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Dear Parents,

The children in Class 1 have begun learning about the continent of Africa this week. This term's topic is based on the book called '*Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain*' by Verna Aardema. The children have been working on reciting parts of this book using actions and props. During the afternoons, the children have been learning where Kenya is and have been finding out a little about the country. They have also been working within the environment to complete challenges independently.

Class 1 have also begun thinking about their Class Charter in relation to rights and responsibilities. They have begun thinking about what they need at school and how this can be achieved and will be completing and agreeing to their Charter over the next week or so. This is something that we refer back to time and again during the year and something that can be changed and amended as needed.

Class 1 children will be spending a lot of time outdoors over the coming months. Please ensure that they have a waterproof and warm coat in school. If you would like to send in welly boots for muddy activities, please do so. Whilst we make every effort to avoid sending children home in a mess, a little dirt is sometimes unavoidable and is often the sign of fantastic engagement with learning. We do have spare clothes in Class 1 and will always ask your child to change out of wet clothes if they need to. We also have all –in-one outdoor suits which we encourage the children to wear for outdoor learning.



In Class 2 the first full week of the Autumn term has been an exciting combination of activities. The children have shared their existing knowledge of Broadhembury, Dunkeswell and the surrounding area to begin their 'Local Study' topic. They have also been comparing their locality with other countries we hear about in the news as part of their morning 'Daily Dashboard' routine.

In Science, the children have been studying plants and their flowers, they have learnt about the parts of a flower and its function. They have also used their knowledge of what plants need to grow to plan a scientific investigation into 'What plants need to grow well'.

Reading has taken a high priority in Class 2 as the children have returned to school. All children are reading regularly and recording this in their reading records which is fantastic to see. The children are also keeping a record of how many books they have read in order to earn their reading challenge badges! Well done to all of the children.

Can we please ask that all jumpers, wellies, coats and P.E kit are labelled with your child's name. We are already having problems with jumpers going to the wrong person at the end of the day and we understand how frustrating it can be when your child comes home with the wrong jumper or none at all!

We have decided this year to trial a new system with our newsletters. We appreciate that the website is an easier way for us to share information, however, keeping the website up to date as well as writing a lengthy newsletter each week is a large administrative task. Therefore, we are going to update the website more often with photos and curriculum information but just write a newsletter on the first Friday of the month, or first Friday of the term. If important things come up between the main newsletters then we will send specific notes home and we will send short reminders about events if appropriate. I hope you find the new system helpful.

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 One: What if humans hibernated?

Class Two: How would living in Broadhembury have been different 100 years ago?

BROADHEMBURY BRIDGES to week ending Friday 6th September.

Isabel - for her great start to the year as a responsible Year 2 – well done Isabel, keep it up.

Amelia- for superb independent writing. Well done Amelia!

Key Dates

Autumn Term 2019

18th Sept – Class 2 Dunkeswell Abbey Trip

1st October- Mental Health Ambassador meeting at Farway for Year 6's

3rd October - School Harvest Festival

6th October - Broadhembury Church Harvest Festival

14th October - NSPCC Visit

15th October- Class 2 trip to Farmwise Event, Westpoint

21st – 25th October – Half Term

28th October- Non pupil day

30th October - Flu Vaccinations

31st October- Individual school photos

20th December – Last Day of school term

PTFA Dates

30th November- Bingo in Broadhembury Hall, doors open at 7pm eyes down 7.30pm.

12th October - Second Chance Sale in Broadhembury Hall, 4pm - 6pm - men's, women's, children's clothing and accessories.

Flu Vaccinations

If you would like your child to have a flu vaccination please remember to register them online. Thank you.

Wellbeing

There has been much press in recent months about children's mental health. As part of our drive to support this we are going to include something each week in the newsletter about Health and Wellbeing. We hope you find this section useful. If you have any topics you would like us to find some helpful tips about please let us know.

We hope that you have all enjoyed the Summer break. How did you get on with your 'Ten a day'? Just to remind you all, as we get into this term, that it is important to look after your mental health. Make sure that you and your family get your 'Ten a Day'.

Collective Worship Activity

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

TALK ABOUT PERSEVERANCE TOGETHER...

Teachers often say that **perseverance** is something that many children find difficult.

Very little that is really worthwhile in life can be achieved without **perseverance**. An athlete may train for years before they are ready to compete at the highest level. A musician must practice every day, sometimes for hours at a time, if they are to really master their instrument.

- How would each family member rate themselves on a scale of 1 - 10 at **perseverance**?
- Can you give an example of something you have achieved by determined **perseverance**?
- Is there a skill that you think you could improve with **perseverance**?