

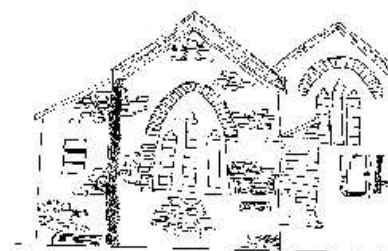


The Branscombe Waves



## BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

**NEWSLETTER 15/16 01**  
**Friday 4 September 2015**



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope you all had a super summer break and you all feel refreshed.

We welcome Roxie-Lei and Grace to the school this term. We hope they have settled in well this week and already feel part of the 'Branscombe Family'. We also welcome a new member of teaching staff to the Federation, Darren Hooper, who will be teaching at Farway and Broadhembury.

There is a lot of information on this newsletter regarding upcoming events and the wide range of clubs on offer to children this term. Please do take time to read through the key dates section as well as the more detailed information below, and to complete the relevant permission slips at the end.

Thank you for all your continued support.

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

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

### Key Dates:

**Mrs Gray** will be at Branscombe on Monday and Tuesday next week.

**Miss Prince** will be spending her Head of Teaching & Learning day (Thursday) at Farway next week.

<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	First proposed (lunchtime) running club (see details and form below)
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	First ukulele, netball and construction club (see details and form below)
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	First Textiles club (see details and form below) Evening Bat Walk (see details and form below)
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	X-plorers church club (see details and form below) Football Club (see below)
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Sports day (am) at the village hall playing field
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Branscombe Harvest Fair, 12-3, Branoc Hall and playing field
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Harvest Festival – 11.15am, St Winifred's Church
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct</b>	Last day of half term

### Question for the week

**Class 2:** What are the best and worst features about the environment in which you live?

### **Harvest Service**

There will be a harvest festival service at St Winifred's Church on Sunday 27th September at 11.15am. It would be lovely if the children could get involved in this and it would be helpful if families could notify us if they are intending to be at the service. Please complete the slip below and return to the office next week, so that we have an idea of who will be attending and can therefore give children parts to read etc. Thank you.

### **Branscombe Project**

The Branscombe Project are in the process of developing an interactive map of Branscombe which will include local people's comments about places in Branscombe. The children have been involved in this process and many of them have submitted some lovely comments about their favourite places in the village. The project organisers have come up with a number of possible ways in which the children's contributions can be displayed, but we now need parental input. Attached to this newsletter (along with the other permission forms) is a list of choices and a permission form. Please read through the choices and let us know which you would be happy to provide permission for (choose more than one if you would like to). If we do not hear from you, we will assume that you do not wish your child's comments to be included.

### **Home Learning**

During the recent staff training days we looked together at our policy relating to Home Learning. Across The Jubilee Federation, staff recognise that pupils who have spent a busy structured day at school need time to relax and unwind at the end of the afternoon. We are also mindful of the need to encourage children to pursue out-of-school activities e.g. swimming, ballet, music lessons, Cubs, Brownies etc.

We believe that home learning should be used to effectively reinforce and/or extend what is learned in school. Home learning is planned to be meaningful. We hope that children will feel a sense of personal satisfaction in a task completed well and that their efforts will be recognised and praised both at home and at school. This approach aims to support children's growing perception about their ability to complete a task outside the school environment. It also fosters the skills of independent learning.

We all recognise the importance of providing positive feedback to the children and, being generous in our praise, within the context of our expectations of each pupil's achievement. We encourage children to follow up an aspect of school work by visiting different sources of information e.g. local library, the internet, etc.

We want the children to think of this work as valuable and as a challenge. It should be undertaken to the best of their ability and following usual classroom presentation expectations.

Your children will shortly receive their Home Learning Exercise book for the year. The way we share tasks with you will be slightly different. Your class teacher will let you know about the routine relating to the day of the week that you will receive the task and the day each week that tasks need to be completed by. Each week in the Home Learning book you will find a slip that describes the task and also the areas that are going to be covered in class each week so that you see the context that the work has been set in.

We hope that you enjoy working with your child on the tasks. The full new policy will be on the school website shortly, or you can ask for a copy from the school office.

### **School Meals**

The cost of school meals has increased slightly this year. Each meal will now cost **£2.30**.

### **National Trust Bat walk - Thursday 10th Sept 7pm – 9pm (meet at Branoc Hall)**

Ranger Ruby and Helen Parr from the Devon Greater Horseshoe Bat Project are running a Branscombe bat hunt for Branscombe school children and their parents. Places are limited. This will initially be open to Branscombe school children and an accompanying parent only. This may be extended to other family members nearer the date, depending on numbers. Booking is essential, please complete the slip attached to this newsletter if you and your child would like to attend, and return to the office by Monday next week.

### **Clubs**

Clubs will be starting up again next week. Details of each club can be found below. If your child(ren) would like to take part, please complete the relevant slip below and return to the office. Only children for whom we have a completed permission slip will be able to take part in each club (even if your child has attended in the past).

If any parents feel that they have a useful skill and would be interested in helping to run a related club (either an existing one or a new one) please do let us know.

#### Running Club

Mr Ford would like to propose a new Tuesday lunchtime running club for KS2 children. The children would change into their PE kit and go out running as soon as morning lessons finish at 12pm, and then return to eat lunch. They would therefore require a packed lunch on this day. If your child is interested in taking part, please fill in the form below. We will see if there is sufficient interest before we make a decision about whether the club will run.

#### Ukulele Club

This will run on Wednesday lunchtimes (12.30-1pm) for year 3 and above.

#### Construction Club

This will be for children in Class 1 only (including reception children). It will run after school on Wednesdays until 4.15pm.

#### Netball Club

This is available to KS2 children, and will run on a Wednesday after school, finishing at 4.15pm.

#### Textiles Club

This is available to KS2 children, and will run on Thursdays after school, finishing at 4.15pm. Children must be collected from classroom 3.

#### X-plorers Church Club

This will be open to KS2 children and will run on Friday lunchtimes from 12.25-1pm, (this will give the children an opportunity to eat lunch with their friends first).

#### Football Club

Andy Widger will be running football club again on Fridays after school, starting next week. He will be sending home permission slips over the next few days. The cost will be £2 per session. For those children who took part last term and are still owed one session the cost for this half term will be £12. For all other children the cost will be £14.

#### Gardening Club

The children in gardening club did some brilliant work with Candice and Alice's help last year. We would love to keep this club running but need helpers. Are there any parents or friends of the school who could help during a Monday or Tuesday lunch time? Please get in touch with the office if you or someone you know may be available to help.

### **Baby Rabbits Available**

Naomi (Pre-School) has 6 baby rabbits who need a new home. If you would like to speak to her please see a member of office staff who will pass on her details to you.

This term's Collective Worship Value is Truthfulness. Please have a go at the activity below.



## READ TOGETHER...

### A Day That Changed Everything

It began just as any other day.

Peter the fisherman was mending his nets as he always did.

But then Peter met Jesus. On that ordinary day his life was changed for ever.

Peter was to actually see Jesus heal people who were ill, make blind people see again, and turn 5 loaves and 2 fish into a feast for 5000!

Peter became Jesus' follower and friend. "I will do anything for you" he said to Jesus. "Just say the word!"

"One day you will tell people you never knew me" said Jesus, "and then a cock will crow."

"No" shouted Peter "Never, Never, Never!"

Sure enough, life for Jesus did become difficult - difficult and dangerous.

The day came when Jesus was on trial for his very life. He needed his friend to stand by him. But Peter said "I don't know him, I never knew him, I never saw him before."

And at the end of the day a cock crowed.....just as Jesus had said it would.

Jesus was sentenced to death and crucified, even though he had done nothing wrong.

But death could not defeat God's Son! Three days later Jesus was alive again and went to find his friend, not to blame him but to forgive him.

It was a new day and Peter had another chance.

Everything was different!



## QUIZ

### Words in the Fishing Net

Pair letters from the net together to make words from the story. You could colour matching halves...

For answers, see reverse.



## Permission Slips:

---

### Branscombe Project

Please read through the following choices and let us know which you would be happy to provide permission for (choose more than one if you would like to):

Choice 1: Child's comment and first name is shown ☐

Choice 2: Child's comment, first name and photo is shown ☐

Choice 3: Child's comment and photo is shown (no name) ☐

Choice 4: Child's comment is not included ☐

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

---

### Harvest Festival - Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 11.15am

Name of child(ren): \_\_\_\_\_

**will/will not** be attending the Harvest Festival service on Sunday 21st September.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

---

### Bat walk Thursday 10th September 7pm – 9pm

My child(ren) ..... and I would like to attend the evening bat walk (meeting at Branoc Hall at 7pm).

Parent Name..... Signed ..... Date .....

---

### Running Club (years 3-6)

My child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_ would be interested in taking part in a lunchtime running club on Tuesdays and I give my permission for them to do so. I will supply my child(ren) with a **packed lunch** on this day.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



**Ukulele club (years 3-6)**

I give my permission for my child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_ to  
attend ukulele club on Wednesday lunchtimes.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

---

**Construction Club (Class 1)**

I give my permission for my child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_ to attend  
Construction Club on Wednesdays until 4.15pm. I will collect my child(ren) from Classroom  
1 at 4.15pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

---

**Netball Club (KS2 only)**

I give my permission for my child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_  
to attend Netball Club on Wednesdays until 4.15pm. I will collect my child(ren) from the  
playground at 4.15pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

---

**Textiles Club (KS2 Only)**

I give permission for my child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_ to  
attend Textiles club on Thursdays after school until 4.15pm. I will collect my  
children from classroom 3 (upstairs) at 4.15pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

---

**X-plorers Club (years 3-6)**

I give my permission for my child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_ to  
attend X-plorers club on Friday lunchtimes.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_