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Dear Parents

We are very pleased to welcome to school today the new Diocesan Director of Education, Mr John Searson. He has enjoyed having a look around the school and meeting some of the pupils.

I had a super afternoon in Class 2 yesterday. Myself and Miss Prince are sharing the teaching of RE this year. We are very lucky to be able to be using some super new resources that the Diocese of Exeter are promoting. They are called Understanding Christianity and I completed my training for using them this week. They will be used with all age groups across the federation. The basis of the scheme is a big poster of the biblical timeline. It's called 'The Big Frieze' and some children asked to bring a copy of it home to show you. It's a very detailed piece of art work, which many of the adults on the training found tricky, however, the children yesterday seemed really inspired by it and noticed lots of elements that I hadn't spotted yet. I was really impressed. It would be great to hear any feedback from discussions at home if the children talk about it with you.

Also this week in class two the children have started their theme of Invaders and Settlers with the Romans. They have been looking at maps to find Rome as well as discovering the different countries the Romans conquered. As part of art, they have started designing mosaics using Roman designs as inspiration which has provoked all sorts of questions about the Romans that the children would like to find out! In maths, the children have continued to look at place value with numbers ranging from millions to decimals. They initially found estimating where the numbers needed to go on a number line a bit tricky but the year 3 and 4's created a number washing line to help us. In Literacy the children have been sentence spotters this week and have hunted for different types of sentences in our Romans text.

Mrs Redding is planning to take the Class 2 children to Honiton Community College to do a science session, relating to their topic on forces, on the 23rd November. So that we can work out the best way to transport the children there, please could you let Sarah know as soon as possible if you are able to help with transport and how many seats you have in your car. The children will need to be there at 10 and will finish at 11 and parent helpers need to complete a declaration regarding MOT and insurance.

In Class 1 this week the children have been working hard learning our text 'What do you do with a tail like this?' They have been using actions to help them. They have also been busy developing new routines and discussing the expectations of Class 1 during their circle times.

Please could all children in Class 1 have a full named PE kit in school. Our main PE lesson is on a Thursday. Homework will come home on a Friday. Please could you initial the homework to show that you and your child have spent time together discussing the question of the week. If Year 1 and 2 children can add some written thoughts and illustrations Mrs Symonds will discuss them during the week.

We have had a lot of positive feedback about our Bible knitting project. Some examples are on display in the entrance hall. Please do encourage friends and family to donate wool or give them a pattern! Spare patterns are available from the school office.

Just a reminder that sharing assembly takes place every Friday from 3pm until the end of the school day. This is an opportunity for parents to join us and have a look at some of the children's learning that they have been enjoying each week.



Here are a couple of pictures of the cyclists that we and the children enjoyed cheering on last Friday, despite the rain! Thank you again if you helped to transport the children. Please come and see the lovely work that the children have done on the Tour of Britain that is displayed in the library area.



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 - Where do words go after you've heard them?

Class 2 – Following our work in literacy, Can you spot the different types of sentences in your favourite books at home!

BROADHEMBURY BRIDGES to week ending Friday 9th September

Class One:

Tyler for settling in so well and for his patient behaviour during the Tour of Britain

Class Two:

Olivia for trying her best in persevering with our impossible challenge!

Key Dates

Mrs Gray will be in Broadhembury on Tuesday and Thursday next week.

21st September – Individual School Photos 9am

2nd October – Harvest Festival 3pm

17th October – Parents' Evening

8th December – Christmas Lunch

12th December – Christmas play

21st December – Carol Singing in the Square

21st March – Parents' Evening

31st March – Easter Service

21st April – St George's day Celebration

25th May – May Day event

11th July – Summer Play

12th July – Sports Day

18th July – Open Evening

21st July – Leavers' Service

Changeable Weather

As we are now into autumn, our wonderful English weather is very changeable. Therefore please ensure your child is sent to school with a jumper and a coat should the weather suddenly turn.

Good Samaritan Awards

We launched a new PSHE scheme of work last week and in connection with this we have planned a new award system for the children. It is called The Good Samaritan Awards. This award system supports the PSHE, Citizenship and British Values elements of our curriculum and we hope staff and parents will encourage pupils to work towards the awards. Children will be asked to complete tasks relating to the following areas; Staying Safe, Keeping Healthy, Enjoying and Achieving, Economic Wellbeing and Making a Positive Contribution. The aim being to give children a broad and balanced view of society.

At the start of term each teacher will plan a Life Skills activity ensuring that all children are involved.

To achieve their **Red** award the children will need to complete 5 challenges, including the class ones. **White** they will need to achieve 10 and for the **Blue** award they will need to complete 15 challenges. This will be over the course of the year.

If the children raise money for a charity by putting in extra effort they can win a Citizenship Award Certificate for thinking of others, having an idea, putting in the hard work and raising money for a nominated charity.

On last weeks newsletter we attached the sheet of challenges – we hope your children enjoy achieving them both at home and at school. Please keep us informed of what the children have been working towards.

Parent Helpers

We would be very grateful to hear from any parents or other adult family members who could commit to coming into school for an hour a week to listen to our children read. This can be a very rewarding role, and our children would benefit greatly. Please get in touch if you are able to help.

Flu Vaccinations

Pupils in Years 1,2 & 3 please remember to return your child's flu vaccination consent.

Extra Opportunities Time

We will be starting our 'extra opportunities time' this half time on Wednesday afternoons. For those of you who are new to the school we run these sessions because many of our children catch the bus home, or live out of the village, so running after-school clubs becomes impractical. However, extra-curricular activities are a crucial part of school life and allow the children to have experiences outside of the areas offered by the statutory subject areas. This term, we will be offering the children the following:

Mrs Symonds	Singing club
Mrs Redding	Cookery club
Mrs Facey	Lego club
Mrs Trevelyan	Recorder club (for Y2 and above)

It would be fantastic for the children if we could offer them a range of activities, so if you or anyone you know has a particular skill (gardening would be ideal!), that they could offer for 30-45 minutes each Wednesday after lunch please ask them to contact Mrs Symonds.

Reminder to Parents

Just a reminder to parents not to drive up the lane and park outside the school at the beginning and end of the day, please remember that for the safety of the children we would appreciate that you park in the square and walk up to the school.

Harvest Festival

We are trying to plan our contribution for the church Harvest service on 2nd October at 3pm. Please send back this slip back by Monday please, *if you haven't already done so*, indicating if you will or will not be attending.

Childs Name..... Will / Will not be attending the church Harvest Festival.