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Dear Parents,

This week the children have been working very hard on their reading. KS1 have been practising their comprehension skills, which are improving greatly. In maths, the children have been practising counting backwards in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s. Counting forwards is easy now, but they still find counting backwards fairly challenging. The children have been practising hard for sports day and are very excited to show you our obstacle course.

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In EYFS the children completed their igloo of milk cartons and then thought they should cover it in snow. Also, we have our first ripe tomatoes. The children are so excited and we are planning to make some snacks with them next week.





This week Class Two have been practising furiously in preparation for the play. The children have been rehearsing their musical skills by singing tunes from memory and improving their pitch. The children have been adding lots of expression to their lines as well as developing their actions on stage. I'm sure you will agree the final performance was absolutely super and reminded us all of a very important 'eco' message. Well done to all of our talented pupils!



In addition to tapping into their more dramatic side the children have also been creating their own jungle scenes inspired by the work of Henri Rousseau. This week the children have developed their skills with oil pastels. They have drawn the back-ground which will be home to their big cat.

On Monday morning, class two arrived to a surprise in the classroom. Over the weekend some of the eggs had hatched and Mrs Redding had filmed the whole event! The children were captivated watching the egg hatch and it was over in a matter of minutes. Mrs Redding then moved them into a brooder so that everyone could watch them grow. Class two have named the chicks Eggy, Toast, Dusk and Twilight.



We are also very sad to inform you that Miss Cole will be leaving us at the end of term; she has been successful in securing a full time teaching position at another school and we congratulate her on this.

Thank you for all 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: You open your eyes one morning and everything in the room is pink, why?

Class 2: Does it matter if you put just one piece of recycling in the rubbish? What if everyone did this?

Key Dates

18th July – Open Evening

20th July – Federation Sports' Day at Branscombe

21st July – Leavers' Service 2pm, End of Term.

Sports Day

Sports day was a lovely afternoon, all the children took part with enthusiasm and tried their best to win points for their team. After an afternoon of competition Beam team won and enjoyed their lap of honour. A highlight of the afternoon was the parents' javelin competition, well done for taking part in true sporting spirit. Thank you to the children for competing well and everyone who came to support and help.

Items For Our New Dolls

We have purchased some new baby dolls for the Class 1 children – there is a boy and a girl doll. We would very much like to make an area in the classroom for them with 'baby doll' equipment. Do you have any clean dolls' clothes or items such as a baby doll cot, pram etc. that are in good condition that you no longer use or need? If so we would very much appreciate it if you could donate them to Class One.

Nominate our School!

National Book Tokens have launched a competition to win £5,000 of book tokens, to transform a school library. This would be a brilliant opportunity, and would fill our bookshelves with new and exciting books. We would be extremely grateful for nominations! Search online for School Book Tokens, or visit https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools#.WUOYTE-WyM9#05Ddy2e72mMsekSF.99

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.

Playground

Please could parents not let their children play on the trolley in the playground, especially during the mornings before school? We are concerned that someone may get hurt, or the trolley may be broken. Thank you for your help with this.

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2017

Non Pupil Days: Monday 4th September, Tuesday 5th September

Term Begins: Wednesday 6th September

Half Term: Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October

Non-Pupil Day: Monday 30th October

Children return to school: Tuesday 31st October Last Day of Term: Tuesday 19th December

Spring Term 2018

Non-Pupil Day: Wednesday 3rd January Term Begins: Thursday 4th January

Half Term: Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February

Last Day of Term: Thursday 29th March

Summer Term 2018

Term Begins Monday 16th April Bank Holiday: Monday 7th May Non Pupil Day: Friday 25th May

Half Term: Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June Children return to school: Monday 4th June

Last Day of Term: Tuesday 24th July

Collective Worship Activity

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

