

30th September 2022

A message from Mrs. Brimson

Firstly, thank you to those of you who have responded to the governor vacancy at the school. It is lovely to know that there is a lot of interest from the parent community and that you wish to support us. If you are still interested and would like to be involved with the school in a slightly different capacity, please leave your name and contact details in the office, or alternatively please come and let me know by Friday 21st October. I will then forward your names to the Chair and the clerk in preparation for the next meeting.

I have discovered that Bratton Fleming is quite cold – it must be the hill! Please can you ensure that your child brings a coat into school each day as we have had some heavy showers this week.



Towards the end of last week, I spoke with some members of the PTFA who are really keen to build the group and organise events for the school. If you would like to be a member or have some good ideas as to how we could introduce a range of events, please pass your name to Mrs Lake or myself. It would also be helpful to know of any events that have previously been a success for the school, so please give us as many ideas as possible!



Finally, I would like to draw your attention to the amazing village shop that you have in Bratton Fleming. This week I popped over for a bite to eat and tried one of Nikki's delicious bacon and cheese wraps. I was a bit stuck for choice as I thought the pasties looked good as well; maybe this will be next week's treat! Nikki has some good ideas for some Christmas gifts for the village and we will be sharing her leaflet with you all soon.

Thank you for all your support over the last few weeks – I can't believe how quickly it has gone!

Educational Mental Health Support

Hi!

I'm Ness Newman and I am an Educational Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP for short!). I will now be based at Bratton Fleming Community Primary School on a Friday morning each week. I am part of the **Mental Health Support Team** for Schools in North Devon, and we work for the Devon Partnership Trust NHS.



My time in school will be split between helping Bratton Fleming Primary to develop a Whole School Approach to mental health, and working directly with children.

The 'Whole School Approach' means thinking about how every part of school life – people, buildings, timetables and parents and carers, can work together to develop a mentally healthy place to learn and work; one that promotes positive wellbeing and where students are supported to be happy, resilient, and healthy young people. I will also be working with parents in 1:1 or group sessions to support the mental health needs of their children.

Kind regards,

Ness.

Ness will be setting up Mental Health Ambassadors (MHA's) in the school. These will be year 6 children who can support children across the school. She will be in school on Friday 7th October to talk to the Year 6 children about the role of an MHA. She will then work with the group of MHA's to offer them training about how to fulfil their role.

Ness will be holding a coffee morning for parents in the school hall on **Friday 11th November at 9am**. She will give an introduction to children's mental health and ways you can support your own child's mental health. She will discuss her role and ways in which she can support if you have any concerns over your child's mental health.

School News

NUT FREE

Due to some children having nut allergies we would like to remind you that we are a nut free school.

Wraparound care

Please may we remind parents to pay in advance for school meals, breakfast and afterschool club. We understand that at times payments may be slightly delayed, but we are conscious of some of the large amount of debt that is accruing. Unfortunately, your child will not be able to attend, should this not be paid.

Trips

These trips are now available for payments to be made on ParentPay:

Gymnastics/Swimming for Taw and Torridge Class

London Residential

Exmoor Zoo

Christmas Jumper – Save the Children

As last year's Christmas jumper days were such a success, we would like to support this charity event again this year. Children and staff are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school on 2nd, 9th and 16th December. As this is for the Save the Children charity, a one-off donation of £2.00 for all three days, can be paid via ParentPay, which will be set up nearer the time.

Free School Meals

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 at state schools in England automatically receive free school meals. However, parents and guardians are encouraged to apply for free school meals when they enrol their child in school, as this can help their child's school to attract additional 'pupil premium' funding to support learning.

From year 3 onwards, children whose parents are receiving any of the following are entitled to free school meals:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income Support (IS).
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA).
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA).
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, that does not exceed £16,190).
- Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment you get for a further 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

If you are eligible to claim, please go to the Citizen Portal which is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in an instant decision.

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For your information, please find below a link to the **Main Privacy Notice** webpage and a link to the **Pupil Privacy Notice**

<https://ventrus.org.uk/our-people/privacy-notices/>

<https://ventrus.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Pupil-Privacy-Notice-2021-Final.pdf>

Ventrus Job Vacancies

<https://ventrus.current-vacancies.com/v?id=VENTRUSMUL&t=Ventrus-Careers>

Dates for your diary

11 th October to 14 th October 2022	London Residential for Year 5&6
12 th October 2022	Year 3 Multi Skills Festival at PCC
21 st October to 28 th October	Half Term
4 th November 2022	Nasal Flu Vaccine
8 th November 2022	Tempest Photographer
11 th November 2022	Coffee morning for parents
2 nd December 2022	Christmas Jumper Day
7 th December 2022	Christmas Lunch
9 th December 2022	Christmas Jumper Day
16 th December 2022	Christmas Jumper Day & Last day of Autumn term
4 th January 2023	First day of Spring Term
13 th February to 17 th February 2023	Half Term
31 st March 2023	Last day of Spring Term
18 th April 2023	First day of Summer Term
1 st May 2023	Spring Bank Holiday
29 th May to 2 nd June 2023	Half Term
21 st July 2023	Last day of Summer Term

Community News

The Thursday Café

Every Thursday afternoon from 2-4.30pm the Village Hall will open as a Café, serving hot drinks, cakes, biscuits and other bakes. If you wish to host one or more of our Thursday Cafés, either as a fundraising opportunity for a Charity of your choice or to promote your business, please get in touch with Frances Mortlock on 07751 454906 or visit www.BFVH.uk for more details.

