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Dear Parents,

This week has been a very 'hoppy' week in Class 1 as we now have our first fully formed froglet. The children have been delighted that we have been able to move our family of tadpoles outside. Thank you Mrs Adcock for giving us somewhere a little larger for them to live. The children in Key Stage 1 have finished their 'journey tale of a frog' this week – we can't wait to share some of our tales with you!

In Reception this week, we have created a 'serve yourself' painting station with the children. They have been looking at colour mixing, and have made their own list of dos and don'ts when using the painting station – well done Reception, you are becoming very independent with your learning.

In this very brief week, Class Two have been learning about mental health and things they can do to keep their brains happy and healthy. They have learnt about the importance of getting their '10 A Day' and how these small steps can prevent small feelings turning into big feelings. Together they created a mobile full of ideas of things they could do. They also looked at the work of Kandinsky and how his art expressed emotion. The children created their own emotional art, which was very effective.

Year 6 have been preparing for next week's SAT tests. We are grateful to parents for all the support they offer the children at this time, especially in ensuring that the children come to school well-rested and having eaten a healthy breakfast, so that they are suitably energised and physically and mentally prepared, to do the best that they can in these statutory tests.

On Friday, we will be marking the occasion of the Royal Wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle with a special party. On Friday morning, the children will be involved making decorations such as special bunting. They will have the opportunity to learn more about our current Royal Family.

We would like the children to come to school dressed as someone in the Royal Wedding Party or as a wedding spectator dressed in red, white and blue to celebrate the wedding. Our tea-party will begin at approximately 2.00pm and will involve some games and activities with a royal theme. Parents are invited to join us from 3.00pm, when we will end the day with a brief time of sharing and some toasts to the royal couple!

We would like the children to bring some party food (perhaps with a royal theme!) to share on the day. We would also like the children to bring a donation for charity which will be used to support our Federation Community Fund which is used to sponsor a child in Ghana, and to boost our PTFA funds.

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: Do all things have a lifecycle?

Class 2: If you were mummified, what treasures would you want left in your tomb?

BROADHEMBURY BRIDGES to week ending Friday 4th May

Class One: Lewen for being a good learner and trying his best.

Class Two: Sam for excellent work in No Nonsense Number Facts.

Key Dates

14th May - KS2 SATs Week

18th May –Royal Wedding Celebrations.

23rd May – May Day Celebrations

25th May- Non Pupil Day

Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June – Half Term

13th June – Key Stage 2 trip to the RAMM Museum, Exeter.

Breakfast Club

Please remember that we have two sessions for breakfast club one at 8.00am costing £2 and one at 8.20am costing £1. Breakfast club sessions **must be paid for in advance**. Children not attending the early breakfast club can come to school from 8.40am and still have some food which is provided by the Magic Breakfast scheme. Thank you.

Afterschool Collection

The school day for the children finishes at 3.30pm, if for any reason you are unable to collect your child by 3.40pm we will place them into our afterschool club at a cost of £5 per hour (or part thereof).

Exe Valley Challenge

We are hoping to enter a federation team in the Exe Valley Challenge walk against the clock, on Sunday 1st July. The event is open to all children in years 2 to 6. A separate letter has been sent home about this. If you would like your child to take part in the walk, please can you let us know as soon as possible? Thank you.

Healthy Snacks

We encourage Class 2 children to bring in a healthy snack to eat during mid-morning break (Class 1 have the free government fruit scheme). However, we have noticed recently that some of the snacks are not suitable. Please could you ensure that children **only** bring pieces of fruit (not fruit flavoured chews or sweets) or healthy muesli bars for break time. Thank you for your support.

The Blackdown Hills AONB - Naturally Healthy Month

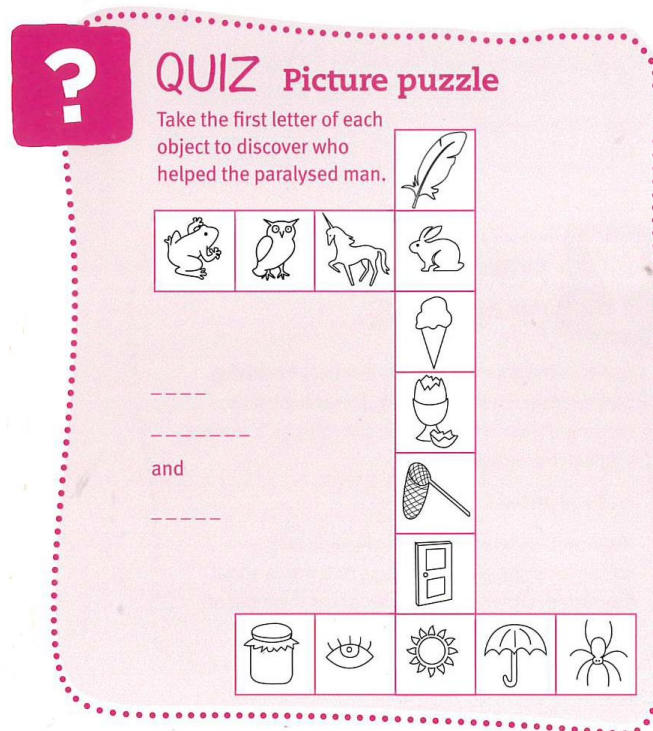
As part of Naturally Healthy Month in May The Blackdown Hills AONB are running a free family event at Castle Neroche on Tuesday 29th May from 10:30am to 3:00pm. The event will include an array of nature themed activities including bug hunting, wild art, bush craft and a practical conservation task. The event is aimed at families with children of all ages, Castle Neroche is a beautiful site and a fantastic place for families to explore and have a picnic. You can find more Naturally Healthy Month events here- <http://slnp.org.uk/news/naturally-healthy-month-may-2018/>

Sun cream and Hats

As the weather is becoming warmer, on warm days the children should have a sunhat with them, and have sun-cream already applied, before they come to school. We are not able to apply sun cream for the children. 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 (we have noticed that there is now roll on sun cream, which is easy for children to put on by themselves).

Collective Worship Activity

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



Half Term East Devon Countryside Events.

Discover more at wildeastdevon.co.uk, 01395 517557, countryside@eastdevon.gov.uk,

Exe Estuary Mud Walk, Sunday 27 May and Monday 28 May, 10.30am to 12.30pm, Exmouth LNR. As part of Exmouth Festival we are running two free mud walks! Discover what is living in the mud of the Exe Estuary. Dig for worms, search for crabs and shells and fish for shrimps. Wear wellies or old shoes that can get very wet and muddy. Not suitable for wheelchairs or buggies. Children must be accompanied. Booking required, Free.

Wildlife Safari, Tuesday 29 May, 10am to 12noon, Fire Beacon Hill Bugs, butterflies, birds, dragonflies and possibly even some snakes! Put on your best safari gear and come for a ramble with ranger to explore the heathland and learn all about the creatures who call it home. Bring binoculars and a camera. Booking required, Free.

AVDCS family explorer day at Colyford Community Woodland, Wednesday 30 May, 2pm to 4pm, Colyford. Join the Axe Vale and District Conservation Society along with EDDC's Education Ranger for an afternoon of outdoor fun. Explore the site, find out about the wildlife that lives there and get creative! Children must be accompanied. Booking required, £5 per family group.

Bird watching for children, Thursday 31 May, 10am to 12noon, Island Hide at Seaton Wetlands
Borrow our binoculars and discover the birds along the Axe estuary with an experienced volunteer guide who will help you to spot different birds and let you use an amazing telescope for a really close view! Booking required, £2 per child.

Family adventure day, Friday 1 June, 10am to 4pm, Holyford Woods A fun, hands-on day with the Education Ranger at Holyford Woods. An opportunity for families to work and play together and learn outdoor skills. Den building, fire lighting, cooking and crafts. Children must be accompanied. Aimed at 7 to 14 years. Min age 5. Booking required, £13 per child.

What's that bird? Saturday 2 June, 11am to 1pm, Tower Hide at Seaton Wetlands
Whatever your level of experience, come and improve your bird identification skills with an experienced volunteer guide. Binoculars available to borrow. No booking required, Free.

Wildlife Day with Axe Vale & District Conservation Society, Sunday 3 June, 11am to 3pm, Seaton Wetlands.
A day of wetland wildlife fun, exploring the nature reserve and wildlife of the wider Axe Vale. Trails, activities and walks for all ages. No dogs. No booking required, Free.