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Dear Parents

This week in Class 1 the children have continued with their story of 'Traction Man' and they are beginning to change parts in the story and consider their own characters and settings. Miss Hooper and Miss Richards have been working very hard on the space station role play area and reading garden which are now nearly ready. The children have been thinking about responsibility this week and are practicing ways of how to take care of their classroom and the resources that they have to use.

In Class 2 the children have had an interesting week. On Wednesday, they had a visit from the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service. They gave a presentation and held a workshop for the children on promoting safe practices and highlighting the consequences of unsafe behaviour. During the session, the children learnt about what the Fire Service does, the dangers of matches, lighters and candles, what to do in the case of an emergency and of course the importance of the 'stop, drop and roll' method if clothing became involved in fire. They talked to us about keeping safe in our homes and why we shouldn't make hoax calls. The children really enjoyed the visit especially using special remotes to vote for the correct answer in the quiz.

On Wednesday afternoon, the classroom was full of noise as we learnt how to tune a ukulele. It was very tricky and the children had to listen very carefully to each note whilst tightening or loosening the string altering their ukulele's pitch.

The children have continued to explore shape in maths with this week's focus on angles. They have completed a range of activities from spotting right angles to using a formula to find the size of the angles in any polygon. 'How to Train your Dragon' has remained an exciting focus as we read further into the book. They have particularly enjoyed writing letters to Professor Yobbish asking him all sorts of questions about dragon training.

On Thursday the KS2 children from across the federation travelled back in time to Branscombe where they found that the hall had been invaded by Vikings. The Vikings led the children through an action-packed day of learning about all things Viking. They re-enacted Viking folk stories and a Viking funeral, learning about Viking beliefs. They were also shown the kind of things that might be found in a Viking warrior's camp, including some of the weapons they might have used. Well Done to Harry, Grace and Barnaby for your fantastic costume efforts, you both looked superb.



I would like to thank everyone again for all their support during a difficult two weeks back at school. A governor and our clerk to governors both helped out on Wednesday lunchtime whilst many of the staff attended Mrs Facey's funeral. They have since both spoken to me about how fantastic the children were. They were very impressed with their behaviour, saying that they lined up nicely for lunch and were quiet and respectful. Their manners were impeccable with 'pleases and thank yous' from everyone when they were served dinner. However, they did manage to persuade the temporary dinner staff to give them 4 profiteroles which Mr Carr never allows!

The book of condolence for Mrs Facey will still be available to write in next week, but we also want to have a lasting memorial to her. We are thinking of purchasing a bench which incorporates planters as she always loved working in the garden with the children. At the end of her funeral service on Wednesday there was a collection for The Exeter Hospice, where she was so lovingly cared for in her last few weeks. If you would like to bring a donation into school in memory of Mrs Facey we will split these between The Hospice and our memorial bench.

Thank you for all your continued support.

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Broadhembury School

Question of the week

Class 1 How High is the sky?

Class 2 How would you react if the place you lived was 'invaded' by a large number of people from another country?

Sensory Garden. We would like to develop a sensory garden for the children. If you would like to help with this project, or if you have any items that you feel would be beneficial to this, please speak with Jenny. Items such as old CD's, keys, bright waterproof materials, bright external paints, fake grass off cuts, bark, pebbles, highly scented plants such as lavender and herbs, old musical instruments and pallets, wind chimes, spinners and windmills.

A note from Mrs Redding Just a quick reminder please that P.E kits need to be in school from the beginning of each term and for our P.E lessons each week. This is particularly important whilst the children are doing yoga and dance as it allows them a better range of movement. All children need to bring a drinks bottle to school every day.

A note from Miss Symonds Please could you make sure that your child has their book pack in school every day with their school reading books and reading log inside. Also, could you please ensure that your child has a NAMED water bottle in school every day. Finally, just a reminder that PE is on a Thursday for which your child will need full PE kit (shorts, t-shirt and plimsolls). As with everything, please ensure that your child's kit and PE bag are named. As you can appreciate with everyone having the same PE bag, it is difficult for the children to differentiate and things easily get muddled.

The Giving Machine

The PTA is now on the Giving Machine.

1. You buy something at an online shop via TheGivingMachine.com
2. Your purchase automatically generates a sales commission – no extra cost to you
3. As a charity and not-for-profit organisation, The Giving Machine turns the commission you've generated into a charitable donation and passes it on to your cause.

Cause name – Broadhembury School C of E Parent Teacher Association

Cause Number - 265562



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.

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

BROADHEMBURY BRIDGES to week ending Friday 13th January

Class One:

Tyler for coming back from the Christmas break ready to learn

Class Two:

Abbie for applying her phonics in her literacy work

Key Dates

Mrs Gray will be in school on Tuesday next week.

25th January – Gym Festival at HLC – Class 2

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

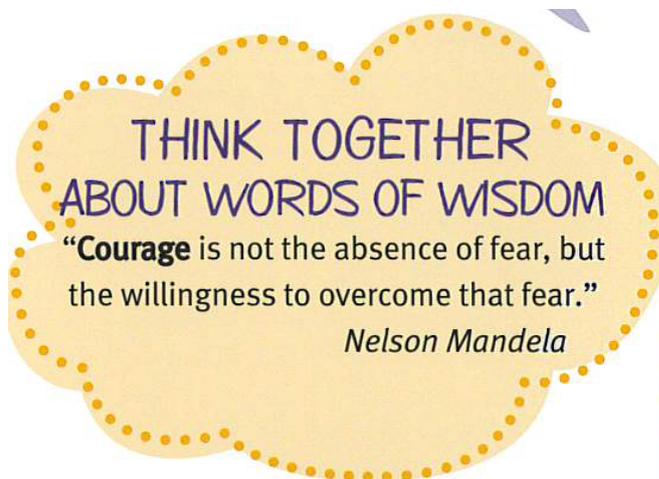
18th April – Summer Term begins

26th May – Break for half term

5th June – Back to school

21st July - End of term

Collective Worship Activity



Parent Governor Vacancy

One of our Parent Governors, Clara Rose, has taken the decision to resign from her position on the federation's governing body. We would like to thank her for her dedicated service and all that she has done for our schools during her time as governor. However, this means that there is now a vacancy for a dedicated parent on our governing body. The role can be demanding, but is also very rewarding. If you think that you may have the qualities, skills and time necessary to take on this role, please get in touch with Mrs Gray in the first instance. She can provide you with more information about what the role entails. We will start the formal process of selecting a new governor in the next couple of weeks – further details will be given soon.