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Dear Parents

We have had a lovely week this week, with our federation outing on Wednesday to see 'Ernie and the Sea of Ice' at Exeter Phoenix which the PTFA very kindly offered to pay for. It was an exciting experience for the children to get together and see a performance at the theatre and a lovely way to begin our Christmas festivities. Last academic year the older children worked on Shackleton's Expedition. So we were very pleased that this production came to Exeter.

Yesterday we had our Christmas Lunch, which was enjoyed by all and really got the children into the festive spirit. It also put them in good stead for the Sponsored fitness circuit. We are very proud to say that the children from Broadhembury raised an impressive £348.70 and had lots of fun. The children also got to meet the Olympic diver Sarah Barrow. Sarah gave the children encouragement throughout the event and also gave them a very inspiring presentation. 'Sports for Champions' use the money raised to help young athletes with international potential to realise their Olympic and Commonwealth dreams.



Also this week class two have been continuing their learning in PSHE by finding out what arson is. They watched a one decision video, where a girl had made a wrong choice by playing with matches. The children made the right choice and put the matches away, but we also saw what would happen if she continued to play with the matches. They then made a poster about arson and why it is important not to play with matches.

The Anglo-Saxon challenge homework is now over and there have been some amazing things brought in. The quality of their models, baking and writing has been brilliant! The children have been really enthusiastic and the winners will be announced next week.

Tomorrow is the annual Broadhembury Christmas Craft Fair from 12 noon in the village hall. The PTA has a stall selling crafts and the child favourite "Jolly Jars". If you would like to donate any further crafts or jars, please take them along at 12 noon.

On Monday next week it is our Christmas play, 2pm in the church, so play rehearsals are nearly over, and there are still costumes missing. All costumes need to be in school on Monday morning please. The children have been working really hard to learn their lines so we hope to see many of you and your family there to support the children.

Class 2 children will also be attending a dance workshop on Wednesday at HCC along side the Farway children and others in the Honiton learning community.

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 - Does lined paper weigh more than blank paper?

Class 2 - What is the best gift you could give this Christmas?

BROADHEMBURY BRIDGES to week ending Friday 2nd December

Class One: Samuel for his brilliant storytelling

Mrs Leadbeater for being a truly amazing help to us all

Class Two: Teddy for her perseverance with algebra

Key Dates

Mrs Gray will be across the federation next week.

10th December – Broadhembury Christmas Craft Fair 12 – 3pm – Village Hall

12th December – Christmas play – 2pm

12th December – Flu Vaccinations

14th December – Honiton Learning Community "Dance" Class Two

21st December – Carol Singing in the Square 2.30pm – Last day of term

9th January – First day back at school

Flu vaccinations for children in specific year groups will be taking place on Monday 12th December. These had to be delayed from the original date due to unforeseen circumstances with the medical team.

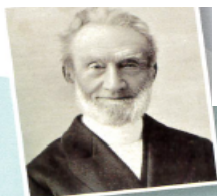
Music Lessons If your child has music lessons, please make sure all invoices are paid by end of the term otherwise lessons will not be able to continue after the Christmas Holidays.

Collective Worship Activity – Responsibility



HALL OF FAME

George Muller



As a teenager growing up in Germany, George felt confused about what he wanted to do with his life. He often stole money from his parents to buy alcohol, got drunk and ended up getting arrested for breaking the law.

One Saturday in November 1826, George and his good friend Beta were invited to the house of a Christian for a special meeting. People read from the Bible, sang songs of worship to God and prayed. George wrote in his diary, 'I have found the treasure I have been seeking all my life.' He was 21 years old.

Soon after this George sensed God was calling him to become a missionary, but his father was so angry he refused to pay for his training. From this point George learned to trust God to provide for his needs.

When he moved to England and visited Bristol, George saw children on the streets with no homes to go to and no food to eat. He felt an overwhelming sense of **responsibility** to do something for them. He rented and bought large houses for the children to live in, ensured they were well fed and taught them to read and write. He never asked for money. Instead, George prayed and found that people were moved by God to give things that could be sold and money to pay the rent. The money kept coming - sometimes a sixpence from a child, sometimes £5000 from a businessman!

As each child in his orphanages became old enough to move out, George would pray with them, placing a Bible in their right hand and a coin in the left. He explained that if they held on to what was in their right hand, God would always make sure there was something in the other hand as well.

Wreath making at Seaton Wetlands, Sunday 11 December, 2pm to 4pm

Get that festive feeling with the Countryside rangers at Seaton Wetlands. Make a beautiful Christmas wreath for your front door; enjoy mince pies, mulled wine and Christmas carols. Booking required, £12 per person. Book online: wildeastdevon.co.uk, or call 01395 517557.

Reindeer trail, Tuesday 20 December, 10:30am to 3pm, Seaton Wetlands

Father Christmas needs your help! Follow the clues around the Wetlands to help track down his missing reindeer. Followed by Christmas crafts and hot drinks. No booking required, £3 per child. Find out more at wildeastdevon.co.uk

Wassailing walk, Saturday 7 January, 10am to 11am, Cranbrook

A wassailing walk down to the Cranbrook Community orchard with the Country Park Ranger to bless the trees and encourage a new harvest. No booking required, free donations welcomed. Find out more at wildeastdevon.co.uk

A note from the PTA

Don't forget to enter the Christmas raffle. There are some great prizes to be won. Including ... a hamper, a child's hair cut, an oil service, a meal for two at the Drewe and tropiquaria tickets, plus many more.

Any further donations for the hamper / raffle are welcome.

Village carol singing will take place on the evening of the 21st December from 6pm. Please let Jenny know if you and your child/ren wish to take part. (*This is separate to the school carols in the square*)

Thank you for helping to raise funds for our school