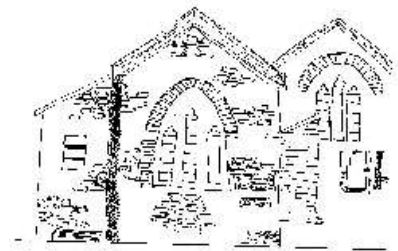




BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Achievements to Celebrate Branscombe Waves Award:

Agatha: For embracing challenge! Showing persistence, determination, organisation and creativity in problem solving activities

Mason: For keeping going when things are tough. Persevering with challenges in his work, especially working hard to revise phonics.

Kieron: Looking carefully and reading accurately

Dear Parents,

As is our custom, the children of Branscombe School led a short service of Remembrance at St. Winifred's church on Wednesday 11th November. We were joined in the church by members of the local community including parents, churchgoers and members of the



Branscombe chapter of the British Legion. After the opening hymn and the children's introductory readings, everyone went up to the war memorial outside the church where a two-minute silence was observed, and our poppy wreath was laid by the memorial. The children then planted crosses marked with the names of men from Branscombe who gave their lives in World War I and World War II. Everybody then returned to the church where children from Class 2 read poems they had written about Remembrance and the children from Class 1 led the congregation in prayer.

I was not able to attend Branscombe's memorial this time as I was at a meeting with Devon Head Teachers, but at 11 o'clock we also stopped our meeting and stood in silence to remember those who have died or been injured whilst in wars or conflicts. That afternoon I was very pleased to receive emails from the teachers to say how proud they were of our children, how well they read at the acts of remembrance and how respectfully they observed the two minutes silence. Well done to all the children, and a big thank you, the emails I received from the teachers made me very proud of you.

It is with great regret that I have to inform you of two resignations from members of Branscombe staff. Both Nicola Bullock and Glynis Newman will be leaving the school at Christmas. Glynis was at the school before I was appointed. She has always kept the library looking inviting and organised for the children to use and she has led her team of pupil librarians brilliantly. She has been a support for all teachers in her role of teaching assistant and has helped many children with their learning. I know many pupils and parents have really valued the textile club that she has run voluntarily for a number of years. Glynis is now going to enjoy more time with her husband and they plan to have an extended holiday in the southern hemisphere where they used to live!

Nicola has been my 'right hand woman' since I came back from maternity leave almost 6 years ago! She has supported Branscombe School in so many ways but has also been senior administrator across the federation. However, an office life isn't really for Nicola at heart and so she hopes to do something in the future with more of an outdoors feel! I will be in touch further to let you know our plans to say goodbye to them both!

Next week we have a National Trust session for both classes on Wednesday. All the children will need to have Wellies with them and should wear suitable clothes for working outdoors, along with a warm waterproof coat (and trousers if you have them).

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

Question for the week

Class 1: In our story 'The Great Fire of London', William carried away what he could when he had to leave his home. Which of your special things would you try to carry? Please draw and label them.

Class 2: What sort of business do you think would be successful in your local area? Why?

Key Dates:

Mrs Gray will be in school on Friday next week.

Wednesday 18th Nov	National Trust session – Wellies essential
Friday 20th Nov	Individual photos
Tuesday 24th Nov	9.30-11.30 School open morning, for prospective pupils and their families
Tuesday 1st Dec	1.30-3.00 School open afternoon, for prospective pupils and their families
Saturday 5th Dec	Branscombe village hall Christmas Fair
Monday 7th Dec	Christingle Service at St Winifred's Church, 6pm
Wednesday 9th Dec	National Trust Session
Tuesday 15th Dec	Christmas Performance (details to follow)
Wednesday 16th Dec	Children's Christmas Dinner in Branoc Hall

Honiton Chamber of Commerce Christmas Concert

The Jubilee Federation has been invited to take part in the above concert at St Paul's Church Honiton on Friday 4th December at 5.30pm for about an hour. We would love to be able to sing some carols as a federation choir and also do some readings. Please confirm on the form below whether or not your child can attend the concert which is usually followed by a Christmas Fair and the turning on of the Christmas Lights.

Golden Tickets

We have been given a golden ticket for each child to take to the Sidmouth Town Christmas Light switch on ceremony tomorrow at 5.30pm. £100 in Gliddons toy vouchers will be won on the night by a golden ticket holder. The vouchers will be in your child's book bags today.

National Trust Session

Next week we have a National Trust session on Wednesday. It is **essential** that the children wear suitable outdoor clothing with **wellies and warm waterproof coats**, as both classes will be working around the stream.

Netball Results

The Branscombe Netball team did very well at the recent inter-schools tournament at Newton Poppleford School, finishing in second place! Well done to Caleb, Finn, Felix, Izzy, Ismay, Sid and Marlon, and thank you to Claire and Amanda for their help.

Suttons Seeds

We have joined up with Sutton's seeds to offer parents a discount on items purchased from their 2016 seed catalogue. If you order seeds through the scheme, you will receive a 35% discount, and the school will also receive some money. Other items are available from the catalogue too, and are offered at a lower discount of 10%. In your child's book bag you will be receiving a copy of the catalogue and an order form. Orders can be made by completing the form and sending to Suttons, or by browsing and ordering online or by phone. In order to receive the discount, you will need to quote the unique order code (found on the top of the order form **GE4001B**) when making any order.

Messy Church

There will be a messy church session at Reece Strawbridge Youth Centre, Colyton from 4-6pm on Sunday 15th November. All ages welcome, just come along with your grown-up. Crafts, games, songs, Bible story and a cooked meal for everyone. All activities/ refreshments are free.

Coats, hats, bags

If anyone would like to order coats, woolly hats, or school bags with the school logo (or without if you would prefer), please can you express your interest to a member of the office team. We have a brochure so that you can come and view the items available and find out the prices. There are a number of different coats on offer and these have proved quite popular in the past.

Second Hand Uniform

The PTFA will no longer be taking second hand school uniform to sell. This is due to lack of storage space as well as the fact that the past few second hand sales have not proved popular. Therefore, if you have decent school items that your child has outgrown, please offer it around to other parents, but please do not bring it into school for us to store. Thank you.

Collective Worship

THINK TOGETHER ABOUT WORDS OF WISDOM

"Humility is not thinking less
of yourself, it is thinking of
yourself less."

Anon

Honiton Chamber of Commerce Christmas Concert

My child(ren) can/cannot attend the concert on

Friday 4th December at 5.30pm in St Pauls Church, Honiton.

Signed..... Date