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Dear Parents,

What an exciting week the children have had in Class 1. The new Reception children are settling in well and are really getting into their learning. This week they have been singing number songs, and counting forwards and backwards to 5. They are beginning to learn where everything is in the classroom and outside, and are excited and keen to learn.

In KS1, the children have really stepped up their learning in their new year groups and are doing some fantastic learning. In our new literacy sequence 'The Little Red Hen', the children have already learnt the text. They began with a fun afternoon making bread and butter which the children then ate for snack. On Thursday, the Little Red Hen paid Class 1 a visit and the children asked her lots of questions about herself and her friends.

In maths the children are working on counting forwards and backwards to 100 and in Year 2 they have been practising ordering 2 digit numbers to 100! Thank you for being so prompt with bringing in homework, the children have been really excited to show what they have done in their home learning – it really does enhance their learning.

Class Two have dived straight into their topic for the term which is Victorians. In theme learning, the children used Power Point to make an interactive family tree with fact files about each person. The children carefully researched different people in pairs, and they discovered that Queen Victoria had nine children! The children discussed why there weren't really any photos of Queen Victoria's family and found out the cameras had been invented during her reign.

The text the children are reading in Literacy, 'Fair's Fair', also has a Victorian theme. The children have been thinking about living conditions for children during Victorian times, and unpicking some of the interesting descriptions in the story. They are working towards creating their own alternative ending for the story, which will be read aloud in their own version of a Cbeebies bedtime story.

The children are also lucky enough to have some Victorian artefacts on loan from Tiverton Museum in the DEN. They have been exploring the artefacts and have been role playing life in a rich Victorian house.

Class Two has also been getting muddy looking after the school chickens. Eggy, Toast, Dusk and Twilight are almost fully grown and have taken up residence in the garden. The children have been having a great time caring for them and hopefully it won't be too long until they start laying eggs.



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 If a movie was made of life in your house, what would it be called?

Class 2 What is the purpose of the Royal Family? Has the purpose changed over time?

Key Dates

Our key dates for the upcoming year are set out below. Please be aware that these dates are provisional and are subject to change if there are any unforeseen circumstances over the year. We will of course keep you informed of any upcoming changes.

Autumn Term 2017

- 19th September – KS2 Trip to Tiverton Museum
- 8th October – Harvest Festival at Broadhembury Church 3pm
- 20th October – Last Day of Half Term
- 30th October – Non Pupil Day
- 31st October – First Day Back for Children
- 13th November – Parents' Evening
- 7th December – Christingle service (during the day – time TBC)
- 14th December – Christmas Play
- 19th December- Carol singing in the Square and end of Term

Spring Term 2018

- 3rd January - Non-Pupil Day
- 4th January - Term Begins
- 12th–16th - February Half Term
- 20th March - Parents' Evening

Summer Term 2018

16th April - Term Begins
7th May - Bank Holiday
23rd May- May Day Afternoon
25th May - Non Pupil Day
28th May –1st June - Half Term
4th June - Children return to school
10th July- Broadhembury Summer Play
11th July- Sports Day (pm)
19th July- Open Evening
24th July - Last Day of Term & Leavers' Service (pm)

School Trip

If any parents are able to help, by coming along on the KS2 trip, to Tiverton Museum, on Tuesday 19th September, we would be extremely grateful. If anyone is available to help please can they speak to Mrs Redding as soon as possible? Please could we have the voluntary contributions for the trip by Monday as we will have to cancel if costs are not going to be covered. Thank you.

Reminder

Please can you make sure that items from home, such as toys and electronic devices, are not brought into school? These are easily lost and can cause distractions. Thank you.

Gardening Club

If your child is part of the gardening club, please could you make sure that they have wellies and old trousers in school on a Wednesday, as it may get a little bit muddy? Please remember coats and hats as the weather gets cooler. If you have any old gardening gloves please could you send your child with a pair? Thank you.

Data Collection Sheets

Data Collection Sheets were sent home this week with every child please could you check all the details on the form are correct so we can contact you in case of an emergency. Please also ensure there is at least one **local** contact other than parents.

Even if all the details are correct the form still needs signing and handing back to Sarah in the office.

Nut Free School

Because of a severe nut allergy within our school please can we request that Parents **do not send any food containing nuts** into school.

This is for the safety of one of our children.

Please consider this when packing school lunches and snacks.

Thank you.



Items For Our New Dolls

We have purchased some new baby dolls for the Class 1 children – there is a boy and a girl doll. We would very much like to make an area in the classroom for them with 'baby doll' equipment. Do you have any clean dolls' clothes or items such as a baby doll cot, pram etc. that are in good condition that you no longer use or need? If so we would very much appreciate it if you could donate them to Class One.

School Meals

Please note the price of school meals has risen to £2.30. This is an increase of 10p. This is for Key Stage 2 only, Key Stage 1 will continue to receive free school meals, as previously. Thank you.

Collective Worship Activity

This term we will be focussing in school on the value of Forgiveness. 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.



BRANSCOMBE HARVEST FAIR 2017

16th September

12-4pm

Branoc Hall & Field

DOG SHOW Stalls
RAFFLE TUG-OF-WAR

VILLAGE SHOW

Bar ARENA EVENTS
Refreshments

FUN & GAMES Crafts



Adults: £1.50
(includes a Lucky
Programme)
Children: free

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