



BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 14 / 15 17 Friday 23rd January 2015



Achievements to Celebrate Branscombe Waves Award:

Tom: Always remembering to say "please" and "thank you"

Rachel: Working hard on her writing

Lola: Making a bit effort to concentrate and work more quickly when writing

Hayley: A respectful attitude to adults and children, and for persevering in her work

Dear Parents,

Branscombe pupils have had an excellent week this week. They have all been working hard and seem to be enjoying the new topics very much. Of particular note was the success of six of our Class 2 children on Monday this week when they took part in a netball tournament at Sidmouth College. They did extremely well, winning every match! Well done to Hayley, Caleb, Finn, Daisy, Daisy and Felix, we are all very proud of you. Well done as well to Claire and Amanda for coaching them so well!

As you will know each week we send home a 'question of the week' in the children's homework or reading record books, as well as in the newsletter. The idea of this is to stimulate discussion at home around an 'open' question which may not have one correct answer. I would like to encourage you all to discuss the question each week as a family so that the children are able to hear a variety of opinions which may differ from their own. We would really value your contributions – whether that be written, drawings, photos, artefacts or discussion points.

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

Questions for the week

Class 1: Which room in your home do you think has changed the most? Talk to your family about any changes that were made before you were born.

Class 2: What would life be like if we had no electricity?

Key Dates:	
Mrs Gray will be in school on Tuesday and Wednesday next week.	
Wednesday 28 th January	Exeter City Football Club session, KS2 (see details below)
Friday 30 th and Saturday 31 st January	Branscombe Players Pantomime, Branoc Hall, 7.30pm
Monday 2 nd February	ChildLine Schools Service afternoon assembly (Y5 & 6) (see accompanying letter)
Monday 9 th February	ChildLine safeguarding workshop (Y5 & 6)
Wednesday 11 th February	National Trust session
Thursday 12 th February	KS2 PE performance
Friday 13 th February	Pancake races
	End of Term

Exeter City Football

Next Wednesday afternoon Exeter City Football club will be running a football session with KS2. The session will take place outside on the field unless the conditions do not allow, so all children need to have appropriate PE kit and footwear with them. If your child has football boots do bring these in, but trainers will be adequate if not. Please note that **all children will need to have a pair of trainers** (even if they are bringing football boots) in case the session has to take place inside. If your child owns shin-pads please could they also bring these in. If you do not have any shin pads or if you have extra shin pads that you would not mind lending out, please let us know.

Dinner Orders

Please could all parents make sure that dinner orders are placed in the box outside the office by **Monday morning at 9am** each week. If for some reason you need to make an order later in the week, please make sure that you or your child hands the order **directly to a member of office staff by 9am on the day of the first meal**, so that we are able to ensure the order can be made on time. A copy of the dinner order form and the current menu are attached.

KS 2 PE performance

On Thursday 12th February Class 2 will be showing Class 1 what they have learned in PE this half term. This will take place at the Village Hall for around 30 minutes from 11am, and we would like to extend the invitation to parents. Please do come along to watch if you can.

Sainsburys Active Kids

Sainsburys are running their Active Kids promotion again starting on 28th January. The promotion will run until 5th May, and we would appreciate your support to help us collect vouchers which we can use to buy resources for the school. Any vouchers you may collect during this period can be posted in the collection box in our entrance hall.

Arsenal Soccer School half term sessions

Arsenal Soccer Schools courses are aimed at 4-14 year olds of all abilities who wish to receive a unique, fun and safe coaching experience of Arsenal Football Club in a suitable environment based on their age, ability and experience. Children aged 4-6 years old will take part in a shorter 'Mini Gunners' course, while 7-12 year olds will complete the full 10.00 – 3.00pm Soccer School. Full days cost £15 (7-12 yrs), half days cost £4.00 (4-6 yrs). For more information visit

<u>www.playthearsenalway.com/february</u> and get a 10% discount by using the code: PTAWDEVON