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Dear Parents,

This week our 'Extra Curricular' activities began again on Wednesday afternoon. The children had a choice of Forest School, Gardening, Games Club or ICT. One of the new activities on offer to the children was 'Forest School'. Lisa Colton has thoroughly enjoyed taking part in Forest School training recently. The overnight stay in her self-built shelter in the woods was a particular highlight creating wonderful memories and enthusiasm for the outdoors which we hope your children will also come to experience.

The aim of our Forest School lessons is to provide experiences for children to flourish and thrive, in whichever ways they need to, in order to grow as a person and as a citizen in our world in our Primary School.

Activities in Forest School sessions will be planned to link with learning in class however the ability to follow a child's or group's needs is part of what makes learning with a Forest School mindset such an effective way of making progress.

As you are probably aware our school does not have a forest on site so we will be making the most of the areas we do have available to us; our own play grounds, the millennium garden, the village play park and sports field. Although there are not lots of trees, we can still observe the Forest School ethos through our work and provide the children with exciting outdoor opportunities in which to develop their knowledge and skills.





We can only take a few children at a time for Forest School sessions. However, if your child is not part of the current 'Forest School' group, don't worry, everyone will get a turn! This week the children worked really well together. The rain motivated them to build some super shelters. There was a lovely calm, hard working atmosphere!

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

Class 1 What is your family's most important belief?

Class 2 What would be your chosen holiday environment e.g beach, mountains, rainforest, desert or the city and why?

Exeter City Football Club – Monday 19th January – Class Two

Exeter City Football club are coming in on Monday 19th January at 2.30pm to hold a football session with the class two children.

Residential for Year 5 and 6 Pupils – Update

Just to let you know we are in the process of finalising arrangements to make a booking for a residential trip in the summer term. Details will be sent home shortly.

Bug Club upgrades

Bug Club are going to be upgrading their service and will soon have a new web address (www.activelearnprimary.co.uk) and new functionality including the option to read Bug Club on iPads. There will also be access to Bug Club's improved *My Rewards* area where they will be able to save up 'coins', or spend them as they earn from reading their eBooks in different reward worlds. We will let you know when the upgrade is ready. When it is up and running you will be able to use Bug Club eBooks on iPad 2s, 3s or 4s and on an iPod mini with iOS 7.0 or above. Bug Club recommend using iPad's default Safari browser to access Bug Club on ActiveLearn Primary. If using Bug Club on a laptop or desktop PC they recommend using Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox web browsers. Unfortunately Bug Club will not be compatible with Android devices. Please visit www.bugclubischanging.pearson.co.uk for further information.

PE T-Shirts – Class 2

A decision has been made by The Governing Body to change the school PE kit, instead of a plain white t-shirt the PE t-shirt is now yellow with the Broadhembury logo on it.

The new t-shirts have now arrived in school and will cost £3.80 each, please see Sarah to purchase one.

For reasons of hygiene and to save the school uniform being ruined all children need to have a complete change of clothes for Games and P.E. activities, could parents please make sure their child has the appropriate kit as soon as possible, please see the PE kit list below

Embroidered yellow t-shirt with school logo (from school office)

Plain white socks

Plain black or navy shorts/jogging bottoms

Black Plimsolls or trainers

A drawstring PE bag with logo is available to purchase at the school office too.

Public Consultation - School Admission Arrangements

Devon County Council are consulting stakeholders on the proposed School Admission arrangements and Education Travel arrangements. The consultation began on 2nd January and will carry on until 28th February 2015. You are invited to consider the arrangements proposed by DCC and by individual schools. To view the proposals and make comments on them please visit:

www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements or call My Devon on 0345 155 1019 for a paper version.

BROADHEMBURY BRIDGES to week ending Friday 9th January

Class One:

Jason for being a delight to have in class

Sophia for putting effort into her homework

Class Two:

Barres for a positive start to the school

Jack for marvellous maths during decimal lessons

Key Dates

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

Monday 19th January – Exeter City Football Club – Class Two

Thursday 5th February – Childline Introduction – Years 5 & 6

Tuesday 10th February – Safer Internet Day

Thursday 12th February – Childline Workshop – Years 5 & 6

Friday 13th February – Pancake Races

Friday 13th February – Last Day of the half term

Monday 23rd February – Back To School

Wednesday 4th March – Parents' Evening