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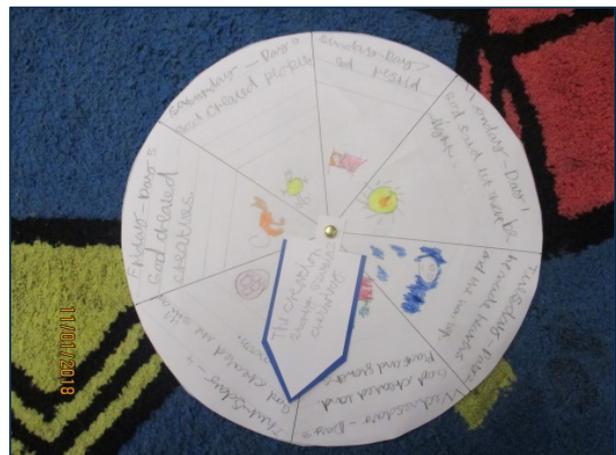
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12th January 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school. We hope you all had a super Christmas holiday – it seems such a long time ago now! We would like to thank you for all the lovely Christmas cards and presents that the children gave to the staff team.

As we start a new year we have been reviewing our Christian Values this week as a whole school. The children have worked extremely hard, learning different Bible stories which illustrate our School Values. They have then used different ways of recording these stories to help them to remember them. They have also begun to think about what it is that makes the story relevant to that particular value. Can you guess which Bible stories we have been trying to illustrate?



In the afternoons, the children have taken part in a range of art based activities, which celebrate our Christian beliefs. Some of the activities include creating a new class cross, to be displayed in each classroom, creating clay tiles with a Christian symbol on them and designing and painting a pebble with a bible story, to be part of our values mural.

The children have really worked hard on a wide range of art and DT skills this week, and have enjoyed the activities so much, that we will continue to run them throughout the term. Keep an eye out around the school, and join us in watching our art work develop over the term.

After Half Term, the guinea pigs will be returning to school. As they live outside on the decking, it has been too cold and wet for them over the winter months. If you would like to have the guinea pigs to visit either at the weekend or over the longer school holidays, we have all of the equipment you will need to look after them and a carrying box to transport them in. Please call into Class 1 if you are interested. They are extremely friendly and easy to look after.

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: It is not happy people who are thankful; it is thankful people who are happy. Think about your family and friends. Which of them always seems thankful and happy? Why do you think this might be?

Class 2: If you were sent to the International Space Station for 3 months, what 3 things would you take, and why?

Key Dates

15th January – Memorial Planting Day

6th February – Safer Internet Day

9th February – Last Day of this Half Term

19th February – Children Back to School

Memorial Planting Day – Monday 15th December

On Monday 15th January we are going to have a gardening day when we will plant the new area and also freshen up the other planters in the school.

If you have any bulbs, vegetable seeds, sensory plants, herbs, flowers, compost etc. that you could donate, or if you have any links to garden centres or farms that may also wish to donate something, we would be most grateful. Please bring anything in next week, so we can have an idea of how many plants we will have.

If you would like to help us do the planting at any time on Monday 15th January, we would be most grateful. Please could children come to school in their uniform but bring old clothes, to do the gardening with, in a separate bag. Please could they also bring wellies, and if they have any small gardening gloves and children's garden tools they would also be useful - please name them.

As the weather is cold, we are planning to stop for hot chocolate and biscuits mid-morning to warm us all up. We will ensure that children with allergies are catered for. Please speak to your child's teacher if you would prefer to send in your own snack.

Youth Speak

A team of Year 5 and 6 children took part in the Honiton Learning Community Youth Speak Competition. The team of three children had to plan and present a speech, and compete against nine other teams. The teams spoke on subjects such as 'Plastic is not so fantastic', 'Coral bleaching' and 'How long should children spend on their devices?' The winning team spoke about 'What makes Britain great?' Our team chose to speak about 'Should Donald Trump still be president?' Although it was the first time they had been involved in an event like this, and they were very nervous, they spoke with confidence and were articulate in their presentation. Well done to all those involved.



Collective Worship Activity

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

★ HALL OF FAME

Tom Daley

Tom has become very well known as an expert diver. While still at school he won medals at swimming events across the world.

Happy times - Tom learned to swim when he was 3 years old and to dive when he was 7. Tom's parents soon realised that their son had a great gift as a diver and they did all they could to help him develop his talent.

Difficult times - For many years, Tom's father coached him, but sadly he became very sick and died when Tom was just 17.

Painful times - Like many athletes, Tom has also had to cope with great sadness in his life as well as some serious sports injuries.

Thankful times – Tom has been BBC Young Personality of the Year on three occasions. He loves his sport and is full of **thanks** for the people who have helped him to become a first class athlete.



Term Dates January 2017 – July 2018

Spring Term 2018

Non-Pupil Day: Wednesday 3rd January
Term Begins: Thursday 4th January
Half Term: Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February
Last Day of Term: Thursday 29th March

Summer Term 2018

Term Begins Monday 16th April
Bank Holiday: Monday 7th May
Non Pupil Day: Friday 25th May
Half Term: Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June
Children return to school: Monday 4th June
Last Day of Term: Tuesday 24th July

Autumn Term 2018

Non Pupil Days: Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th September
Term Begins: Wednesday 5th September
Half Term: Monday 22nd October- Friday 26th October
Non-Pupil Day: Monday 29th October
Children return to school: Tuesday 30th October
Last Day of Term: Friday 21st December

Spring Term 2019

Non-Pupil Day: Monday 7th January
Term Begins: Tuesday 8th January
Half Term: Monday 18th February- Friday 22nd February
Last Day of Term: Friday 5th April

Summer Term 2019

Term Begins Tuesday 23rd April
Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May
Non Pupil Day: Friday 24th May
Half Term: Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May
Children return to school: Monday 3rd June
Last Day of Term: Tuesday 23rd July

Good Samaritan Award

'Looking After Ourselves and Looking After Others'

How does it work?

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.

Each class will do a life skills activity each term ensuring all children are involved. To achieve their **Red** award the children will need to complete 5 challenges, including the class ones. For the **White** award 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.

Children will need to be encouraged by staff and parents to go for Blue!

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.

Please ask a member of staff if you need another copy of the challenges.