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Dear Parents,

You may have heard that this week the children have welcomed the latest member to our school. Our school rabbit is still settling in to her home so we are keeping handling to a minimum for the time being, although she does love having a good run around with the children at lunch times. The children are busy setting up a rota for feeding her and cleaning out her hutch, and this responsibility should be a really positive thing for all the children.

Obviously good hygiene practices in relation to the rabbit will be taught as a matter of course, but we would appreciate your support in reminding the children of this, particularly the younger ones.



We have asked the children what they would like our rabbit to be called. They will need to think of a name and tell us why they have picked that name. Once we have the entries in I will pick a winner.

You may be aware that we are in the process of advertising for a Key Stage 2 teacher across the federation. Miss Salter has resigned some of her hours across the federation and we are also looking at ways of covering teachers for their non-teaching time. The way we organise this will very much depend on the particular skills of the applicants. I will keep you informed as the process develops.

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

Question of the week

Whole School What would you like to name the school rabbit and why?

Class 2 If you lived in the stone age, what would you miss most about modern life?

Attendance

We will shortly be sending home details of your child's attendance as required by the DfE and so we are taking this opportunity to provide you with further information regarding this.

It is now more important than ever that all children have a good education and that they attend school regularly. They have one chance at school and successful futures are dependent upon regular attendance. If children do not attend school regularly they may not be able to keep up with school work. It is not only academic work which can suffer, it can also affect children's ability to make and keep friendships, a vital part of growing up. Being on time is also important and arriving late in school can be disruptive to both children and teachers. We recognise that some parents may be trying hard but are finding it difficult to get their children to attend school for one reason or another. We urge you to come and speak with us if this is the case and we will do our best to help. The most common reason for absence is due to illness and we ask that children are only kept away from school if they are genuinely too poorly to attend. Please ring us before 9.20 am to let us know of the reason for their absence and then confirm the reason in writing when they return to school.

We have been sent some interesting statistics from the DfE which we think put this into a clear perspective.

100% attendance 0 days missed **Excellent**

95% attendance 9 days of absence **Satisfactory**

1 week and 4 days of learning missed

90% attendance 19 days absence **Poor**

3 weeks and 4 days of learning missed

85% attendance 28 days of absence **Very Poor**

5 weeks and 3 days of learning missed

80% attendance 38 days of absence **Unacceptable**

7 weeks and 3 days of learning missed

There are 175 non- school days a year which give families an opportunity to spend time together, have days out, go on holiday and attend routine appointments.

Avoidable absence during Term Time

Requests for a leave of absence must come from a parent with whom the child normally resides. Schools are only able to authorise absence of this nature if there are proven exceptional circumstances which justify this.

Information pertaining to the Law on this matter is included on the reverse side of the request form and we urge you to read this carefully.

Many thanks for taking the time to read through this information. Please do not hesitate to ask for any help that you may need with regards ensuring that your child maintains excellent attendance at school.

Over the Hill and Farway 10k

A 10k run in aid of Farway C of E Primary School is being held on Sunday 21st June at 10am, there are also shorter courses for under 11's & under 15's. Medals will be given to all runners, trophies for 1st Male and 1st Female. For more information please call the school 01404 871239 or visit the web site www.farwayprimary.co.uk

Sports Day – Wednesday 15th July

Sports day will take place on Wednesday 15th July. If it is raining on that day it will be postponed until Friday 17th July.

All children will need PE kits; black or blue shorts and trainers or pumps. If possible could the children wear a tee-shirt in the colour of their team, if not a white tee-shirt will be fine.

Beam – Red Clapper – Blue Draw – Green Arch - Yellow

Your child should know which team they are in, however, if they are unsure please ask their class teacher or look at the team lists in the classroom.

During the event we would also appreciate some adult help with some of the events. If you or another family member are able to help please let Miss Prince know as soon as possible. Thank you again for your continued support.

Honiton Market Charter Day – Saturday 25th July

Honiton & District Lions will be holding a Family Dog Show on Honiton Market Charter Day, Saturday 25th July at 1.30pm on Allhallows playing field, Entry £2 - Please bring your dog, big or small, young or old, Rosettes to be won!

There will also be a **Junior Town Crier Competition** at 3pm, please dress up as town criers, prizes for best crier and best dressed.

BROADHEMBURY BRIDGES to week ending Friday 12th June

Class One:

Sophia, Jason, William and Barnaby for always completing your homework to a very high standard
Peyton for being the first to tidy up when the bell rings

Class Two:

Abbie, Charli-Anne, Hettie and Ari for leading the school in worship

Key Dates

Mrs Gray will be in school on Tuesday and Wednesday next week.

Miss Prince will be spending her Head of Teaching and Learning day (Wednesday) at Farway next week

Sunday 21st June – Over the Hill and Farway 10K run – Please ask in the office if you need any further adult or child entry forms

Tuesday 23rd June – Year 6 Junior Life Skills

Friday 3rd July – Year 5 & 6 Residential

Thursday 9th July – School play

Tuesday 14th July – Open Evening

Wednesday 15th July – Sports Afternoon (Friday 17th July if first date rained off)

Wednesday 22nd July – Last Day of Term

Collective Worship Activity

QUIZ **Word Search**

Find the words from the story of Noah.
12 creatures are also hidden in the word search. They were on the boat!

NOAH	CREATURE	FORTY
ARK	DAYS	HOPE
BOAT	DOVE	NEST
BUILD	FLOODS	PROMISE
	GOD	RAINBOW
		WORLD

P	R	O	M	I	S	E	T
A	A	C	G	K	D	U	P
R	I	B	F	R	O	G	I
R	N	J	H	G	O	D	D
L	Q	R	O	B	O	A	T
G	O	A	T	O	U	A	M
D	L	R	O	W	Z	I	H
P	M	K	C	A	M	E	L
O	L	I	O	N	E	V	O
E	R	U	T	A	E	R	C
V	X	A	Y	G	I	R	A