

Branscombe C of E Primary School
Children's Aims
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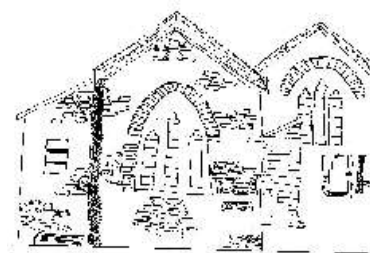
The Branscombe Waves



BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Achievements to Celebrate Branscombe Waves Award:

Izzy: Attentive, motivated learning behaviour and working well with a partner, especially in maths.

Tabitha: Attentive, motivated learning behaviour and working well with a partner, especially in maths.

Kieron: Being kind and caring

Dear Parents,

The Branscombe Wassail was a great success this week. Despite the cold, the children did their best to encourage a good apple harvest and scare away evil spirits by making a hullabaloo with their pots and pans in the orchard and singing the Branscombe Wassail song. Finn and Agatha were crowned the Wassail King and Queen and Agatha was lifted into an apple tree where she placed toast dipped in wassail as a gift to the tree spirits. Everyone then drank warm wassail and ate apple pie around the fire. The children also carried out a number of other activities whilst they were in the orchard including tree planting and making mud tree spirits which were placed in the trees. It was a good experience for all the children, especially those who had not taken part in a wassail before, and as you will see from the pictures the morning was enjoyed by everyone.





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: Do you know what your parents used to do when they went home from school each day? Can you find out what they used to play and if they went to after school clubs?

Class 2: Which sort of place would you most like to visit? (Eg. beach, mountains rainforest, desert, city).

Key Dates:

Mrs Gray will be in school on Monday and Tuesday next week.

Friday 30th and Saturday 31st January

Branscombe Players Pantomime, Branoc Hall, 7.30pm

Wednesday 11th February

National Trust session

Friday 13th February

Pancake races

End of Term

Bug Club upgrades

Bug Club are going to be upgrading their service and will soon have a new web address (www.activelearnprimary.co.uk) and new functionality including the option to read Bug Club on iPads. There will also be access to Bug Club's improved *My Rewards* area where they will be able to save up coins, or spend them as they earn from reading their eBooks in different reward worlds. We will let you know when the upgrade is ready. When it is up and running you will be able to use Bug Club eBooks on iPad 2s, 3s or 4s and on an iPod mini with iOS 7.0 or above. Bug Club recommend using iPad's default Safari browser to access Bug Club on ActiveLearn

Primary. If using Bug Club on a laptop or desktop PC they recommend using Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox web browsers. Unfortunately Bug Club will not be compatible with Android devices. Please visit www.bugclubischanging.pearson.co.uk for further information.

Public Consultation - School Admission Arrangements

Devon county Council are consulting stakeholders on the proposed School Admission arrangements and Education Travel arrangements. The consultation began on 2nd January and will carry on until 28th February 2015. You are invited to consider the arrangements proposed by DCC and by individual schools. To view the proposals and make comments on them please visit:

www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements or call My Devon on 0345 155 1019 for a paper version.

Exeter Children's Orchestra

ECO are holding an open day on Saturday 24th 2015 from 10 until 12pm, at Isca College, off Topsham Road, Exeter. Bring your instrument if you'd like to join in. Children are invited to come along to find out what ECO can offer them as young musicians, join in with rehearsals, or just watch if they prefer. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available for parents who want to stay. ECO are a registered charity dedicated to giving children between the ages of 7 and 18 years the opportunity to play and perform. There are no auditions, all they ask is that children can read music and are already learning to play a standard orchestral instrument. For more information see www.exeterchildrensorchestra.co.uk or email exeterchildrensorchestra@gmail.com