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Dear Parents,

This week you all have a treat! I have handed over the task of writing this week's newsletter to the children of Class 2. They asked if they could tell you all about their super trip to The Eden Project last week. However, I would like to say just one thing before they begin. The trip could not have taken place without the staff team who gave up their own time to attend the visit. I am very grateful to them, as I know you are.

Class Two become Rainforest Explorers



Last Thursday and Friday all the Class 2 children from the Federation went on an adventure to The Eden Project. They arrived at lunch time and had lunch at the Youth Hostel.

In the afternoon they met the Eden Staff and had time to look around the site. Miss Prince took her class on a game of follow my leader. They also pretended to be statues in the Mediterranean Biome.



They then enjoyed rainforest workshops. The Years 5 and 6's were Rainforest Recruits and became a research team, they discussed how to survive in the rainforest and found out about an explorer who went to find the Kumbai Tribe. The children were split into tribes with their own tribal symbol painted on their hands or faces. Then they went into the Rainforest Biome to find the plants that could give them food and list them, they returned to the classroom to present their findings.



The Year 3 and 4's were Rainforest Rangers and had to find plants that would help them to find food, water and shelter in the rainforest. They

sent their findings by email to an explorer.





In the rainforest it was very hot, they could hear the birds singing and the splashing of the waterfall. The plants were exotic and had huge leaves. It was awesome to be in a real rainforest.

After a delicious dinner they went back into the rainforest for a 'Secret Biome' workshop. They worked on using their senses. They played bat and moth, led a friend blindfolded, made up their own piece of music and used torches to help them sketch. It was really magical to be in the rainforest at night.



It was then time to settle down in their Snooze Boxes for a 'good' night sleep. They were great fun to sleep in with friends, although the toilet flush was very noisy!

The next day, after a hearty breakfast they were lucky to watch the solar eclipse using pin hole cameras. The Eden staff also showed them how to view it using a colander. They were fortunate that it was a clear morning with no clouds.



During the morning the children were then split up into their two groups. The Year 3 and 4's went back into the rainforest to look at dens and then built their own dens in the classroom, they only had four materials, tarpaulin, clips, ropes and bamboo. The aim was to make the den waterproof, have two rooms and be sturdy and big enough for the group. Some of the dens even had working doors and a flag. Mr Hastie particularly enjoyed helping!



The Year 5 and 6's were fire making. They made their own clay lamps using oil, used flint and steel to start the fire and made bread to cook over the open fire.

It was then time to have lunch and return to school. It was the end of a magical, awesome, fabulous two days.



Thank you for all your continued support.

God bless and have a lovely Easter.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Broadhembury School



We are very pleased to let you know that Story Glory will be offering the after school club again when we return from the Easter Holidays **The club will run every Thursday from 3.30 till 6.00pm.**

Story Glory is a weekly two and a half hour creative club. Each half term the children will be making and writing a different book all of their own, using different creative techniques and styles of writing. The first book that the children will be making is a story within a puppet theatre with their own finger or sock puppets.

All children from reception to year six are welcome, from those that are passionate writers already to those that might prefer to do less of the writing and more of the exciting arts and crafts activities that are on offer. All of the children will be gently encouraged to use their imaginations and explore writing but reluctant writers will not be pushed and there are plenty of creative and energetic activities to make sure they really enjoy their time at the club while developing their imaginations and gaining confidence. The children will be given different writing tasks depending on their age and ability.

There will be a circle time at the end of each week's session where the children will share parts of their favourite books with each other and be encouraged to get excited about books and reading.

The whole two and a half hour session including the writing and creative activities will need costs £7.50 with an additional 50 pence towards the materials your child will be using.

All of the group leaders are experienced childcare practitioners with full DBS disclosures and insurance. They are supported by one or two parent volunteers who also have full DBS disclosure. **If you would like a FREE weekly place for your child please email admin@storyglory.co.uk to apply to become one of our two parent volunteers.**

If you visit www.storyglory.co.uk you will find lots more information and you can book a place for your child. Places are limited and bookings are being taken over the next few weeks so please do visit the website and book a place!

1st Plymtree Brownies

Calling all girls to come and join 1st Plymtree Brownies for fun, adventure and friendship. Our unit runs every Monday, during term time, 6.00-7.30pm in Plymtree village hall and is open to girls aged 6½ to 10 years. Not sure what Brownies is all about? Well, we are part of the world-wide guiding family, the largest youth organisation with more than ten million members in 144 countries around the world. Our aim is to build girls' confidence and raise their aspirations, give them the chance to discover their full potential and encourage them to be a powerful force for good plus give them their own space to have fun. What does that mean? Lots of games and fun activities, challenges such as den building and gaining interest badges, leadership skills and decision making. What does it cost? Subs are £25 per term, min 10 sessions per term plus an initial one-off admin charge of £15 for books, sash etc. Interested in joining/want to find out more please ring and chat with one of the leaders, pop along to one of our sessions or go online at www.girlguiding.org.uk/parents__carers.aspx or www.girlguiding.org.uk/brownies We look forward to meeting you.

Amanda Weldon (Hummingbird) 0770457242 Mel Duffin (Snowy Owl) 01884 277453

Safety of your Children

Just a reminder to parents that if you want your child to walk home could you please write a letter a letter to confirm this and to confirm the days when this will be applicable. Thank you.

Make, Mix and Mingle Mornings

Date: From Friday 17th April and every Friday thereafter during term time. Time: 09:30 – 11:30am
Venue: Clapper Lane Children's Centre, Clapper Lane, Honiton (Next to Honiton Primary School).

Liana Smeath, Family Support Worker, is running a Group in Honiton for the parents of those children attending the Honiton Learning Community Schools.

These are informal sessions, based around craft activities that welcome anyone wishing to seek some advice around the challenges they face as parents. Why not come and have a chat so you don't feel isolated as you will soon realise you are not facing the difficulties alone. There is no obligation to attend every week, or even for the full two hours. Whether you are a parent that doesn't see any other adults and wants to make some new friendships, or just seeking advice around parenting or services available; whatever your motivation, for attending, Liana will be there welcoming you in and offering free refreshments.

For more information please contact Liana on 07873 759364 or liana.smeath@swfamilysupport.org.uk

Honiton and Axe Valley Children's Centre Easter Timetable

Monday 30 March

Nature Walk, 10am-11.30am, Honiton Bottom Road Centre

Tuesday 31 March

Bumps to Baby Buddies, 10.30am-12pm, Scott Rowe, Axminster

The Creation Station, 11am-12pm, Axe Valley Children's Centre

- Come along and make an Easter themed creation!
- £2.50 per child and £1 for siblings
- Booking essential so please call Alice on 01404 539 087

Bumps to Baby Buddies, 1.30pm-3pm, Axe Valley Children's Centre

Wednesday 1 April

Library Bounce and Rhyme, 9.30am-10am, Seaton Library

Bumps to Baby Buddies, 10am-11.30am, Honiton Bottom Road Centre

Thursday 2 April

Stay and Play, 10am-11.30am, Millwey Play Park, Axminster

Twins and More, 10am-11.30am, Honiton Bottom Road Centre

One+Fun, 10am-11.30am, Clapper Lane Centre

Wednesday 8 April

Library Bounce and Rhyme, 9.30am-10am, Seaton Library

Bumps to Baby Buddies, 10am-11.30am, Honiton Bottom Road Centre

Thursday 9 April

Stay and Play, 10am-11.30am, North Street Park, Axminster

Twins and More, 10am-11.30am, Honiton Bottom Road Centre

One+Fun, 10am-11.30am, Clapper Lane Centre

Friday 10 April

Stay and Play, 10am-11.30am, Elizabeth Road Play Park, Seaton

Musical Moo Doo, 10am-12pm, Honiton Bottom Road Centre

- Songs, music, crafts, games and lots of fun!
- £2.50 per child and £1 for siblings.
- Booking essential, so please call Krissie on 07747 862 448.

Key Dates

Mrs Gray will be in school on Thursday & Friday after the Easter Holidays.

Monday 13th April – Back to school

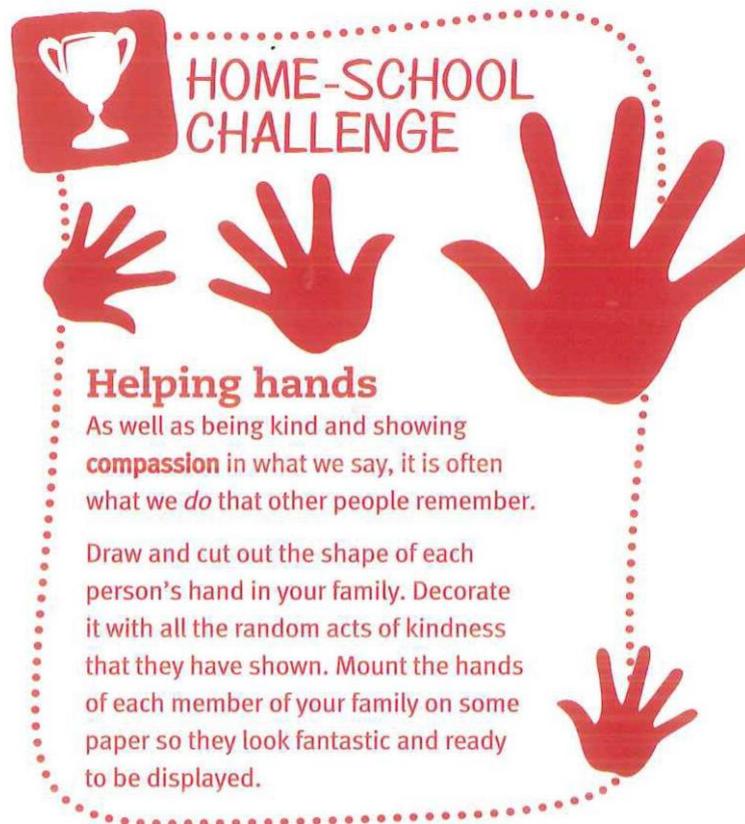
Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday

Monday 11th May – Year 6 SATS Week

Friday 22nd May – Last Day before half term

Compassion

It would be super if you could carry out the activity below and bring your hand prints into school after the holidays.



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Helping hands

As well as being kind and showing **compassion** in what we say, it is often what we *do* that other people remember.

Draw and cut out the shape of each person's hand in your family. Decorate it with all the random acts of kindness that they have shown. Mount the hands of each member of your family on some paper so they look fantastic and ready to be displayed.

The poster features a red trophy icon in a square at the top left, the title 'HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE' in a large, bold, red font, and the subtitle 'Helping hands' in a smaller red font. Below the text are four red handprints of varying sizes, arranged in a circle. A dotted red line connects the trophy icon to the top of the text, the text to the top of the largest handprint, the largest handprint to the bottom of the text, and the bottom of the text to the bottom of the smallest handprint.