. If you wish to place an order please do so by 16th March.

Afternoon tea and cake sale

Thursday 15th March in the school hall from 2.30pm. Donations of cakes, sweets, popcorn etc would be greatly appreciated.
We look forward to seeing you there!

A Message from Mrs Denham

Dear parents

We hope you have all managed to make your parent appointments for next weeks meetings. Thank you to all those parents who have managed to log onto eschools and have said how much easier it is to book their appointments this way. We know a few parents have had some problems and thank you for persevering and getting them sorted. Most schools use electronic systems for paying for trips, sending messages, booking meetings etc. especially secondary schools so slowly Bratton is catching up! If you are still having issues and haven't made an appointment yet please call school ASAP.

Can we please ask parents to ensure that if they need to have a quick word with a member of staff in the morning, can they ensure that this occurs just before 8.50am. At 8.55am staff should be free to be with the children in class ready to begin their lessons. We have had several parents comment that staff are being kept talking when infact they should be getting on with registration and teaching! If you need to have a longer discussion please e mail or call school and make an appointment for after school. Staff are happy to receive an e mail to help get things sorted.

And finally it makes me feel rather sad to write this, but can I please request that all staff are treated with respect and courtesy and are spoken to in a calm manner. Recently some staff have felt intimidated with how they've been spoken to. We completely understand how upsetting situations can be when they involve your child who we know is very precious to you - but believe me, every member of staff wants to do their best for your child and wants them to be happy and successful. We are on your side! Many many thanks for your co operation.

We are extremely grateful to Melissa Sloman chair of the PTA for all the hard work she has put into the PTA over the last few years. She has organised many wonderful events and helped raise thousands of pounds for the school. However, Melissa has decided she needs to stand down from her position as chair person due to heavy work commitments. Thank you Melissa for all you have done. You have been amazing.

NOW WE NEED YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT. The PTA team needs a new chair and vice chair. Please please please consider these positions and let the office, myself or Melissa know if you can help. The PTA do amazing work and the school couldn't function without their support.

The PTA are also still running the Club 59. If you are interested in joining please see Vicky Waller - this is a great way to raise funds for the school and also to give each person who joins a chance to win some money each week.

As most of you are probably aware, Bratton Primary and other schools in Devon, are facing a massive cut to their funding under the newly devised funding scheme. A letter came home at the end of last term suggesting we all write to our local MP (Peter Heaton-Jones) asking him to do something about it. After speaking with Sue Denham, I have put together a letter that I will have with me at the playground today, and over next week, that we are hoping to collect as many signatures on as possible and present to Mr Heaton-Jones when he visits Bratton Primary on Friday March 2nd. A copy of this is attached if you would like to read it here. Please find me in the playground (I'm the mum with pink hair) if you would like to add your name to the rest of us demanding fair education funding for our kids.



Notices

Year 3/4 Residential to Skern Lodge

There will be a meeting for parents on Monday 12th March at 3.30pm to provide information about the forthcoming residential to Skern Lodge.

World Book Day 2018 - Friday 2nd March

This year Bratton Fleming School will be celebrating World Book day 2018 on Friday 2nd March. We ask if children can dress up as one of their favourite book characters and must bring the book of their character to complete activities of their chosen character. This year the world book day theme is 'share a story'. We invite parents into classes from 2:45pm to share stories written by the children. We look forward to sharing our stories with you!

Inter house Cross Country

On Friday, the 16th March, all children will be taking part in the annual Inter house Cross Country competition on the field to earn tokens for their house group. **YOUR CHILD WILL NEED THEIR PE KIT IN ON THIS DAY!**

Sports Relief

On Friday, the 23rd March, we will be celebrating Sports Relief by having a Creative House Group Day. After the success of Sports Relief in previous years, the children will be taking part in a range of physical activities including the Sport Relief Mile around the field. Also, children may come into school dressed as a famous sportsman/woman if they wish along with a £1. **YOUR CHILD WILL NEED TO BE IN SUITABLE CLOTHES FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY and WILL NEED PLENTY TO DRINK!** Sports Relief soft balls will be on sale for £1 from Monday 19th March. The School Council will also be selling these on the day.

Teach Your Monster to Read

Teach Your Monster to Read is an award-winning game that helps children learn to read.

It is available to download for free over THIS weekend only.

You can find out more and play the game for free at [Teach Your Monster to Read](#).

You can download the app from the [AppStore](#) or [Google Play Store](#).

Radio 2 500 words competition

Well done to all the children that have entered the 500 words competition. Fingers crossed!

Class Tax

No homework this week but please learn your spellings.



Latest Club59 Winners

Sue Denham £28 (rollover) no 38

Marie Comer £14 no 13

Cake Sale

We will be holding a cake sale at the end of term. More details to follow.

Meeting

There will be a PTA meeting next Friday 2nd March 6.30pm at the Sports Club - all welcome



PRE-SCHOOL

As we missed Pancake Day and Valentine's Day because it was the half term holiday, we had a tasty snack time of pancakes topped with a choice of orange, lemon or banana. They did go down a treat! Some of the children made a heart to take home this week as well by threading wool around a heart shape. As the weather has been dry and bright on our return to Pre-School, we have taken a walk over to the green to look for signs of Spring.

Pre-School is open between 8am and 5pm, Monday to Friday. We accept Early Years Funding where 3/4yr olds can access 15 hours of childcare a week. From September 2017, we are also offering the 30 hour free childcare entitlement where you can access an additional 15hrs funding a week. We are also an approved setting to accept 2 year old funding for 2yr olds. For further information or to arrange a visit, please contact us on 01598 710019.

BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

As we are having this amazing weather I decided to kick off our Spring themed craft by painting daffodils. The children did a great job painting them. Cotton wool lambs next week. And thank you to one of our mums for the delicious treats today!

We meet in the Village Hall between 9.30am and 11.30am every Wednesday and welcome babies and toddlers from birth to 5 years. Children can enjoy free play, story time, craft activities and sing-along. For further information, please contact Bratton Fleming Pre-School on [01598 710019](tel:01598710019)

BRATTON FLEMING SPORTS CLUB

Bar meals available every Friday 5pm-9.30pm eat in or takeaway, also Happy Hour from 5-7pm!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Saturday 3rd March - Quiz Night at 7pm prompt, £5 per person (includes Sweet n Sour Chicken Supper) Teams of 4-6 (due to popular demand we have had to limit this to 11 tables) to book a table please contact Annie on 07855878166

Saturday 7th April - Exmoor Pool League presentation night 7.30pm followed by Such n Vincent playing live 9pm

Saturday 5th May - Head Over Feet playing live 9.30pm

Saturday 26th May - Exmoor Do Dahs playing live 9.30pm

Saturday 9th June - Make your own "cigar box guitar" with Chickenbone John "The Godfather of the Cigar Box Guitar" for only £67.50 including lunch, make and play in just one day! Also evening gig with Hollowbelly & Chickenbone John. For tickets: www.chickenbonejohn.com £5 each

Saturday 30th June - Bratton Festival (2pm-5pm) followed by live music till late with '3 Pint Rule', 'The Flamin Ratrods' and 'Soulcraft' further info. to follow

Saturday 3rd November - Fireworks Night

Monday 31st December - New Years Eve - Live Band

We have the following sports and facilities available: Football, Cricket, Pool, Skittles, Tennis, Table Tennis, Snooker and a function room available for hire. We are open Monday-Thursday 5.30pm-11pm Friday, Saturday and Sunday 5pm-11pm (Friday Happy Hour 5pm-7pm!!) Open earlier when sporting activities are on. Membership prices £20 per family (with a max 2 adults any number of under 16s) £10 per adult, £5 per junior (under 16s) Membership runs from 1st November each year. For further information pop into the club or call: [01598 710865](tel:01598710865) or Annie [07855878166](tel:07855878166). Also find us on facebook.

THE KABIN: (situated in the Sports Club car park) We hire out this wonderful space for children's birthday parties, band practice, village groups, all at very reasonable rates, for hire contact Annie on [07855878166](tel:07855878166) LIKE us on FACEBOOK (The Kabin)

FRIDAY KLUB - We are **OPEN TONIGHT** Friday 23rd February, 6pm-8pm, for 7-15yrs, £1 subs, tuck shop available and then open again on the following Fridays 23rd February, 9th and 23rd March.

LIFE DRAWING GROUP We are open every Thursday so pop along to The Kabin 7.30-9pm £6 a session (no obligation to attend every week) this is a self taught session you just turn up and draw. We are a friendly group of mixed ages and abilities, materials available if you would like to give Life Drawing a go. Further info contact

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