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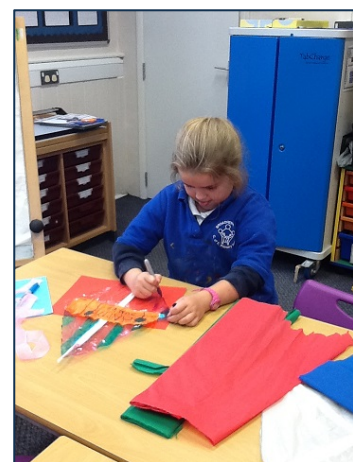
20th October 2017

Dear Parents,

This week in Class 1 the children have been writing their invented story called 'The Day My Teacher got Kidnapped by Aliens'. They have been using their knowledge of fictional recounts to help them. EYFS have been busy with their learning in the outdoor area and are getting really good at using the resources respectfully – well done Reception.

In Science the children have been observing plants scientifically and have produced some fantastic results. Their observation skills have improved vastly over the week, and they have been able to compare their plant with their classmates' – noting similarities and differences.

This week Class Two have been designing and making their kites. They created a set of criteria that each kite had to meet, and used planning sheets to support them with designing. The children had to work though lots of problems such as how to strengthen their frame, and which material would be strong, but also light. After two afternoons of hard work the kites were finally finished! The children took them outside to test, and had a lovely time trying to get their kite to fly. Nearly all of the kites were a success, and they are now on display in class.



On Wednesday afternoon, the whole school came together to work on an exciting art project. We held a competition to find new bridge paintings, for our Broadhembury Bridges display. The school split up into their bridge teams and, using photos for inspiration, set about creating their own water colour pictures. The children showed great team work skills, and supported each other to create some brilliant final



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 you were a teacher for the day, what rules might you have and why?

Class 2: Why can't humans walk through walls?

Key Dates

20th October – Last Day of Half Term
30th October – Non Pupil Day
31st October – First Day Back for Children
31st October – Class Two Swimming Lesson
7th November – Class Two Swimming Lesson
13th November – Parents' Evening
14th November – Class Two Swimming
20th November – Flu Vaccinations

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.

Swimming Lessons Class Two

Class two will start their swimming lessons on 31st October. A big thank you to the PTA for their contribution towards these lessons. Children will need to bring a swimming costume and towel in a named bag. Long hair must be tied back securely. Children may bring goggles and a swimming hat if they need them. They should not bring talcum powder and it is advisable that the girls do not wear tights.

Secondary School Reminder

All year 6 parents need to apply for a secondary school place for their child by 31st October 2017. Applications can be made using the online system at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline or by contacting My Devon, the customer service centre, on 0345 155 1019 to request an application form. The application form should be returned to the Admissions Team before the **31st October 2017**.

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 as unauthorised, even if you have called us to provide a reason.

Collective Worship Activity

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

Zacchaeus the Tax Collector

Zacchaeus was a little man. He was a tax collector and had become rich by making others pay lots of money in taxes to the Romans and to him. He didn't have many friends.

When Zacchaeus heard Jesus was in town, he wanted to see him. But Zacchaeus was short and Jesus was always surrounded by a crowd. So Zacchaeus decided to run ahead of the crowd and climb a sycamore tree. From there he could watch for Jesus. As Jesus drew closer, he held his breath excitedly until Jesus stopped right beneath his tree. Jesus looked straight up at him! "Zacchaeus," said Jesus with a smile, "come on down. I want to stay at your house today!"

Zacchaeus hopped down. "You are welcome at my house, Jesus," he said with a huge grin.

But others grumbled, muttering to each other. "Why does Jesus want to go home with the rich, cheating tax collector? He isn't good enough for Jesus to come and stay at his house."

Zacchaeus heard what the people were saying about him and he wanted to put things right. He turned to Jesus and said, "Master, here and now, I promise to give half of my money to the poor. If I have cheated anyone in taxes, I will pay them back four times that amount."

Zacchaeus wanted to turn over a new leaf because Jesus believed that everyone deserved a new start and now Zacchaeus believed it too!

East Devon Countryside events – Half Term

Tree trail, Saturday 7 October to Monday 30 October, The Lookout at Seaton Wetlands

Explore Seaton Wetlands and discover 6 species of tree living on the reserve. Name all 6 using clues and interesting facts provided along the trail. Collect a trail leaflet from the Lookout. Return your completed trail to Seaton Jurassic for a free child's entry to the exhibit. No booking required, £2 per trail. Find out more at wildeastdevon.co.uk

Exmouth Mud Walk, Monday 23 October, 1:30pm to 3:30pm, Exmouth estuary. Wrap up warm and come exploring with the Education Ranger. Dig for Estuarine worms, fish for shrimp and discover what is living in the mud of the Exe estuary! Booking required, £4 per child. Find out more and book online wildeastdevon.co.uk

Bird watching for children, Tuesday 24 October, 2pm to 3pm and 3pm to 4pm Tower hide at Seaton Wetlands. Come and learn about the birds found at Seaton Wetlands, there will be bird spotting sheets and binoculars to borrow. Booking required, £2 per child. Find out more at wildeastdevon.co.uk