



BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Friday 1st April 2011

Achievements to Celebrate
Branscombe Waves Award:

Samphire: for working hard during number time and making good progress.

Felix: for being kind, friendly and respectful, he shares so fairly.

Hannah: for working in a logical way with shape and space maths and with lots of effort.

Charlotte: for being a conscientious worker in all that she does.

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Children's Aims
We will try to:



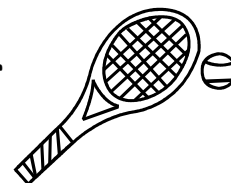
The Branscombe Waves

Dear Parents

We're coming to the end of the Spring term and there are some exciting things planned for the last week. Class 1 are going on their trip to Seaton Marshes on Tuesday and Class 2 are busy preparing for their 'Royal Wedding' which takes place the first week after our holidays. The netball team are taking part in a tournament on Monday and we hope to complete our Insect Hotel on Wednesday; weather permitting. The school council will be continuing their work with Joel Smith, Extended School Co-ordinator, producing an action plan for things they would like to work on.

Class 2 took part in a Video Conference with Holmer School in Hereford this week. It is a very different school to ours, having 350 pupils. The children chatted to get to know one another. It was especially nice for Michal because their class also had a Polish child that he could talk to. The children also talked about the different environments that their schools are situated in. Holmer School are doing a project about Coasts and so our pupils gave them some information about that. There are plans to make this a regular link and the children are going to email each other questions and possibly small groups are going to link up casually at lunch time.

Mrs Crawford attended a tennis course this week run by the Lawn Tennis Association. She came back with a bag of 'goodies' to use during the summer with the children whilst teaching tennis techniques. We will be receiving a class set of tennis rackets and balls, a net and training DVDs and books.



I am really pleased with the number of children who are taking part in the 'Walking the Wizard Way Scheme' by walking up the school path. I have given out lots of certificates over the past couple of weeks and I'm looking forward to seeing which child is the first to receive the gold award.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

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

Key Dates - (Important Temporary Changes to Clubs Included)

Monday 4th April: Netball tournament at Sidmouth College - after school.

Monday 4th April: No cookery club - postponed until Wednesday 6th April.

Wednesday 6th April: Cookery Club (postponed from Monday 4th April.)

Wednesday 6th April: No netball club. Construction Club taking place as normal.

Wednesday 6th April: Insect hotel. We will be completing the construction work, please bring welly boots as well as normal footwear and waterproofs if the weather is bad.

Thursday 7th April: Easter Service at St Winifred's Church at 9.15am - all parents and friends of the school are most welcome to attend.

Friday 8th April: Last day of term before the Easter Holidays.

Saturday 9th April: 12-5pm Archaeological Road Show at Branscombe Village Hall. Tom Cadbury, Curator from the Royal Albert Memorial Museum will be available to identify your finds.

Saturday 16th April: National Trust Teddy Bears' Picnic - see below for further details.

Tuesday 26th April: Return to school after Easter holidays.

Wednesday 27th April: May Day celebrations will take place with May Pole dancing starting at 11am at the school, this will be followed by a picnic and the wedding of Prince Kevin and Miss Isobel will follow at 1.30pm.

Easter Holidays: Bikeability courses - full details were in last week's newsletter or go to <http://www.cyclexeter.org.uk/get-cycling/cycle-training/free-saturday-holiday-bikeability-courses/>

Friday 29th April: Bank Holiday & Real World perform live at the Village Hall.

Church Service

The Easter Service will take place at St Winifred's Church at 9.15am on Thursday 7th April. Children should come to school for registration and will then walk down to the Church. All parents and friends of the school are welcome to attend the service.

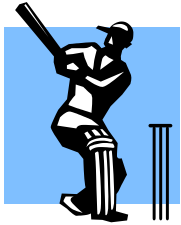
Cost of School Meal

We have been notified that as of Tuesday 26th April 2011 the price of a school meal will increase to £2.05 per child. There will be new menus and forms attached to next week's newsletter.

Royal Wedding / May Day Celebrations

Invitations for the Royal Wedding on Wednesday 27th April will be sent out today. In lieu of wedding gifts please could each family bring a plate of food for the Street Party that will take place after the Ceremony. There is a form on the bottom of the newsletter indicating the types of foods we would like - please indicate what you are planning to bring in so that we know we have a varied selection. Thank you for your help with this.

On the same day we will also be having our May Day celebrations. The May Pole dancing will begin at school at 11am and then we invite parents to bring a picnic lunch (weather permitting) or enjoy a school roast dinner and stay for the 'Wedding' and street party in the afternoon. Any parents, who would like to order a school meal, please complete the form below. Children's meals can be ordered in the normal way.



Cricket Club

We have been approached by a local cricket coach who would like to run an early morning cricket club on either Wednesday or Friday mornings at the village tennis courts. The club would start at 8am and a member of staff would bring the children to school at 8.45am to get changed for the school day. The club would be a private arrangement between parents and the coach (in a similar way to football club). Each session would be £3 to be paid for a half term in advance. Please complete the form below if your child would be interested in attending the club next term.

Change in office arrangements after the Easter holidays

A reminder that after the Easter holidays Nicola will not be in the office until 9am on Monday mornings. This means that any dinner money, other payments or notes will need to be left in your plastic wallets. Please check now and if you need plastic wallets or money slips let Nicola know. We will ensure that dinner menus and ordering slips are available in the document holder and a cardboard box will be left on the cupboard in the entrance hall for you to leave your plastic wallets in. This system should work well if plastic wallets are used and dinner menus checked carefully and should mean that Pauline is not disturbed whilst managing the Breakfast Club. The box will be in the foyer next week so that you can see where it will be and how it will work.

Teddy Bears' Picnic

On Saturday 16th April the National Trust are organising a Teddy Bears' Picnic to include an environmental art event and a sensory walk (of about $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile - please bring suitable footwear). The event will cost £4 per child, adults are free. All children must be accompanied by an adult. The event will be held at the Old Bakery Orchard and run from 11am until 2.30pm and will move to the Village Hall if the weather is bad. Please bring your own teddy bears, rugs and picnics. Booking is essential, please call Sue Beegan on 01752 346 585.

Easter Eggs

There are Easter Eggs for sale in the office at a cost of £4. They are available on a first come first served basis.

Live Music with Real World

On Friday 29th April "Real World" will be performing at the Village Hall. The doors open at 8pm, the bar will be open and funds raised will go to the PTFA. Tickets are now on sale from the Masons Arms, the Fountain Head, Branscombe Post Office, Caroline and Lynley at a cost of only £10.

2011 Dor Evans Writing Award

We have received information about a Writing Award for 7 to 10 year olds with prizes of £25, £10 and £5 book tokens. The theme of the story should be 'Boating' or 'Messing about on the River'. Entries of not more than 3000 words should be submitted to the Colyton Library by May 15th. Colyton Library can be contacted on 01297 552877.

Origami Spring Flowers at Exeter Pheonix

Exeter Pheonix are running an Origami Spring Flowers Workshop on Tuesday 12th April from 10.30am - 1.30pm, for children aged 8-12. The cost is £9 per child.

www.exeterpheonix.org.uk/education 01392 667080

Sidmouth Cricket Club - Colts Registration Night

The Sidmouth Cricket Club Colts Registration Night takes place on Friday 15th April at 6pm. For further information please see the poster on the notice board or contact Charlie Dibble on 01392 462551.

Cricket Club

My child, _____ would be interested in attending an early morning cricket club next half term. They would be able to attend on a Wednesday and Friday (delete as appropriate). I would prefer a Wednesday / Friday (again, please delete as appropriate).

May Day / Royal Wedding

I / We _____ would like to order an adult school meal on Wednesday 27th April at a cost of £4.09 per meal. Please indicate your choice or main course below and whether you would like a dessert.

Meal Choice	
Westcountry Roast Gammon & Pineapple	
Vegetarian Roast	
Bite Sized Salmon Nuggets in natural crumb	
Jelly & ice cream	

I enclose £_____ for the cost of the meal(s)

I, _____ will be able to provide the following for the Royal Wedding street party.

Item	Please tick	Item	Please tick
Cold pizza		Biscuits	
Sausage		Popcorn	
Sausage rolls		Cup cakes	
Crisps		Chocolate brownies	
Sandwiches		Scones	
Wraps		Fruit	
Cheese & Pineapple			
Cheese sticks			
Bread			
Popcorn chicken			