



Bratton Primary School Newsletter

Learn - Have Fun - Thrive

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Christmas Season has certainly started at Bratton Primary School and we kicked off the Christmas spirit today with our BIG Bratton Christmas Light Switch on! The children all made individual decorations for our beautiful Christmas tree, kindly donated by Bratton Plant Centre, and chose their own special spot to hang their creative pieces. The whole school then counted down to the light switch on with cheers and celebration. The school is looking incredibly festive and the children were thrilled to see all the decorations. Thank you to the elves who stayed behind yesterday evening to deck the halls ready for the children.



You will also notice that as well as participating with the village advent trail we are once again creating a school advent calendar. Look out for a new advent window popping up each new morning for you to enjoy on your walk into school.

Christmas Post Box!

The Christmas Post Box will open on Monday 4th December and close on Monday 18th December. Please ensure that envelopes have the recipients name and class written on the front to ensure that mail gets to the right children!



Christmas Party Day

Please could we ask for the following donations for our Christmas Party day on Tuesday 19th December. To make things a little easier we have allocated an item to each class and these will be shared out between all classes to enjoy on the party day.

Zebra Class - cakes

Gazelle Class - savoury snacks (cheese straws, sausages, mini eggs etc)

Giraffe Class - biscuits and sweet snacks

Leopard Class - fruit, vegetables and healthy snacks

Antelope Class - bottles of squash, paper plates, paper cups.

Meerkat Class - popcorn and crisps



1st December 2023

Diary Dates

- 4.12.23 Mon** - Christmas Post Box opens
- 11.12.23 Thurs** - Christmas Stories with Mrs Williams 5-6pm
- 12.12.23 Tues** - Open afternoon 3:20 - 4pm
- 13.12.23 Wed** - KS1 Nativity Performance at 1:45pm
- 14.12.23 Thurs** - KS1 Nativity Performance at 9:30am
- 15.12.23 Fri** - FOBS Non-Uniform Day
- 18.12.23 Mon** - Edington Priory Christmas Concert 6pm
- 19.12.23 Tues** - Christmas Party Day
- 20.12.23 Wed** - Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day
- 20.12.23 Wed** - Last day of term 2
- 4.1.24 Thurs** - First day of term 3

Whole School Attendance Figure

92.7%



Let's get back above 95%!

Christmas Stories with Mrs Williams

Please note the change of date for this event which will now take place on Monday 11th December 5-6pm. The children are invited to come back to school in their pyjamas at 5pm for some cosy Christmas stories, a hot chocolate and a Christmas cookie with Mrs Williams. The story evening will finish at 6pm for collection from the school office. If you would like your child to attend the story session please let the admin team know so as we can ensure we have an accurate list of children and numbers for hot chocolate!



Parents Open Afternoon

We invite you into school on Tuesday 12th December to share your children's work. Please collect your children as normal at 3:20pm and then wait at the following doors to re-enter the school to share your child's work. Please avoid walking through the school hall as our after school club will be running in this room. Children's books will be out on tables and this is an informal opportunity for you to celebrate and share their learning with them.

Zebra and Gazelle Class - wait at the back playground door.

Giraffe and Antelope Class - wait at the Giraffe class door by the first gate.

Leopard and Meerkat Class - wait outside the main school entrance.

Once all the children have been collected or taken to after school club, we will open the doors for you to come into school with your children. Classrooms will be open until 4pm for you to share your children's work.

Staffing News

We have some slight staffing changes in Gazelle and Meerkat class. From last week Mrs Gurr has reduced her working days to four days a week and Mrs Bowden has added a day to her working week as class teacher in Meerkat class on a Friday.

After Christmas Mrs Harrison will be increasing to four days a week Monday - Thursday in Gazelle class and Mrs Hughes will continue to teach Gazelle class on a Friday. Mrs Walford will be joining Gazelle class after Christmas as she returns from her maternity leave and we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Townsend as class TA who has been covering Mrs Walford's maternity leave. We would like to thank Mrs Townsend for all the support she has provided for Gazelle class. Mrs Townsend will be remaining with us in her role of MDSA.



We have also welcomed two new members of staff to our team this term, Mrs Thompson and Mrs Legg who will both be supporting individual pupils in the school.

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Mrs Jeffery and Mrs Snooks who have decided to leave the team (for now!) due to personal reasons. Although we are optimistic that one day both may return to our wonderful team at Bratton. We would like to thank them for all their hard work and support they have offered the children during their time with us.

And finally, congratulations to Mrs Janman who has started her new role of Acting Deputy Headteacher whilst Mrs Luke is on maternity leave.

Wishing you all a festive weekend.

Emma Williams





Friends of Bratton
school

PTA MEETING

Have Your Say

Wednesday 6th December
At
The Duke,
Bratton
7.30pm





Each year 1 in 4 Christmas Jumpers end up
THROWN AWAY or **NEVER WORN**

BIG CHRISTMAS JUMPER SWAP

Bring in your **CHILDRENS** old
christmas jumper by
Friday 1st December

Ready for **SWAP** Day (£2 each) on
Friday 8th December

Wonka Bar will be
available to pre order
from
Monday 4th December



Collect from play ground
Friday 15th December

Find a Golden ticket to
win a
PRIZE

£2.50 a bar