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Dear Parents,

I am delighted to have had help writing this week's newsletter – Barres and Jacob have written about their residential visit.

"Last weekend the Year 5 and 6's from across the Federations visited the PGL outdoor pursuit's camp, Beam House.



Firstly we had a delicious meal of battered cod. We were next introduced to our group leader, Heather who would not stop talking about her sunglasses. Then we were greeted by a crazy banana lady with a water pistol (Heather) we were organised into groups 1 and 2 and did wacky races. We did a variety of silly races. This is Barres as a ZOMBIE in a race!



After an exciting evening we went to sleep shattered and excited about the day ahead.

In the morning we had breakfast. The porridge was delicious!

Our first activity was the trapeze we were told to climb up a thick wobbly pole and when we reached the tiny platform we had to steady ourselves and jump like a leap of faith!



Afterwards we went mountain biking and played some challenging games. In one we had to imagine that a bear had jumped out in front of us while riding and we had to brake in time.

Finally it was lunch time, on the menu was delicious jacket potato.

After lunch we went on a zip wire it was amazing! You had to climb up a very high pole, it was best not to look down, and then you got clipped on by a nice lady and went zipping down the wire.



We then went orienteering and had to use our mapping skills to find the markers. In the evening we had a competition and had to play games to win string and cardboard. At the end we had to make a package to protect a water bomb that was to be dropped from the top of the climbing tower and had to survive. Our package survived and we got to throw our water bomb at the instructors.



After a good night's sleep we were ready for another full day of fun. It started with a very wet game of Aeroball which is like playing basketball on a trampoline; however rain and thunder stopped play.



Feeling slightly soggy we then went to test our aim on the archery targets. Once we had learnt how to hold the bow and shoot the arrows we then played some games to test our aims, one was to see what cutlery we got to use at lunch and one we tried to pop balloons, Jasmine had a great aim. We even decided where we were going on holiday depending on where in the target we hit.

We finished the trip with problem solving and the sensory trail, an obstacle trail blind folded. It meant that we had to use our other senses and communication skills to help each other round. It was strange to take the blind fold off to see the trail and where we had been, it was different to how we had imagined it.



After a roast beef dinner it was time to head home, tired but happy".

The staff said that it was great to see the children encouraging each other so well and many of them were able to overcome initial fear to succeed in activities they had not thought they would be able to do. I was also very pleased to hear that behaviour amongst the whole group was brilliant. It was lovely to know that children were clearly enjoying spending time with their friends from the other schools in the federation. Thank you to all those parents who have spent the time to send us messages of appreciation for the staff who gave up their weekend to accompany the children – do forgive them if they look a little tired this week!

As I write this newsletter I have just returned home from the super performance of Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo. I'm sure you will all agree that it was very enjoyable. The children were great and I would like to say a big thank you again to all those parents and staff who helped with the scenery, costumes, music and drama.

You should all have received your child's end of year report this week. Please could you return the slip at the end of this newsletter to confirm that you received the **unopened** report. There is also a space for any comments – these are always appreciated.

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 What have you enjoyed learning about the most this year and why?

Class 2 If you were stranded in the woods, without modern technology, how would you survive? What would you do first?

Magic Breakfast

Starting on Monday we will be trialing the Magic Breakfast Club that I wrote about a couple of weeks ago. The club will start at 8.40am, bagels and orange juice will be on offer for **all children** at this initial stage. Children can have their breakfast as they arrive at school and then go on to start their 'early work' in the classroom. We would very much appreciate it if any parents are able to offer to help with the club on a rota to help with the serving and clearing up, if you are able to help please let Sarah know in the office. If you still need earlier breakfast club for 'childcare' purposes this will still be available at the normal cost.

School Photo

Your child/children should have had their school photograph proof on Tuesday.

Should you wish to order any photographs please complete the form and return it in the envelope provided, as directed, with your payment by Monday 13th July. Any orders after this date will need to be made by yourselves and not through school.

School Rabbit

We have had quite a few ideas from the children on what they would like the school rabbit to be called, Mrs Gray has decided Dandelion, which was suggested by Jasmine. As Dandelion spends all day out on the grass we would love for her to have a bigger run. We would very much appreciate it if you are able to donate any items that could be used i.e. chicken wire (or similar) wood, nails, screws etc. We would also really appreciate it if anyone would be able to spare us a little time and build the run for us, if you can help please let Sarah know in the office.

Open Evening – Tuesday 14th July

On Tuesday 14th July please come along to our Open Evening. This will be a chance to look at your child's work and the displays around the school. It is also an opportunity to discuss any matters you wish to raise about your child's end of year report with the class teacher. Please do drop in anytime between 3.40 and 5pm.

Sports Day – Wednesday 15th July 1.45pm

Sports day will take place on Wednesday 15th July. If it is raining on that day it will be postponed until Friday 17th July.

All children will need PE kits; black or blue shorts and trainers or pumps. If possible could the children wear a tee-shirt in the colour of their team, if not a white tee-shirt will be fine.

Beam – Red **Clapper – Blue** **Draw – Green** **Arch - Yellow**

Your child should know which team they are in, however, if they are unsure please ask their class teacher or look at the team lists in the classroom.

During the event we would also appreciate some adult help with some of the events. If you or another family member are able to help please let Miss Prince know as soon as possible. Thank you again for your continued support.

Sports Day Picnic – Wednesday 15th July 12.15pm

As sports day will be starting after lunch this year, parents are welcome to bring a lunch and have a picnic with the children in the field.

Year 6 Leavers Service - Wednesday July 22nd at 1.30pm – Broadhembury Church

The year 6 leaver's service will take place on Wednesday July 22nd at 1.30pm in the church, this is a chance to say farewell to the year six children who will be moving to new schools in September. All children will be taking part in some of the singing. Parents are welcome to attend the service and to join us in school afterwards for a cream tea.

Community Choir – 7pm Friday 10th July

Broadhembury Church are forming a new community choir, which will sing at major church festivals and be a resource for all churches within the Mission Community.

The choir will start on **Friday 10 July at 7pm** at St Andrew's Broadhembury. Rehearsals will be weekly, no auditions are required and no previous experience of being in a choir required.

Key Dates

Mrs Gray will be in school on Friday next week.

Miss Prince will be spending her Head of Teaching and Learning day (Wednesday) at Broadhembury next week

Tuesday 14th July – Open Evening – 3.40 until 5pm

Wednesday 15th July – Sports Day Picnic 12.15pm

Wednesday 15th July – Sports Afternoon 1.45pm (Friday 17th July if first date rained off)

Wednesday 22nd July – Leavers Service

Wednesday 22nd July – Last Day of Term

Did anyone come home from Beam House with Freddie's (Farway pupil) shorts? They are blue/green Hawaiian style from Gap with his name inside. If they have come home to you, he would appreciate them back. Thank you.

Collective Worship Activity

This half term's Worship Value is Hope. Have a look at the photograph below. Talk to the rest of your family about what you think it represents – the information with the photograph might help you.

The Basket of Dreams

This beautiful sculpture is on the hills overlooking Lake Wakatipu in New Zealand. It is called the Basket of Dreams and is made from a spiral of steel. Spirals can remind us that we have a choice about the way we live. We can either travel inwards towards self-centredness where we only try to think of ourselves or we can travel outwards towards the world and other people.



School Report

I can confirm that I have received an **unopened** envelope containing the end of year report for

Signed _____ (parent)

Comments about the report:.....