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Dear Parents

On Tuesday this week, Broadhembury school had their first "Ready, Steady, Write" day of this academic year. The focus of the day was the story of Noah's Ark. The children had



a fantastic time developing ideas about the story of Noah. Mrs Reading read the bible story and the children were amazed to find that Noah was 600 years old when he began to build the ark! After this, they learnt some fabulous songs about Noah's Ark which the children picked up really quickly and sung with real feeling. They



then went on to choose which animals they would like to be and both classes paired up to make animal masks - there were some very creative efforts. Finally, the children acted out the story in the playground using the parachute as the ark. The children really entered into the spirit of the day and were ready to write once they had watched clips from a modern day film of Noah - Evan Almighty.

Class 1 wrote the story of Noah in their own words in a book, whilst Class 2 innovated the story, changing settings and characters if they wished. A great day was had by all.



Our KS1 children on Wednesday joined Branscombe and Farway in a trip to Honiton Leisure Centre for a Gymnastics workshop led by the Honiton Learning Community.

The children really enjoyed the experience and had great fun learning new skills. The children were able to put into practice what they have been learning during our PE time and the morning culminated in them making a short sequence of turns, jumps and shapes.

This week in Class two the children have been finding out about the Celtic rebellion and why the Romans built Hadrian's Wall. They wrote reports and letters from the perspective of a Roman soldier working at the wall and have also created their very own Hadrian's Wall by writing facts on bricks.

All of the children have been very happy to see the return of Toffee and Fudge this week. Mrs Symonds has assured us that they are feeling much better, but the children will have to take extra special care of them.

Next Thursday is our Federation Roman day for the KS2 children at Farway Primary school. We are very much looking forward to the Roman Road-Show and feast. You should have received a letter about this event. Please see Sarah if not.

Also next week is our parents' evening; Mrs Reading and Mrs Symonds are looking forward to talking to you about your child's progress. Please speak with Sarah if you haven't received a time slot.

Next Friday morning Tempest Photography will be in school to take individual photos. Please ensure that your child comes to school with full school uniform on that day, with a fresh sweatshirt! Children may wish to bring a hairbrush to school for that day! If there are younger siblings you wish to be included on the photos please bring them to school at 9.00am.

Thank you for all your continued support.

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Broadhembury School

Question of the week

Class 1 – If I turn all the lights off, do I still have a shadow?

Class 2 - Sometimes it's hard to have a growth mindset. How can you encourage others to change their thinking?

BROADHEMBURY BRIDGES to week ending Friday 7th October

Class One: Samuel for his excellent effort in phonics and maths this week

Class Two: Abbie for trying hard in maths even when she found it tricky

Key Dates

Mrs Gray will be in Broadhembury on Friday next week.

17th October – Parents' Evening

20th October – Roman Day KS2

21st October – Individual pupil photos

24th – 28th October – Half Term

31st October – Non Pupil Day

12th November – PTFA Quiz and supper night

8th December – Christmas Lunch

12th December – Christmas play

21st December – Carol Singing in the Square

Blanket appeal

Do you have any thick blankets that you no longer use? Ari, Harry, Abbie and Sophia are looking for blankets to keep the guinea pigs warm this winter. If you have a spare blanket approximately 2 meters long they would be very much appreciated. The blankets will be returned to you once the cold weather passes.

Year 6 Secondary School applications reminder

If your child is currently in year 6 and you have not yet made an application for secondary school, please do so soon. The deadline is October 31st.

Quiz and Supper night

12th November at 7.30pm. Teams of 4 – 6. £5 per ticket to include a chilli & Jacket supper. Tickets are available from Broadhembury Village shop and Honiton Sports or any PTA member. It is looking to be a super fun evening, please come and support it.

If you are interested in joining the PTFA please speak with Donna or Jenny.

Free School Meals

From September 2014, all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in state-funded schools in England are eligible for free school meals. Some of these children would also be eligible under the current free school meals scheme and it is very important that we still identify these pupils. This is because each child registered under the original scheme attracts valuable funding for their school.

We therefore ask that you complete a free school meal registration form (available from the office) and return it to the school in order for us to identify whether you would have been entitled under the current free school meals scheme, even if you do not actually wish your child to have a free school meal.

Events over Half term in the East Devon Area

Bird watching for children, Tuesday 25 October, 10am to 12 noon at Tower Hide, Seaton Wetlands. Join an expert guide as they introduce you to the art of birdwatching. See what you can spot. Binoculars available to borrow and telescope set up to use. Booking required wildeastdevon.co.uk , 01395 517557. Suggested donation £2 per child.

Autumnal crafts, Wednesday 26 October, 2pm to 4pm at Younghayes Centre, Cranbrook. Join the Country Park Rangers to make autumnal and Halloween themed crafts using natural materials. No booking required. £3 per child.

Woodland skills day, Wednesday 26 October, 9am to 4pm at The Knapp, Sidmouth. Learn skills to manage woodlands for wildlife and woodland. Includes charcoal making, coppicing, firewood processing and more. Tea and coffee provided. Moderate level of fitness required, minimum age 8. Booking required: wildeastdevon.co.uk, 01395 517557. A free event.

What's that bird? Thursday 27 October, 10am to 12 noon. The Tower Hide at Seaton Wetlands. Whatever your level of knowledge or experience come and improve your bird watching with an experienced guide. No booking required. A free event.

Autumnal crafts. Thursday 27 October, 10am to 12 noon. Reed Base at Seaton Wetlands. Join the Education Ranger to make autumnal and Halloween themed crafts using natural materials. No booking required. £3 per child.

**FASCINATING FACTS**



OBE Award

The OBE, Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, is an honour and medal awarded to people who have **served** their country or local community, often as volunteers.

- the first honours were awarded by George V in 1917 to people who had **served** their country in World War 1 but were not soldiers
- over 800 OBEs are now given each year
- OBEs are awarded for **service** such as:
 - helping disabled children and their families
 - working on nature conservation projects
 - bringing relief to carers of very sick relatives
 - protecting and caring for our country's important buildings
 - providing animal welfare



Sidmouth and Ottery Hockey Club Junior Academy

Age Groups: 8 -16 years

Venue: Sidmouth Sports Centre AstroTurf, Primley Road, Sidmouth. (switches every half term-After half term, Late October onwards Ottery Sports Centre.)

Time 10-11 AM boys, 11-12 NOON girls For parents: tea and coffee is available, and a "Rusty Hockey" coached session 10-11AM for any parents wishing to have a go themselves!

For more information: www.Sidmouthandotteryhc.co.uk or call Lucy Miller 01395 597474

Qualified coaches, experienced helpers, enthusiastic young leaders.