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Dear Parents,

I can't believe that the children have completed the first half term of the year already and are now well into the second half and the run up to a busy Christmas period. Class 1 are busy learning about habitats in science and were lucky enough to have a visit from Nigel, from the Plymtree Hedgehog Hogsprinkle.



During his visit, the Class 1 children and staff learnt all about the dangers facing hedgehogs and were lucky enough to be able to get up close to adult hedgehogs and even some tiny hoglets! To continue their learning, Class 1 will be visiting Axe Valley Wildlife Park on Friday – watch this space for photographs of our trip.

During October, the NSPCC also visited Class 1- to talk about their new campaign called 'Speak Out Stay Safe'. With the help of Buddy, the speech bubble, the children were taught how to speak out about any worries and were taught how to remember the number for Childline in a lively and interactive way.

You may remember last month, that Class 1 put out a plea for chicken wire and bamboo canes to finish our African garden, we still need these so if anyone does have a small piece – enough to make a cylinder about 3ft tall and 50cm in diameter, we would be extremely grateful. This way, we will be able to get our garden up and running for the spring. In addition to this, the children will be making an African game as part of their maths unit on addition and subtraction. To do this they each need 2 cardboard egg boxes each with 6 compartments. If you have any, please could you send them in to Mrs Symonds. Thank you.

As the weather gets colder and wetter, the Class 1 children will still be learning in the outdoor environment. Please can you ensure that all children have suitable coats, shoes, hats, scarves and gloves. Please also make sure that all items are named – it makes identifying the children's belongings so much easier.

There are still a few toys sneaking their way into school. Thank you for the efforts that you have made in ensuring that the children leave their precious belongings at home. Please can you continue to encourage the children to leave their toys, pens, pencils, stickers and so on at home. Toys that do find their way into school will need to be collected from the office at the end of the day. Thank you.

Finally, Class 1 children may have a visitor coming home at some point soon. This is Sunny the Meerkat, from the book Meerkat Mail. Please can you write a little about what your child gets up to with Sunny and take some photographs. Please feel free to email the photos into school at admin@broadhembury.devon.sch.uk. This work will be used in one of our literacy units later this half term.

What a busy month Class 2 has had! The children have worked very hard, with many trips, events and sporting activities.

This year, for World Mental Health Day, the children and staff at Broadhembury wore yellow and donated £1 to Young Minds charity. Young Minds are a leading charity providing training, support and guidance to young people and their parents concerning mental health issues. Children took part in discussions and fun activities in their classrooms to find out how to keep themselves mentally happy and healthy.



In the Autumn term, children in Class 2 attended Devon Norse's 'Farmwise' event. This was an exciting event where the children found out about farming in Devon and learnt where their food comes from first hand. The children got to touch, feel and even smell how farms work!



The year 5 and 6 children took part in the annual Go Ride Cycling Event organised by the East Devon School Sport Partnership. The children showed great determination, grit and resilience by cycling round the cross-country track on tricky terrain! There was also excellent support and encouragement for team mates within Broadhembury and across the Jubilee Federation.

The Good Samaritan projects for homework are continuing to impress everyone at school! The display in Class 2 is an abundance of creative, helpful and interesting projects. This month, lots of children have

chosen to deliver school collective worship in the morning. This has been lovely to watch the children's confidence grow and to see how much they have learnt about this term's theme, perseverance.

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 One: Do bears really love honey?

Class Two: If you worked on a farm in Devon, what would you like to grow and why?

BROADHEMBURY BRIDGES

India: for being a good learner, working hard in school and trying her best.

Joshua: for his hard work this half term and really stepping up as a Year 2.

Tyler: for his fantastic progress and effort in his writing.

Lily and Bethany: for showing kindness to those in need.

Open Mornings

Our school Open Morning for prospective parents will take place on Tuesday 19th November. Please help us to spread the word to any parents that you feel may be interested. The open morning will start at 10am and everyone will be welcome. Thank you.

Key Dates

Autumn Term 2019

5th , 12th , 19th , 26th November & 3rd , 10th , 17th December - Key Stage 2 swimming lessons.

6th November -Ready Steady Write Day

11th November -Remembrance Service, 10.45am

15th November- Children in Need

18th November- HLC Hockey event for KS2

19th November – Broadhembury Open Morning for prospective parents

25th November- Parent's Evening

25th November- Athletics Event at HLC for KS2

9th December- Dance event at HLC for KS2

11th December- Christmas Play

13th December – Hill House Carol Singing

16th December- Christingle

20th December – Last Day of school term

8th January- Children return to school

Wellbeing

There has been much press in recent months about children's mental health. As part of our drive to support this we are going to include something each week in the newsletter about Health and Wellbeing. We hope you find this section useful. If you have any topics you would like us to find some helpful tips about please let us know.

This week our Federation Mental Health Ambassadors met together to discuss and write action plans to think of ways they can support their peers to have positive mental health. One of the things we focused on is the Mental Health 10 a day and how the Ambassadors will promote this. Have a look again at the 10 a day and think how as a family you can support each other in achieving these.



1
Talk about your feelings



2
Do something you enjoy and are good at



3
Keep yourself hydrated



4
Eat well



10
Actively care for others

**'10 A DAY'
CHOICES
TOWARDS
BALANCING OUR
MENTAL
HEALTH**



5
Keep active in mind and body



9
Be proud of your very being



8
Ask for help



7
Stay connected to those you care about



6
Take a break

Collective Worship Activity

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



**FAMILY
FOCUS**

**Service with
a smile**

Complete a 'service snail'.

Living a life of **service** is about keeping your eyes open and looking out for ways to make others smile.

Draw a large smiley snail. Can you fill in the spirals on the snail's shell with ways in which as a family you serve each other in one week? When the snail shell is full take it to school to display in the Challenge Gallery.

