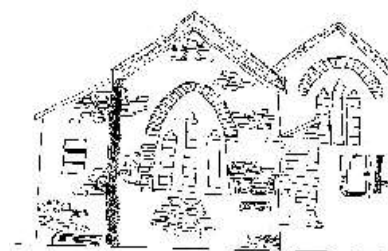




BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 29th April 2016



Dear Parents,

Thanks to all of you who came to our tea party last Friday. It was wonderful to celebrate St George's day with so many of you. We were also delighted to be joined by the Branscombe pre-school for many of the activities during the day, including the tea party. I hope you enjoyed the scones and biscuits we had made, as well as Andrea's delicious cake and the fruit punch. It was a wonderful day and a great way to mark St. George's Day, the Queen's 90th birthday the previous day and the 400th anniversary of the death of Shakespeare.



As part of their 'Under The Sea' topic, Class One took a trip to Living Coasts in Torquay this week and learnt more about how the water is a home to all sorts of fascinating creatures. In preparation for learning about their new book, they enjoyed a 'Playful Penguins' workshop, during which they found out about the clever tactics that penguins use to survive in the harsh conditions where they have chosen to make their homes. They visited the African and Macaroni penguins that were sunbathing on the top deck and played 'chase the shadow' as they heard all about their different personalities. When it was seal feeding time, the children enjoyed seeing the pups playing playground games like 'tag' and 'catch' as the younger seals played with a buoy, their parents watching from above! During the course of the day they saw otters, an octopus, plenty

of unusual fish and rays. They returned to school having learnt lots of new and interesting facts, ready to start reading as well as writing their own fact books about animals that inhabit the ocean. Miss Harvey-Jones was incredibly proud of her pupils on their first trip with her. The children earnt two 'fluffies' for fantastic behaviour on a superb day out!

Next week, Class 2 will be starting Clarinet lessons on Wednesday afternoons. They will be taught by Emma Palmer who has taught music lessons at Farway School for some time.

Thank you for all your continued support.

God bless and have a lovely weekend.



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

Questions of the Week:

Class 1: What can you tell me about May Day?

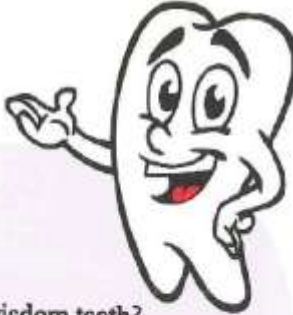
Class 2: If you had the chance to go into space, where would you go and what would you take with you?


Key Dates:

Mrs Gray will be in school on Thursday next week.

Monday 2nd May	Bank Holiday
Monday 23rd May	Class 2 trip to @Bristol
Thursday 26th May	May Day celebrations
Friday 27th May	Last day of half term
Monday 6th June	First day back after half term

Collective Worship





FASCINATING FACTS

Why are some teeth called wisdom teeth?

- Your first teeth are called milk teeth. Can your Mum tell you when you cut your first milk tooth?
- Milk teeth normally fall out while you are in primary school and are replaced by adult teeth, which have to last for the rest of your life! Can you remember when your first milk tooth came out?
- **Wisdom** teeth grow much later than adult teeth in most people and are bigger, flatter teeth. Can one of the adults in the family remember when they grew their first **wisdom** tooth?

Over the centuries and in different parts of the world '**wisdom** teeth' have been known by many names:

- In Ancient Greece they were *sophronisteres*, thoughtful teeth.
- Later in Roman times they were given the name *dentes sapientiae*, teeth of wisdom.
- The name **wisdom** teeth was adopted in Britain in Victorian times.
- In Arabic speaking countries, the teeth are called *Ders-al-a'qel*, or teeth of the mind.
- In Spain they are referred to as *muela de juicio*, or teeth of judgment, because they grow as young people leave school and become **wiser** and have more responsibility.

Bags 2 School

The next collection will be Thursday 12th May. Please bring your unwanted, clean clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, ties and soft toys in **on the day** so that we can raise funds for the school. Thank you.

School Dinners

PLEASE can all parents ordering dinners for their child remember that their order (and payment where appropriate) **MUST** be in by Friday at 9am before the week they are taking the meals. Where orders are not in by this time, we cannot guarantee your child a school meal.

Lyme Regis Fossil Festival

This is taking place this Saturday and Sunday and features a display about the Antarctic – including penguins! Class 1 might find it especially interesting because it relates to their current topic. For more information visit: <http://www.fossilfestival.co.uk>