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Dear Parents

Welcome back to our Spring Term 2017. I hope you and your family have had a lovely break. It is a joy to see that the children have come back raring to learn.

In Class 1, the children are very excited to have had a visitor to our classroom this week. His name is Jim Squeak and he is a little mouse with some very adventurous relatives. Jim has brought in some video footage of him in the attic finding a mysterious box. He is planning to bring the box into school next week so that Class 1 can begin exploring what it inside. Watch this space...

Please look out for letters coming home in homework books explaining a little about what we are doing in history.

Class two have had an interesting week! On Monday they received an email from a man called Dr Carter who works at the museum. He has asked for their help with creating a Viking exhibit. Class two started their first task straight away to try to work out what some of the museum exhibits were. Lots of the Viking Artefacts were badly damaged but they managed to work out their uses still.

Literacy has been very exciting this week, as we started to read 'How to Train your Dragon'. The dragons have really captured everyone's imaginations! The dragon theme continued into PE where the children created a dance about dragons hatching from eggs.

In maths the children have started our unit on shape and each year group has been focused on a different area. Year 3 have been finding 3d shapes in the classroom and sorting regular and irregular shapes. Year 4 have been learning the names of different triangles and quadrilaterals. Year 5 have been looking at 3d shape diagrams and drawing their own irregular shapes. Year 6 have been finding missing angles in a triangle. Each area of shape has its own challenge and it would be helpful to continue naming shapes at home.

Next week the children will have the exciting opportunity to partake in a Viking day hosted by Branscombe Primary School (more details in a separate letter).

Next Wednesday we have the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue service coming to visit the school, to give a presentation and workshop on promoting safe practices and highlighting the consequences of unsafe behaviour at home, in the school and within the community. Whilst Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service would value the opportunity to engage with all the pupils in the school we understand that some parents / guardians may wish to withdraw their child from these sessions. If this is the case, please return the opt out form sent home earlier this week.

As I was driving to school this morning I was listening to a tribute to the football manager Graham Taylor who passed away yesterday. It ended with a quote he had once said - 'We're all individuals with different viewpoints, so kindness is essential when it comes to sorting out all the problems that are bound to take place'. His words made me reflect on the kindness and support that the staff and pupils at Broadhembury have received this week from parents at Broadhembury as well as other members of the federation community. It has been really appreciated.

Thank you for all your continued support.
God bless and have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Broadhembury CE School

Question of the week

Class 1 - The answer is 'yes', what is the question?

Class 2 - Do we have to be sad sometimes to be happy at others?

Key Dates

Mrs Gray will be in school on Wednesday next week.

18th January – Devon Fire & Rescue Safety Talk
19th January – Viking Day at Branscombe
10th February – Break for half term
20th February – Back to school
28th February – Pancake Races
2nd March – World Book Day
21st March – Parents' evening
31st March – Easter Service 2.30 – End of term
18th April – Summer Term begins
26th May – Break for half term
5th June – Back to school
21st July - End of term

Autumn Term 2017

Non Pupil Days: Monday 4th September, Tuesday 5th September
Term Begins: Wednesday 6th September
Half Term: Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October
Non-Pupil Day: Monday 30th October
Children return to school: Tuesday 31st October
Last Day of Term: Tuesday 19th December

Spring Term 2018

Non-Pupil Day: Wednesday 3rd January
Term Begins: Thursday 4th January
Half Term: Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February
Last Day of Term: Thursday 29th March

Summer Term 2018

Term Begins: Monday 16th April
Bank Holiday: Monday 7th May
Non Pupil Day: Friday 25th May
Half Term: Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June
Children return to school: Monday 4th June
Last Day of Term: Tuesday 24th July



Sainsbury's Active Kids launches again on the 25th January. We have a collection box in the foyer ready for your vouchers. Please tell your friends and family that we are collecting. Thank you.

Music Lessons

We are delighted that Emma Palmer is continuing to teach peripatetic music lessons at Broadhembury. If you are interested in your child starting lessons please speak to Sarah in the office. Although Emma uses our premises, these lessons are a private arrangement between yourselves and the music teacher, so we can provide you with her contact details to sort out ongoing arrangements.

School Website

As many of you know we are in the process of revamping our school website. It has been a lengthy process to design the new site and transfer all the items from the current website to the new one. As well as all the photos and day to day information we put on the website there are also many, many statutory documents that we have to include to satisfy Ofsted's requirements. However, we have nearly finished the new site. We had our final training on how to update the site earlier this week and so we are now doing final checks that everything has been put into the right sections and is all up to date. Hopefully the new site will be up and running in the next couple of weeks. I will let you know what it's been launched!

Collective Worship Activity



This term we will be focussing in school on the value **COURAGE**. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK ABOUT COURAGE TOGETHER...

Being **courageous** can mean different things to different people. For example, one person may think it easy to speak in front of a large audience, whilst another would need to find lots of **courage** to do this. Everyone faces challenges from time to time, and we have to find **courage** to overcome them.

Talk together about:

- The different challenges that each family member faces
- Who or what helps us find **courage**?
- Is there someone that we admire because of the **courage** that they have shown?

The Giving Machine

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