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Friday 8st March 2013







Dear Parents,

It's been a very busy week in school. On Monday we attended church for our monthly service. Class 2 read their pieces about St David superbly and the message about concentrating on 'the little things' was very thought provoking.

It was lovely to see all the children wearing hats for yesterday's World Book Day. We were all very impressed by the effort and imagination they brought to the task.



After careful consideration we would like to present book tokens to:

Jake - Where's Wally Mason — Stegosaurus

We also launched our Readathon yesterday – please help your children to take part in this worthwhile project. Further details are within the accompanying leaflet.

If you come into your child's class you may notice new displays showing the children's Learning Journeys in literacy and numeracy. Along the arrows will be displayed pieces of work that demonstrate the different steps the children are making towards the final objective. It's lovely to chat to the children about the journey – it really helps them to talk about their learning and how they are understanding each step.

God bless and have a lovely 'Mothers' Day' weekend.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School

Key Dates - Mrs Gray will be in school on Monday and Tuesday next week. **Sunday 10th March** - Mothering Sunday Church Service, St. Winifred's, 11:15am **Sunday 10th March** - Mothering Sunday Messy Church, St. Andrew's Colyton, 4:00pm **Wednesday 13th March** - Netball Tournament, Kings School, Ottery, parents arrive at 4.00pm

Friday 15th March – Red nose day, cupcakes for 50p **Saturday 16th March** – Barn Dance at the Branoc Hall, 8:00pm – 11:30pm **Sunday 17th March** – Lambing Sunday at Bicton College, 10:00am – 16:00pm

Beam House Residential for Year 5 and 6, Parents' Meeting

A meeting for parents of pupils in Year 5 and 6 will take place on Thursday 14^{th} March at 3.30pm where Mrs Crawford will be available to answer queries about the trip. If you are unable to attend at this time please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Crawford if you have any queries. All Year 5 and 6 pupils are attending the trip and the final cost of £152 (including deposit) is due to be paid by 28^{th} March. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with Mrs Gray if personal circumstances mean this due date will be difficult to achieve.

Yummy Cupcakes for Red Nose Day next Friday

This year we will support Red Nose Day with a cake sale at morning break. Class 2 will sell the cakes for 50p each so please don't forget your money. We would like the children to wear school uniform on Friday but some Wacky Hair would be great and of course lots of red noses!

Messy Church

This month's Messy Church is dedicated to Mothering Sunday. Please see the leaflets in book bags for more details.

Lambing Sunday at Bicton College

Lambing Sunday will take place at Bicton College on 17th March from 10am - 4pm. There will be many activities such as tractor and trailer rides, meeting the new lambs, piglets and calves, dog show and dog agility, ropes courses etc

Netball Tournament

Our Netball Team are playing again next Wednesday! Players will have an S0E3 form in their book bags for parents to complete and return on Monday. The netball club leaders have organised transport for players to get to Kings School, Ottery St Mary where parents should arrive at 4.00pm. If our team gets through to the finals then parents can watch these games which will finish at 5.15 ready for presentations, otherwise, children may leave at 4.00pm. We look forward to hearing how the games go.

No Netball Club

There will be no netball club next Wednesday due to the netball leaders attending the tournament.

PTFA Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who helped and supported the cake sale. £22.50 was raised and will go towards funding activities for the children.

Donations of Bikes and Scooters

Do you have any bikes or scooters that your children have outgrown and that you are able to donate? Our Pre School would appreciate any that are suitable for ages $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 year olds.

Breakfast Club

Just a reminder that breakfast club starts at 8:00am Monday to Friday. An individual session is £2.50 and 10 sessions are £23.50.

Barn Dance featuring the Dartmoor Pixie Band

Everyone is welcome to join in the fun on Saturday 16th March from 8:00pm to 11:30pm at the Branoc Hall. There will be a Bar and Raffle. Tickets are £9 for adults and £4.50 for children; this includes a ploughman's supper. Tickets can be purchased from Branscombe Post Office or by telephoning 01884 33571.

Collective Worship Value – Perseverance



Prince George

Prince George had always been shy and had developed a stammer, which meant he could not speak for very long without struggling to say the words he wanted to say.

His elder brother, Edward, was very different. He was confident, loved to be the centre of attention and was destined to become King of England.

But soon after the coronation, King Edward announced that he was going to abdicate – to give up being king. His younger brother would now become king in his place. George was horrified! He felt sick with fright. Now he would be expected to deliver speeches and give radio broadcasts to millions! How would he be able to do this with his dreadful stammer? But George knew that it was his duty to serve his country.



He knew that he must overcome his fears and do his very best. He employed an Australian speech therapist to help him and with perseverance and great courage George was able to face the challenges ahead. When war was declared in 1939 King George gave a famous speech. He comforted and encouraged his people and won everyone's respect because they knew how brave he was being.





Mosaics are one of the oldest ways to make art. People have been arranging tiny coloured pieces of glass or pottery for thousands of years to create beautiful designs. But the process is time consuming and needs lots of perseverance. This term's Home-School Challenge is to make a mosaic picture (no bigger than A3 – 29x4,2cm) using small pieces of coloured paper. The subject of your mosaic is up to you. It could be a pattern or a picture.

All the pictures submitted will be displayed in our school Challenge Gallery.