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Dear Parents,

This week in Class 1 we are beginning our new maths unit of shape. The children have been busy looking at shape in the environment, as well as discovering that shapes do not just have to be the regular shapes that we see in everyday life. Year 2 have been looking at symmetry in 2D shapes and will continue with this next week.

We were lucky enough to have Mrs Holmes in on Monday, to talk to us about brushing our teeth. She brought Snap the crocodile in, so that the children could practise brushing their teeth. Mrs Holmes showed us how to brush carefully for 2 minutes morning and night. Thank you so much Mrs Holmes for coming in, and in particular for the little goody bags that you gave to us. Everyone has really enjoyed brushing their teeth with their new toothbrushes.



On Wednesday the children took part in another very successful Ready, Steady, Write day. The theme for this term was Daisy, Daisy, Give Me Your Answer Do.

The day started with an introduction to the song and its links to the Victorians. The children really enjoyed singing it, and learnt the words very quickly. They soon noticed that the song was about a wedding and so the children set about planning a wedding! They divided up into different groups: the wedding party who went to the church for rehearsal; the invitation group; the confetti and decoration group and the order of service group. Each group beavered away all morning and by lunch, they were ready for the wedding.



In the afternoon, they all made their way over to the church, to await the arrival of Sophia -the bride. Charlie- the groom- was eagerly awaiting the guests, with Nick- the Vicar, and they were greeted by the Bridal March, played by the church warden. After the fantastic ceremony, they returned to school ready to write a diary about their afternoon. A big thank you to Cecile for playing the organ and all of the parents who provided outfits for the children.



Class Two will be making a range of Traditional Victorian Christmas gifts at the end of term, and need a minimum of 16 small empty baked bean/spaghetti hoop tins, and a minimum of 45 kitchen roll tubes. Please could you save these items and bring them into Class Two over the next few weeks?

Next week is National Anti-bullying Week. In school, we will be planning a range of activities to support the children in their thinking about how they can help to combat bullying in their own lives and the lives of those around them. The theme of this year's anti-bullying campaign is "All Equal, All Different" and we hope that it will be a celebration of the children's individuality and uniqueness. In celebration of uniqueness and individuality, we will be taking part in the Anti-Bullying Alliance's "Odd Socks Day". We are inviting children to wear odd socks to school on Monday 13th November, to celebrate their own unique special-ness.

Also as next Friday is Children in Need, we will be celebrating by asking the children to come to school wearing inventive, decorated 'Pudsey' Ears. Donations of £1 towards children in need will be gratefully received.

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: Which day of the Creation do you think that God found the most difficult? Why?

Class 2: Whose responsibility is it for keeping the internet safe?

Key Dates

- 13th November Class Two Hockey at Honiton Leisure Centre 13th November – Parents' Evening 14th November – Class Two Swimming 20th November – Flu Vaccinations
- 21st November Class Two Swimming
- 24th November National Takeover Day Year 6

Pupil Absence

All parents should have received a letter this week relating to our Attendance Policy. Please be assured that this letter was sent to all parents across the federation, on advice from Devon County Council Educational Welfare Team. The letter is sent just to remind parents of the regulations relating to absences from school. The letter was not sent because of holidays that individual families may have taken or requested. If this seemed to be the case it is purely coincidental with the timing of this letter. If you have any queries about holidays in term time please do not hesitate to talk to Mrs Gray.

Greetings from the PTFA

As many of you may know we are organising a Christmas Fete on the 25th November from 11.30am – 3pm. We will be having a special visit on the day from a very special man. In order to make this day as successful as we possibly can we are asking if any parents would be able to donate, any of the following items:

- 1) Jolly Jars Jars filled with sweets, chocolates, toys or gifts
- 2) Any good quality children's books, toys and clothes
- 3) Helpers for stalls on the day

If you can make it to the fair with your children they will be singing carols with Mrs Symonds and Miss Hooper at 2.30pm. We look forward to seeing you all on the day.

Collective Worship Activity

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



