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Dear Parents,

This week in Class 1, the children have been busy. In Literacy, they have been working hard making some lovely Christmas Cards. They have been choosing nursery rhymes and fairy tales, and have painted them onto their cards, in the same style as the Jolly Christmas Postman.

In Maths, the children have been learning some new Maths games. The children have particularly enjoyed the one called 'mind the gap' - ask them about it!

In RE, the children have been talking about Advent, and have thought about what they could do for someone else, as well as enjoying their own Advent Calendars. They have also written their first Advent promise. They will write two more over the next couple of weeks, one thinking about what they could do to help family and friends, and one thinking about what they could change within themselves.

This week, Class Two have started work on their final speeches in literacy. They thought carefully about who might be an enemy of a Victorian child, and drew a picture of their evil villain! The artwork was brilliant and some of the pictures were very scary indeed! The children also looked at what the other speeches we have studied, talked about, to help them make an informed choice about how they might convince others to help them. Once the speeches are complete, they will be performing them using a green screen, to help immerse them in the Victorian era.

On Tuesday afternoon, the whole school came together to work on a new Design & Technology project, celebrating Fruits of the Spirit, which has been our focus in worship. Each child designed a pendant for our bunting, with a different fruit on. They tried to link their fruit, to an aspect of the Fruits of the Spirit, which was quite tricky. The children then drew their designs onto the pendants, using a mixture of fabric pens and paint. The final results look amazing, and have been sent off for sewing, ready to display in the library.

Thank you all for 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:** If we didn't have an Advent calendar would there still be Christmas?

**Class 2:** What is the most important invention and why?

## **BROADHEMBURY BRIDGES to week ending Friday 24th November**

**Class One:** Emmy for amazing efforts in her literacy work.

**Class Two:** Holly for marvellous maths applying times tables.  
William and Sophia, for being super scientists, making excellent predictions and accurate recording of findings.

### **Key Dates**

5<sup>th</sup> December – Class Two Swimming

7<sup>th</sup> December – Christingle Making & Service - 9.30am

12<sup>th</sup> December – Class Two Swimming

13<sup>th</sup> December- Open Morning for prospective parents - 10am-12pm

14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Play – 5pm

15<sup>th</sup> December – School Christmas Dinner

18<sup>th</sup> December – Singing at Hill House

19<sup>th</sup> December – Carol Singing in the square - 2.30pm

### **Christingle Making & Service**

This year the children will be making Christingles, on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am. After they have been made, we will then move across to the Church, where we will light them and say a prayer. Parents are invited into school, to help the children make the Christingles, and then join us for the service.

### **Family Drop in Workshop Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December- Thelma Hulbert Gallery, Honiton.**

Papercrafting Workshop. Drop in anytime between 11am and 3pm.

Join artist Kathy Norris to create Christmas decorations out of paper. Create your own festive mobiles, garlands inspired by the simplicity of Scandinavian design. There will be something for all ages. Materials provided, just bring your festive spirit! *Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Suggested donation £2/child.*

### **Open Morning for Prospective Parents**

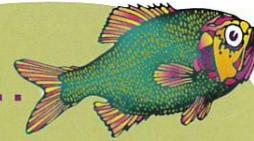
Across the federation we are holding open mornings during December, to give prospective parents the chance to visit our schools. If you know of any families looking for a place at school, for next year, please encourage them to visit and pass the dates on to them. Thank you.

## Collective Worship Activity

This term we will be focussing in school on the value of Justice. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together. If the children bring back something that you have done at home linked to the Collective Worship activity, or can talk about a discussion they've had at home linked to it, then Mrs Gray will award them with a new special sticker.



## READ TOGETHER...



### The Story of Jonah

Some folk always seem to be arguing or moaning and groaning. Sometimes they moan about the weather, sometimes they moan about their family, and sometimes they just moan. In fact, they are so busy moaning about EVERYTHING that they forget to be thankful for ANYTHING.

Jonah was just like that! He moaned all the time. So when God asked him to go to Ninevah and tell the people there that he was angry about their stealing, lying, fighting and their wicked ways, of course Jonah moaned and groaned. "Not Ninevah, please! Anywhere but Ninevah! We have never got on with that nasty bunch. Please Lord, send someone else." And just in case God asked him again Jonah, quick as his legs could carry him, ran to the dock and asked the captain of the nearest boat to take him to the furthest place from Ninevah. The nearest boat was the Jolly Dragon and her captain was called Wise Captain Silas. The Jolly Dragon set sail on a calm sea under a clear blue sky but within a day found herself caught up in a fierce and frightening storm. Captain Silas knew immediately that something was not right. He went to find his passenger, who, surprise, surprise, was below deck moaning to one of the sailors.

"It's my fault," groaned Jonah. "Throw me into the sea and the storm will blow over." Wise Captain Silas knew Jonah was right and so to save his ship and all the crew, gave orders to toss Jonah overboard that minute. A huge fish saw Jonah sinking slowly to the bottom of the sea, and he opened his great mouth wide, and swallowed him whole!

Jonah had only just enough time to recover from the shock when he found himself shooting through the air and onto a beach very near to Ninevah.

The great fish had spat him out and swum away.

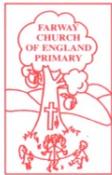
Even Jonah knew now that there was no way out. He picked himself up, shook off the seaweed and walked slowly into the centre of the city. There he did what God had told him at the start and explained to the people of Ninevah that God was sad about their **unjust** behaviour and how he wanted them to change their ways. To Jonah's amazement, that's exactly what they did.

They fasted, they prayed for God's forgiveness and even thanked him for sending Jonah.

Bible story based on Book of Jonah



# Open Mornings



**Farway C of E  
Primary School**  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December  
10.00-12.00  
01404 871239  
[admin@farway.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@farway.devon.sch.uk)



**Branscombe C of E  
Primary School**  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December  
9.45-11.45  
01297 680339  
[admin@branscombe.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@branscombe.devon.sch.uk)



**Broadhembury C of E  
Primary School**  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
10.00-12.00  
01404 841304  
[admin@broadhembury.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@broadhembury.devon.sch.uk)

*Please come and visit our schools to  
have a look round, coffee and chat.*

*Feel free just to pop in on the above dates. For  
more information, or to come in at another time,  
please contact the school.*