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Dear Parents

This week our school has been taking part in National Anti-bullying week. Anti-bullying week helps schools across England to shine a spotlight on bullying and encourage all children, teachers and parents to take action against bullying throughout the year. The theme this year is 'Power for Good'. It is organised by the Anti-Bullying Alliance and they have set the following aims:

- To support children and young people to use their Power for Good – by understanding the ways in which they are powerful and encouraging individual and collective action to stop bullying and create the best world possible
- To help parents and carers to use their Power for Good – through supporting children with issues relating to bullying and working together with schools to stop bullying
- To encourage teachers, school support staff and youth workers to use their Power for Good – by valuing the difference they can make in a child's life, and taking individual and collective action to prevent bullying and create safe environments where children can thrive.

The anti-bullying alliance has a free online tool to support parents to understand bullying and what to do if you're worried about it – you can access it at [www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/parenttool](http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/parenttool). Please also read the Anti Bullying Alliance top tips for parents at the end of this newsletter. Talk to your child about bullying and anti-bullying week.

Please come and talk to us – we want to hear from you about what is working well and what we could do differently to help to stop bullying.

Mrs Symonds and the children in Class one had a very mature and in depth discussion about anti-bullying week. The reception children have been reading fairytales and talking about the characters in them. Throughout the week class two have been discussing different scenarios and thinking about whether it would be bullying. They had a long conversation about what bullying is and different types of bullying. They imagined what it would feel like to be bullied and wrote down emotions that they might feel. Class two were kindly given some anti bullying booklets by the Church PCC. Mrs Redding has used these with the children this week as a focus for their discussions. They have used the booklets to create informative posters to promote anti bullying and either explain what bullying is or to help someone being bullied.

Also this week in Class 1 the children have been working hard on their spelling and grammar and in maths the children have been practising thinking like mathematicians - you could practically hear their brains whirring!

Additionally in class two this week, the children have been inventors! They have been designing different machines that might be in Santa's workshop. They have been writing with a partner to explain how their

practising their tables, and looking at different strategies to help them solve multiplication questions. They have also been exploring place names and their Anglo-Saxon meanings. They found out that Broadhembury is Anglo-Saxon for wide flat land near a fortified place.

Next week is going to be very busy with trips for class two so please make sure all of the SOE3 forms are returned before the respective events. Please return the attached SOE3 for the science trip on Wednesday.

There has been lots of excitement with the sound of Christmas bells fast approaching. The children have auditioned for parts in our Christmas play and the singing rehearsals have begun!

We have had an outbreak of spottyitis across the federation today....



Thank you so much to everyone for taking part in our Spottacular day and to the children for creating their own ways for raising funds for Children in Need, the children have been busy baking cakes, making bracelets and finding a bear to name. This all goes towards the Good Samaritan awards.

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*

**Please can you make sure that your children have a coat in school every day as it is getting quite chilly at playtime and the children are often working outside. Also please ensure that your children have a drinks bottle in school every day as well as full named PE kit.**

### **Flu Vaccination**

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Flu Vaccinations did not go ahead yesterday and have had to be postponed. We will notify you in due course when we have a new date.

#### **Question of the week**

**Class 1** - If we take all of the books out of the library, is it still a library?

**Class 2** - If you woke up and were Prime Minister what would your first act of power be?

**BROADHEMBURY BRIDGES** to week ending Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November

**Class One:** Lily for big improvements in her behaviour and work ethics

**Class Two:** Grace for trying her best to multiply by eight and four

### **Churchyard Clean up**

On 28<sup>th</sup> November in the afternoon, Class 1 will be spending some time in the churchyard helping with a bit of a clean-up. Please let Mrs Symonds know if you would like to help us with this, we would be delighted to see you. Wellies and warm clothes a must!

### **Extra-Curricular Activities – Gardening Club**

If your child is in the Gardening Club, please ensure he or she has a coat, a pair of wellington boots and some old clothes to change into. If you have any tools, compost and or winter vegetable seeds or plants that the children can use, please let Jenny know. Thank you.

## Key Dates

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

22<sup>nd</sup> November – Honiton Learning Community Sports Hall "Athletics" Class Two

23<sup>rd</sup> November – Science workshop – HCC – Class Two.

25<sup>th</sup> November – Escot Trip – Class Two

28<sup>th</sup> November – Churchyard Clean up – Class one

7<sup>th</sup> December – Federation Christmas Outing – More information to follow

8<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch

8<sup>th</sup> December – Sports Star Visit

10<sup>th</sup> December – Broadhembury Christmas Craft Fair

12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas play – 2pm

14<sup>th</sup> December – Honiton Learning Community "Dance" Class Two

21<sup>st</sup> December – Carol Singing in the Square – Last day of term

9<sup>th</sup> January – First day back at school

## Message from the PTA

Our Quiz and supper night was a great success. Thank you to everyone that helped and supported. We made a fantastic £310 for the school PTA fund. We invite you and your child/ren to have a say in what the funds are used for. Please let a PTA member know your suggestions.

The Christmas hamper is filling up nicely for our Christmas raffle, thank you. Further donations for the hamper will be greatly received. Please ensure the products have a use by date of after the 21<sup>st</sup> December. The raffle board itself is in the school. For your chance to win one of a selection of prizes please buy a square or two (*or more*). The Raffle will be drawn on the 21<sup>st</sup> December at the Carol singing.

The PTA will have a table at the annual Broadhembury Craft fair on the 10<sup>th</sup> December. Please consider making some small crafts for us to sell to raise funds for the school. We will also be doing the ever popular Jolly Jars.

A group of parents and children from the school are proposing to go carol singing around Broadhembury nearer Christmas, if you would like to be part of this please let Jenny know.

If you are interested in helping or joining the PTA or have an idea for a future event to help raise funds for our school please let Donna or Jenny know.

## Collective Worship Activity – Responsibility

### TALK ABOUT RESPONSIBILITY TOGETHER...

We all have gifts, abilities and talents (the word talent originated from the word used to describe a gift of money in the Bible story opposite). We have a **responsibility** to use our talents for the good of others not just ourselves. Sometimes this will be enjoyable and fun but sometimes it will be hard work and might involve making sacrifices.

- What are your special talents?
- How are you using your talents to help others?

# Top anti-bullying tips

## Tips for parents and carers

[www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk](http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk)



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**If your child is being bullied or you think they might be, here are some tips on how to talk to them and prevent further bullying.**

- If your child is being bullied, **don't panic**. Explain to your child that the bullying is not their fault and together you will sort this out.
- **Bullying is never acceptable**; and should always be taken seriously. It is never your child's fault if they've been bullied.
- Try and **establish the facts**. It can be helpful to keep a diary of events. If the bullying is online, save or copy images and text.
- **Find out what your child wants to happen**. Help to identify steps you can take; and the skills they have to help sort out the situation. Make sure you always keep them informed about any actions you decide to take.
- **You may be tempted to tell your child to retaliate but this can have unpredictable results**. Your child might get into trouble or get even more hurt. Rather – role play non-violent ways they can respond to children that are bullying them (e.g. "I don't like it when you say that to me / do that to me. Stop."); show them how to block or unfriend people if the bullying is online and help them identify other friends or adults that can support them.
- **Encourage your child to get involved in activities that build their confidence and esteem**, and help them to form friendships outside of school (or wherever the bullying is taking place)



### **Get some advice**

There are many organisations that can give you some advice. Contact them if you are worried about bullying and want to talk to someone. <http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/advice/parents-carers/>

