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Dear Parents,

This week in Class 1 has been a busy one. The children have begun their new text for this half term – The Jolly Christmas Postman – so lots of excitement about that! The children began the week by looking at Google maps and studying landmarks in Broadhembury, before mapping the journey of The Jolly Christmas Postman. Pop in to see our amazing map! Reception created a life-size version of The Jolly Christmas Postman, complete with red and white scarf.

In Maths, the children are finishing their unit on addition, and will be moving on next week. Please would Year 2 complete their half term homework of making a game, which involves using these number facts.

The children were lucky enough to be able to have a chat with the school nurse, Vanessa, who popped her head into Class 1, just as they were learning about germs on their hands. They had carried out experiments using glitter in the water, as germs, and then adding soap to the water. The 'germs' did not like the soap and rushed to the side of the bowl – all good fun, but a great way to learn about the importance of hand washing, and taking care of themselves.

This week in Class Two, the children have started swimming lessons. They were all very excited on Tuesday morning and had a chance to show off their swimming skills in the pool. The children all showed excellent water safety skills, and demonstrated superb listening. They will now be working on different programmes to help improve their swimming and water confidence. A big thank you to the PTFA for their donation towards the cost.

The children have also handed in some amazing entries for the Victorian Cook Book competition. They enjoyed sampling different Victorian dishes and had a chance to share what they had done. Thank you to all involved for the delicious bakes. The entries will now be collected up and given to Mrs Gray and Mrs Redding for judging.



Class Two will be making a range of Traditional Victorian Christmas gifts at the end of term, and need a minimum of 16 small empty baked bean/spaghetti hoop tins, and a minimum of 45 kitchen roll tubes. Please could you save these items and bring them into Class Two over the next few weeks?

We are also looking for someone to make Christmas wreaths with Class Two, closer to Christmas. If you know anyone who knows how to make wreaths, and wouldn't mind giving up some of their time to pass on this lovely tradition, please let Mrs Redding know.

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:** Name as many things as you can, that have an eye, but cannot see!

**Class 2:** What's the greatest invention ever?

### Key Dates

7<sup>th</sup> November – Class Two Swimming Lesson  
10<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Service in the Square  
13<sup>th</sup> November – Parents' Evening  
14<sup>th</sup> November – Class Two Swimming  
20<sup>th</sup> November – Flu Vaccinations  
21<sup>st</sup> November – Class Two Swimming  
24<sup>th</sup> November – National Takeover Day – Year 6

### First Day Contact

Please could all parents be aware that they should let school know by 9am if their child is going to be absent or late for any reason, both on the first day, and on any subsequent days. Please do this by phoning rather than emailing, you can leave a message if nobody is able to answer.

If a child does not arrive at school and no message is received, we have a duty to establish a reason for their absence. This week we have received a letter from Devon County Council asking all schools to remind parents to make contact with the school on the morning of any absence and that the school will use the child's emergency contact list in the event of no answer on the parent(s) home, mobile or work phone(s). As a result of a recent incident in another county, DCC advise parents to ensure that an emergency contact has the ability to gain access to their house to check all is well in the event that the parent cannot be contacted and this becomes a safeguarding concern.

If school processes fail to locate a pupil then the school will 'Risk Assess' the situation and;

- Telephone the Police using 999 if the child is considered to be at risk of immediate and significant harm or danger
- Telephone the Police on 101 if not at risk of immediate significant harm but where there are escalated welfare concerns
- Continue to try and contact parent(s) and/or emergency contacts if the pupil is not considered to be at any increased risk.

On their child's return to school following an absence, parents must provide a note explaining the reason for their absence. If this is not received, we will send home an absence form for you to complete and return to school. Please note that if a written absence note is not received, absences may be recorded

### **School Lane**

A polite reminder that we discourage parents from driving up school lane at the beginning and end of the school day. It is a narrow lane and it can be very dangerous for the children when they are walking up and down the lane and getting on and off the school bus. Thank you for your support in this matter.

### **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.



### **Making a new law**

New laws are passed every year by the government.

Ask each member of the family to think of a law which they think the government should pass.

Talk about your ideas and how your new law would make a difference.