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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new term, we hope you have all had a lovely, restful break.

The teachers have some lovely things planned linked to the new topics and the children are already showing lots of enthusiasm for their learning. In Class 1 this term the children are looking at 'Seas and Oceans' in Class 2 the children will look at 'Heroes' (Space, Greek & Olympic). Please contact the class teachers if you feel you can help in any way with the topics.

The children may have told you that some exciting new ICT equipment was delivered over the holidays. It was installed yesterday and once the staff have been trained the children will each have their own 'Learnpad' tablet to use in their lessons.

To support their science work this term, the Key Stage 2 children will be taking a trip to @Bristol science centre at the end of May. During the day, the children will visit the Planetarium and take part in workshops related to our topics of Light and Sound, as well as having the opportunity to explore the interactive displays in the museum. Since this will be a busy day, we will need to extend the school day. We would like to invite parental input on the decision of how to keep the children well-fed and full of energy for this exciting day. It has been proposed that we invite the children to bring a packed lunch and then, before getting on the coach to return to Honiton, take them to a restaurant in Bristol for a meal. (The restaurant we have in mind has a buffet menu available for £8 per head, with a range of types of cuisine - *see* <u>zazabazaar.com</u> *for* more details). We would then leave Bristol at around 6pm. Alternatively, the children could take lots of snacks and leave Bristol at 5pm, so that you could feed them a late supper on their return home. Please indicate on the accompanying slip whether you would be happy to pay for the children to eat out before returning or whether you would prefer to provide extra snacks and give them a late supper on their return.

As part of our greater focus on British Values, we have decided to celebrate St. George's Day this year in style. Since the 23rd April is a Saturday, we will be celebrating on Friday 22nd April. Next week, we will be doing a range of activities around the story of St. George including dramatic re-enactment and knight themed crafts. On Friday 22nd April, children are invited to attend wearing red, white & blue to represent the colours of the British flag. We will end the day with a St. George's Day tea party at 2.30pm. We would like to invite parents to join us for this tea party if you are able.

We welcome Lily who has joined us. Please give Lily and her family a big 'Broadhembury' welcome when you see them.

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

Key Dates Mrs Gray will be in school on Monday next week. Friday 22nd April – St Georges Day Celebration Monday 2nd May – Bank Holiday Monday 9th May – Bank Holiday Monday 9th May – SATS Week Monday 23rd May – Class 2 trip to @Bristol Friday 27th May – Last day of half term Monday 6th June – First day back after half term

Miss Prince

Miss Prince is now the SENCo, and Head of Teaching and Learning, for all three schools in the Federation. She works part time and is now planning to spend Tuesdays in Farway, Wednesdays in Branscombe and Thursdays in Broadhembury. However, if she has meetings or training booked on those days this may change. If you need to contact her please phone her at any of the schools or email her on kprince@broadhembury.devon.sch.uk

Magazines & Junk modelling items

Mrs Wallis has asked if you have any old magazines or items, which could be used for junk modelling, that you no longer use or need and could be donated to the school. If so we would very much appreciate it if you could bring them in for the children to use.

Healthy Snacks

We would like to encourage parents to place a healthy snack in their children's bags which can be eaten during mid-morning break. This could be some fruit or a healthy muesli bar. Thank you.

@Bristol Trip – Monday 23rd May

Please choose one option:

□ I would prefer for my child(ren)to eat at a restaurant in Bristol before returning home and am willing to pay around £8 extra for this.

I would prefer for my child(ren)to leave Bristol at 5pm and not eat a meal in Bristol.

Collective Worship

This term we will be focussing in school on the value Wisdom. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

READ TOGETHER... The wise and foolish builders

Jesus told a story about two men. The first man was **wise** and decided to build his house on a rock. This house was hard to build. He had to stand on the rock and dig foundations deep down into that hard rock to make his house strong. He worked for many, many days before his new house was finished. It was a long time before he and his family could move in.

The other man built his house on the sand. This house was easy to build. The sand was soft, easy to stand on, and easy to dig into. He built his house very quickly and soon his family was living happily in their new house.

But then, one day it started to rain. It didn't rain gently. It didn't rain for just a few minutes. It poured. The wind blew and blew. All round new streams began to flow, making their own tracks across the rock and sands. The rainwater washed around the house on the rock and ran down the roads. But the house stood firm, it didn't move, and everyone inside was safe.

The family in the house on the sand looked out at the raging storm. Their house was creaking, it was moving. The water gushed all around. And then crash! As the sands shifted the house tumbled to the ground.

Jesus said, "The man who built his house on rock is like someone who listens to my **wise** teaching and builds their life upon it. When storms and troubles come, they will stand firm."

Bible story based on Matthew 2124-27