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Dear Parents



This week Class 1 learnt about Sukkot - another Jewish festival which comes after Yom Kippur. Part of this festival involves building a three sided shelter outside which Jews then spend time in eating, drinking and singing. The children had a go at building their own Sukkah.

Thursday saw much fun and games for our KS2 children as our "Romans" topic drew to a close with the federation coming together at Farway School for the Roman Road-show and a magnificent Roman feast. The day started with a range of activities run by the Seaton Hoard group: An archaeological dig, where the children hunted for Roman



artefacts; a closer look at the Seaton Down hoard coins; meeting a Roman soldier and a range of Roman games to try. At lunch time we paused for a quick change of costume and settled down for the Roman feast. Each school in the federation had prepared different dishes which looked great. The children were brave and tried a range of new foods whilst lying down to eat, just like the Romans did! The afternoon saw the children getting in to Roman life by writing on clay tablets, with Miss Moss from Branscombe; building aqueducts, to provide Rome with water with Mrs Redding; and practising army drills, including tortoise formation, with Mr Smith from Farway. Great fun was had by all, and the children cannot wait for the next Federation event.

Thank you very much for the support of you parents for kitting out our young Romans so spectacularly and for the fantastic shields that they came armed with; I think they all learnt a lot from the experience and will remember the day for quite some time.

After half term, Class 2 will continue to learn about Invaders and Settlers - this time, the Anglo-Saxons...

Thank you for sending your children in to school looking so smart today for the individual school Photos. The order forms should be in book bags tonight.

Next week is half term, myself and staff all wish you a lovely break and will see you back at school on Tuesday the 1st November; nice and refreshed. On Thursday 3rd Nov the children have an exciting sporting event. Sports for Champions will be coming in to run a sponsored fitness event with the children to raise money for the school. As part of the day GB international athlete Sarah Barrow will be joining us, to work with the children during the events and deliver an inspiring presentation to them at the end of the afternoon. Sarah is a British diver. She won the gold medal at the 2012 European Championships at the 10 meter synchro event and also represented Great Britain at the 2012 Summer Olympics. Further information and a sponsor form is coming home to you today in the children's book bags.

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 – Can you touch a rainbow?

Class 2 - The Roman baths were often the centre of the community. Think about the different communities you belong to and where the centre of that community is.

BROADHEMBURY BRIDGES to week ending Friday 14th October

Class One: Harrison for his attitude and commitment to learning

Class Two: Jayden for settling in so well to class two

Key Dates

Mrs Gray will be in Broadhembury on Tuesday the week we return.

24th – 28th October – Half Term

31st October – Non Pupil Day

3rd November - Sports personality visit

12th November – PTFA Quiz and supper night

8th December – Christmas Lunch

12th December – Christmas play

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

9th January – First day back at school

School Games Awards



We are very proud to announce that all three schools in the Federation have achieved a bronze award in the Sainsbury's Sponsored School Games Scheme. The School Games is a national initiative and a unique opportunity to motivate and inspire millions of young people across the country to take part in more competitive school sport. We were awarded this because of the sporting experiences which we have provided for the children over the last academic year, these include the events we attend with the Honiton Learning Community, PE lessons, extra-curricular clubs, Federation events and other visitors offering sporting experiences. Please look out for certificates going up in each school and maybe next year we can go for silver!



Extra- Curricular Activities

We will be changing our groups over after half term for our extra-curricular activities on a Wednesday afternoon. The children have thoroughly enjoyed this time each week and will be presented with a certificate of achievement at their sharing assembly today.

If you have any interests or skills that you think the children would enjoy (e.g. sewing, gardening, knitting etc) as well as 45 minutes to spare on a Wednesday afternoon, then please could you let your child's teacher know.

Christmas Cards

Just a little Reminder that the order cut off date for your Dandy Art Christmas Cards is today. You can place orders up to midnight online.

Blanket appeal

Do you have any thick blankets that you no longer use? Ari, Harry, Abbie and Sophia are looking for blankets to keep the guinea pigs warm this winter. If you have a spare blanket approximately 2 metres long, to wrap round the cage, they would be very much appreciated. The blankets will be returned to you once the cold weather passes.

Year 6 Secondary School applications reminder

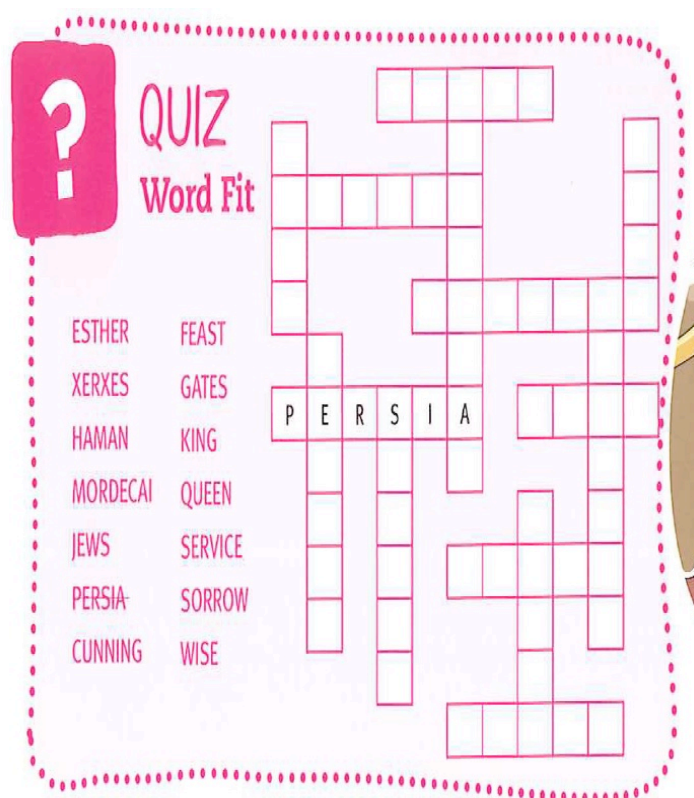
If your child is currently in year 6 and you have not yet made an application for secondary school, please do so soon. The deadline is October 31st.

Quiz and Supper night

12th November at 7.30pm. Teams of 4 – 6. £5 per ticket to include a chilli & Jacket supper. Tickets are available from Broadhembury Village shop and Honiton Sports or any PTA member. It is looking to be a super fun evening, please come and support it.

If you are interested in joining the PTFA please speak with Donna or Jenny.

Collective Worship - Service



Events over Half term in the East Devon Area

Bird watching for children, Tuesday 25 October, 10am to 12 noon at Tower Hide, Seaton Wetlands. Join an expert guide as they introduce you to the art of birdwatching. See what you can spot. Binoculars available to borrow and telescope set up to use. Booking required wildeastdevon.co.uk , 01395 517557. Suggested donation £2 per child.

Autumnal crafts, Wednesday 26 October, 2pm to 4pm at Younghayes Centre, Cranbrook. Join the Country Park Rangers to make autumnal and Halloween themed crafts using natural materials. No booking required. £3 per child.

Woodland skills day, Wednesday 26 October, 9am to 4pm at The Knapp, Sidmouth. Learn skills to manage woodlands for wildlife and woodland. Includes charcoal making, coppicing, firewood processing and more. Tea and coffee provided. Moderate level of fitness required, minimum age 8. Booking required: wildeastdevon.co.uk, 01395 517557. A free event.

What's that bird? Thursday 27 October, 10am to 12 noon. The Tower Hide at Seaton Wetlands. Whatever your level of knowledge or experience come and improve your bird watching with an experienced guide. No booking required. A free event.

Autumnal crafts. Thursday 27 October, 10am to 12 noon. Reed Base at Seaton Wetlands. Join the Education Ranger to make autumnal and Halloween themed crafts using natural materials. No booking required. £3 per child.