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Dear Parents,

We began our week this week with a fantastic celebration of St George. What a lovely ending to our castles topic. In an assembly, the children reminded themselves of the story of St George and some interesting facts about him. They shared their ideas and found out that they knew quite a lot. The school then split into four groups and completed a rotation of British themed activities. The children baked scones; learnt about the Union Flag; created rose button holes and designed their own shields.

After lunch, the whole school came together again to ask some big questions about St George and Saints in general. They asked things such as 'how do you become a saint?' and 'are people still made saints now?' The children then practised acting out the story of St George ready to show during the tea party at the end of the day. It was lovely to finish the day sharing the children's hard work with parents and relatives and a huge thank you to all those that came.

Key Stage 1 have also had a very exciting trip to Bickton Park, and they look forward to telling you all about this in sharing assembly.

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: How and why do things grow?

Class 2: Why were only some people mummified?

Key Dates

30th April – KS2 Mini Tennis at Honiton Leisure Centre

7th May- May Day Bank Holiday

14th May - KS2 SATs Week

23rd May – May Day

25th May- Non Pupil Day

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

BROADHEMBURY BRIDGES to week ending Friday 20th April

Class One: Charlie for being loving, kind and always wearing a smile.
Emmy for being a great learner and trying her best.

Class Two: Lily for marvellous maths (Doubling in no nonsense number facts).

Free School Meals

As part of the new universal credit system, that is being rolled out across the country, the criteria for claiming free school meals is changing. This may mean that previously ineligible children, now qualify for free school meals. In addition any child who qualifies for free school meals will then be eligible until 2022, regardless of circumstance, and without the need for reassessment. We are therefore encouraging all parents to go online at <https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals> and check their eligibility. As well as you as a family gaining free meals, school gets extra money into its budget for every child who is entitled to free school meals. So please check your eligibility and apply if able.

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.

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.



FASCINATING FACTS

Friendship Bands

Friendship bracelets are usually handmade and given to a special **friend**. According to American tradition you must wear the bracelet until the cords break and it falls off naturally. In this way you honour the love and hard work your **friend** put in to making it.



Raksha Bandhan

One special type of **friendship** bracelet is a Rakhi. Each year, normally in August, many Hindus mark Raksha Bandhan. The festival is a celebration of family life and in particular the relationship between brothers and sisters. They remember and talk about special times together, and think about loyalty, closeness, trust and their everlasting **friendship**.

- Traditionally sisters tie a sacred thread, a Rakhi, on to their brothers' wrists.
- In response the brothers give their sisters a gift promising to help them whenever the need arises and to always protect them.
- Celebrations continue throughout the day with gifts of sweets and special food as families enjoy the time they share together.