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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new school year. It is lovely to see all the children again, especially our new reception pupils. They have settled in so well in their first week. It's been great hearing about everything they've been getting up to over the summer. A warm welcome too to our new members of staff – Mrs Jenny Power who is a teaching assistant in Class 1 and Mr Jonathan Hoskin who is the teacher covering the classteachers' planning time. It is lovely to see Miss Rosie Watts settling into her new role as Class 2 teacher too. Over the holiday Miss Hooper in Class 1 became Mrs Bates! Didn't she look lovely on her wedding day.



The children in Class 1 have begun this term by talking about what a charter is. This has led to discussion over our rights as human beings and subsequently what our rights might be within school. In response to this, the children have been thinking about what their responsibilities might be in school. From this the children have formulated our own 'Class Charter' which they have all agreed to.

Reception have been beginning to find their way around the environment and have been enjoying their 'Busy Learning' particularly outside in the mud kitchen. Please can you ensure that your child brings a named bottle to school each day so that they can re-hydrate throughout the day?

Class 2 have had a fantastic start to the new school year! We were pleased to welcome new members of the class and establish rules and routines for a happy, productive classroom. The children have all arrived with a fantastic attitude towards their learning and shown this in their elicitation tasks for both the new maths and literacy sequences of learning.

We have been excited to begin our new World War Two topic, with many children coming back from the holidays with facts they have found out or connections to family members who served in the war. Our learning has begun with some key dates and exploration of countries involved. In class reading we will be hearing the story of 'Goodnight Mr Tom' which will give the children an insight into the life of an evacuee.

This week we have also begun to focus on mental health awareness - we will be sharing extracts from the book 'You are Awesome' by Matthew Syed, which you may remember from Mrs Gray's talk at the end of last term. We will be doing a range of positive, confidence-boosting activities across the week and collecting these for the children to be proud of.

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: What would you like to achieve in school this year?

Class 2: What was school life like for a child in the 1940s?

International Cross of Nails School

We are very excited to share with you the news that we have been accepted as an International Cross of Nails School – linking with Coventry Cathedral. During the Second World War Coventry Cathedral was bombed. In the ruins the following morning two charred beams were found laying in the shape of a cross. Later, this was displayed in the preserved ruins with the words 'Father Forgive' inscribed in the surviving stonework behind it. A local priest also made another cross from three of the many fifteenth century nails that littered the scene. It was quickly decided to preserve the ruins and build a modern cathedral next to them. I visited this over the summer and it is a very inspiring place. In the earliest days after the bombing the Cross of Nails, which is now displayed on the new altar, became a symbol of peace and hope. The Cross of Nails Community includes schools, communities, parishes and other organisations who have shown a commitment to the values of peace, hope and reconciliation. We shared some of the work we have been doing in worship and throughout our school and federation with the cathedral team and we will be presented with our own Cross of Nails in a very special service in a couple of weeks.

The service will take place on Monday 24th September at 9.30am. It would be lovely if lots of parents and members of the community could join us for the service. We would like to have refreshments back in school afterwards so we would be very grateful for contributions of cakes and biscuits on the morning.

The children will be able to tell you more about The Cross of Nails Community, and there is a lovely display in the entrance hall – please have a look.

Tesco Bags of Help scheme

We are delighted that our federation school Farway has been included in the Tesco Bags of Help Scheme. Voting for our project to resurface the preschool playground is now underway in Tesco's in Honiton. We would be grateful for your help in encouraging friends and family to vote for us.

Race for Life

Well done to everyone for taking part in our school 'Race for Life' at the end of last term, you all did brilliantly! We are now collecting the sponsorship money from this event, so please return your sponsorship forms to school as soon as you are able. Thank you.

Child Assault Prevention Training

This term all of the schools in our federation are taking part in child assault prevention training, which will give our children positive messages on how they can protect themselves and build safer communities. As part of this training we are holding two parent sessions, on September 27th, one at Branscombe School from 1.30-3.30pm, and one at Broadhembury School from 6.30-8pm. **Any parent/carer, from any of our federation schools, is welcome to attend either session. We would love to see you there!**

Parent SIMS

Last term we sent home invitations to register for our new parent SIMS app. This app will help us comply with the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and introduces an easier and more convenient way to update parent and student contact details. Thank you to all of you who have signed up. If you have signed up, please follow the links that have been sent to you to complete the registration process. If you have any changes to contact details, medical information or dietary requirements, please don't forget to update them on the app. **Due to GDPR we would prefer not to send home paper data collections sheets any more, so if you need to update personal information, and you do not have the app, please come and speak to someone in the school office.** Thank you.

Collective Worship Activity

To link with our Cross of Nails presentation we will be focussing in school on the value of Peace this half term. 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 they 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.

