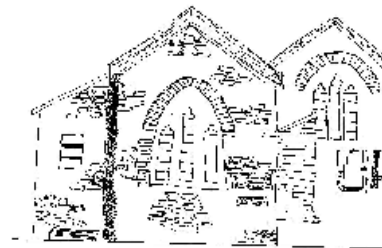




The Branscombe Waves



**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY
SCHOOL
WITH LITTLE EXPLORERS' PRE-SCHOOL
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Dear Parents,

Well, as we come to an end of this academic year it is with great pride that I can look back at the many successful achievements of our Branscombe children. The numerous values that have been on display throughout the year have particularly come to the fore as we end the summer term – resilience when tackling a particularly tricky problem whether it is in class or a problem between friends; courage in coping with changes; love and honesty towards all members of the school community; appreciation and happiness for each other and all the opportunities they are given within the school – which all strengthen their character and their ability to make the most of every aspect of school life. So, a huge thank you to all the Branscombe pupils for their continued hard work and positive 'can do' attitudes.

I would also like to thank all the parents and carers for their ongoing support this year. A great deal of what we do in school cannot be achieved without you and your co-operation and backing. So, many thanks and we look forward to working closely with you again from September.

I would like to wish all the children the very best on their journey into their new school year groups after the summer holidays, as well as those pupils who are leaving us to go to Secondary School. I know they will continue to go on and achieve great things in the new term ahead.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to all the staff across The Jubilee Federation for all that they do for the children in the three schools – they really are a super, dedicated team. At Branscombe this year we had our Ofsted and SIAMS inspections. These were both very successful and testament to all the hard work that the staff put in. We will have a new member of the team in September. Miss Watts, who has been covering the Class 1 teacher's planning time, will be taking up a full time teaching position at Broadhembury after the holidays and so Mrs Finn will now be working with Branscombe pupils on a Wednesday. She visited the school this week and met the children.

In Drama club this week, Rachel and the children practised movement and sound effects, produced by musical instruments, to interpret different situations, such as animals in a rainforest or waiting for SAT results! This involved using various learning behaviours, including imagination, planning and collaboration as well as requiring confidence to perform.



On Wednesday afternoon, the three girls who have been learning piano and violin this term, showed admirable courage and confidence in performing in front of the school and their parents. It was wonderful to witness how their skills have advanced and also their enjoyment in playing these instruments. Their teacher would be happy to welcome new students next term, if any of the other children have been inspired to learn an instrument.

A big thank you to all those who have supported with the production of our end-of-year play this week, in providing costumes, supporting children in learning lines, providing refreshments at the performance - and being an appreciative audience! The children have been enthusiastic about preparing and performing this play, which has been a celebration of Class 2's topic work this term, as well as a valuable opportunity for the children to develop their abilities in memorising lines, singing and performing in front of an audience.

Finally, as we look towards the summer holidays and a new academic year approaching, we turn to the brilliantly inspirational author of 'You Are Awesome!' and remember these crucial words of wisdom; *'Take a risk, dare to fail and give it your all. Just aim to be the very best that you can be at all times. You'll get there, because... you are awesome!'*

Have a wonderful and relaxing summer holiday filled with rest and laughter and we look forward to seeing you all again on Wednesday 5th September!

Thank you for all your continued support.

God bless and have a lovely weekend and summer holiday.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe CE School

Question of the Week

Class 1: What are your hopes for the next school year and how will you go about achieving them?

Class 2: Why is performing in front of an audience a useful skill? On what different occasions have you needed to have courage to present or perform - and when might you need these skills again in the future?

Key Dates

24th July- Leavers Service 9.15 am at Branscombe church & Last Day of Term.

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

Leavers Service

Our school Leaver's service will take place on our last day, Tuesday 24th July at 9.15am in Branscombe Church. Everyone is welcome to join us to celebrate this year's achievements, and to help us wish our leavers good luck at their future schools. Thank you.

Federation Sports Day and Race for Life

On Monday 23rd July, the whole federation will be having a sports day in Branscombe at the playing field. The children will travel to Branscombe by coach, leaving Farway at 9.30 am. They will be returning by coach arriving back at Farway around 2.45pm. Your child will need to wear **full P.E kit** and bring a **packed lunch and a named water bottle**. The children will also need a sun hat and sun cream on this day. We would like to invite parents to join us. **If you have not returned a completed SOE'3 permission form to the school office, it is essential that you bring it to school first thing Monday morning.** We will aim to collect all sponsorship money during the first week back at school in September. Thank you.

Ticks

As Branscombe is known to have a tick population and they are now in their most active season, please make sure that you are checking your children regularly for ticks. See the NHS website for information on how to safely remove ticks. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/insect-bites-and-stings/treatment/>

Menu Change

On the last day of term, 24th July we will be serving fish and chips, with vegetarian sausage for vegetarians. Jacket potatoes and pack lunches will still be available. There will be Strawberry smoothie for pudding. Thank you.

Collective Worship Activity

This term we have been focussing in school on the value of Hope. 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.

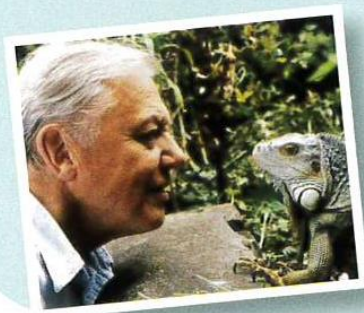


HALL OF FAME

Sir David Attenborough

Sir David Attenborough is best known as a natural history film maker. He has made expeditions all over the world to watch and film wildlife in its natural habitat. His many TV documentary programmes have allowed us all to understand the wonder of nature and the importance of conserving the natural environment if species are to survive.

Sir David has shown us the impact humans have too often made on the natural world and the consequent



struggle of wildlife to survive. His **hope** is that we leave future generations a planet that is healthy and inhabitable by all species.

Thelma Hulbert Gallery

Join us at Thelma Hulbert Gallery (THG) to celebrate the centenary of the WW1 armistice as part of **Honiton Charter Day**. Drop into the gallery anytime between 10am and 2pm to make a paper aeroplane to take home and also create an aeroplane animation with animation expert Anna Aroussi. All ages and abilities welcome. Free, suggested donation £2 / child.

East Devon Countryside Events

This summer there is a full range of countryside events taking place, across East Devon. For upcoming events from the Wild East Devon team- perfect for the long summer holidays- please see www.wildeastdevon.co.uk, 01395 517557, or email countryside@eastdevon.gov.uk



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- BUSH CRAFT
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2018 dates, 10am to 1pm

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| ■ Mon 30th Jul
Broadhembury,
school field | ■ Wed 8th Aug
Candy's field,
Lypstone |
| ■ Tues 31st Jul
Tipton St John,
Playing field | ■ Mon 13th Aug
Littleham, Parish hall |
| ■ Wed 1st Aug
Seaton, Elizabeth rd
playing field | ■ Tues 14th Aug
Plymtree, Parish hall |
| ■ Tues 7th Aug
Colyton, playing
field | ■ Wed 15th Aug
Upottery, Manor
Rooms |

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