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Dear Parents.

I can't believe we are coming to the end of the first half term of the summer. The school year seems to be whizzing by. Thank you to everyone who joined us for our May Day Celebrations yesterday, and extra thanks to those who helped to organise the event. It was a perfect afternoon, the school outdoor area looked brilliant, the children performed superbly and the refreshments were delicious! Class 1 have had another busy week. The children have begun looking at recounts and have started this by writing their own recount of our visit to Knightshayes. They will continue this after half term. In maths this week the children have been looking at all the different ways there is to represent numbers and have unpicked the meaning of some of the maths terms that we used - in particular 'place value'.

EYFS have had a busy time planting the lovely plants that Class 1 have been given. Many thanks to George's Grandma and to Mrs Jennings for the lovely plants that you donated. The reception children have continued to enjoy their learning and have spent a little bit more time with KS1 this week learning about snails in their lifecycle work for science.



In Class 2 this week the children have been practising punctuating speech. They looked at a text message conversation between different characters in the story and used this as a basis for writing speech. They even remembered some of the really tricky rules. The children are now ready to write their final stories about how something has been created ready to perform them in the style of a radio play at the end of the week.

In science year 3 and 4 have been continuing their investigations about rocks. This week they tried to answer the question: are all rocks waterproof? This proved trickier than they first thought! After testing a few different rock samples, they decided that some rocks are waterproof and some are not.

All children in Class Two have now had their reading records replaced or repaired. These must be in school everyday please.

Thank you for all your continued support.

God bless and have a lovely holiday.

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

Question of the week

Class 1 Is a slug just a snail without a shell?

Class 2 Can you make other people happy, just by being happy yourself?

BROADHEMBURY BRIDGES to week ending Friday 26th May

Lewen for his outstanding effort in his work over the last two weeks

Key Date

26th May – Last Day of School, Break up for Half Term

5th June – First Day Back at School

26th June – HCC Transition Week

Absence / Medical Notes

When your child is absent **please telephone school on the first day of the absence** so that we know not be concerned that they have not arrived in school. If your child is absent for any reason, even if we send the child home because they feel unwell, please ensure you confirm the reason for the absence in writing. Written confirmation should say the nature of the illness not just 'unwell'. If we haven't received written confirmation we will send you a reminder note. Please could you return it to the office the following week, otherwise an unauthorised absence will be recorded.

Sun cream and Hats

Now that the weather is becoming warmer, please can all children have a sunhat with them every day, and have sun-cream already applied before they come to school, as we are not able to apply it for them. If children can apply sun cream themselves please send them in to school with a named bottle of cream to put extra on during the day. All children need to bring a water bottle into school to take up on to the field and out to play.

Head lice

There has been a recent case of Head Lice in school and we are writing to ask for your co-operation. The following advice comes from the School Nurse.

How to treat head lice

Wet combing is one of the most effective head lice treatments. It can be used without medicated lotions, but needs to be done regularly and can take a long time to do thoroughly.

- Wash the hair with ordinary shampoo. Use plenty of conditioner, (it won't drown the lice but makes them easier to remove).
- Use a wide-toothed comb to detangle the hair.
- Once the comb moves freely, switch to the detection comb. Start at the front of the scalp and comb the hair from the roots to the very end.
- After each stroke, examine the teeth of the comb for lice. Remove lice by wiping or rinsing the comb.
- Work methodically through the hair, section by section, so that the whole head of hair is combed through.
- Rinse out the conditioner and repeat the combing procedure in the wet hair.
- Repeat the procedure every other day for two weeks, so that you clear young lice as they hatch, before they have time to reach maturity.

Preventing head lice

It's difficult to prevent a head lice infestation. Regular detection combing - for example, on a weekly basis, is the best way to find new lice quickly. **May we please suggest that if your child has long hair it is tied back in school so it may help prevent the spread of head lice.** To prevent infections during 'sleepovers' at friends, give each child their own pillowcase and tell them to 'top and tail' (ie lie in bed with their heads at opposite ends).

Collective Worship Activity

This term we will be focussing in school on the value of Peace. 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.



HALL OF FAME

Rigoberta Menchu

Very few people had heard of Rigoberta Menchu when it was announced that she had won the Nobel **Peace** Prize in 1992. However, Rigoberta was one of the bravest women ever to have been awarded this prestigious prize. She was born in 1959 into a Mayan Indian family who lived and worked in Guatemala. The Mayan people were treated cruelly by the government and the army in Guatemala. The Menchu family were Christians and they believed it was their duty to fight against such injustice. The family learnt Spanish from the local priests so they could stand up for the rights of their people. One by one the members of the family were killed in the most dreadful way by the government soldiers, first Rigoberta's 16 year old brother, then her father because he was a union leader and then finally her mother. Rigoberta knew she would be next, so she escaped to Mexico where she wrote her life story and made a film about the bad things happening in Guatemala. Rigoberta continues to this day to stand up against injustice and is now an Ambassador for the United Nations.



Please Sponsor Us



We are a group of mums from Branscombe CE Primary School, who are going to take part in the Colour Obstacle Rush at Exeter Race Course on July 22nd. We are hoping to raise some money and split it between the Branscombe Village Playground regeneration and Help for Heroes.

The play area is used by children from the village, from the school and those who visit Branscombe.

If you would like to sponsor us, you can go to our just giving page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/abigail-fuell>

Plus we all have sponsor forms and there will be one at Branscombe CE Primary School.

Many thanks for all you support

Every little penny will help ☺

Abi Fuell, Tina Salter, Nicola Bullock, Andrea Bass, Jo Gibbins & Emily Hughes

