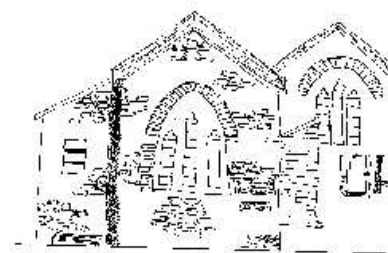




BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 10th September 2015



Dear Parents,

The children seem to be settling in well to the new term, and enjoying their new topics. We welcome Ryan and Hayden to the school this week. We hope they have settled in well and are enjoying being part of Branscombe school and village life.

All of our clubs have restarted this week, and it is super how many children have joined them. The wide variety of clubs offered are such an asset to the school and I would like to thank all of the staff and volunteers who run these clubs for their time and effort.

I had a super evening last night with those children and parents who attended the Bat Walk. The evening started with Catharine Willerton showing us some of the injured bats that she is looking after and then we walked towards the beach to detect some bats in the wild. We were lucky enough to see several bats flying at dusk. Thank you to Helen Parr (Devon Wildlife Trust and the Greater Horseshoe Bat Project) and Lucy (National Trust) who led the walk and we look forward to carrying out further 'bat activities' later in the year.



Next week we have our sports day and I do hope many of you will be able to join us in cheering the children on from 10.30am in the village hall field on Thursday.

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: We have started thinking about celebrations and special times in our RE. What special events or festivals are you looking forward to during September, October, November and December? Can you list them?

Class 2: What do you know about the history of your house/ home?

Key Dates:

Mrs Gray will be at Branscombe on Tuesday and Wednesday next week.
Miss Prince will be spending her Head of Teaching & Learning day (Thursday) at Branscombe next week.

Wednesday 16th Sept	National Trust Session
Thursday 17th Sept	Sports day (weather permitting) 10.30-11.30 at the village hall playing field
Friday 18th Sept	Football club re-starts (3.15-4.15pm)
Saturday 19th Sept	Branscombe Harvest Fair, 12-3, Branoc Hall and playing field
Thursday 24th Sept	Back up date for Sports Day (if weather is bad on the 17 th)
Sunday 27th Sept	Harvest Festival – 11.15am, St Winifred's Church
Friday 23rd Oct	Last day of half term

Branscombe Harvest Fair

As you all know, the Harvest Fair will take place on Saturday 19th September at Branoc Hall and the playing field from 12pm-3pm. There will be a dog show, a tug of war, arena events, crafts, competitions and refreshments. It promises to be great fun, so please do come along and invite all your friends! The competition schedule is attached with details of how to submit an entry.

National Trust Session

On Wednesday 16th the National Trust are coming in to do their first session of the year with the children. The children can wear suitable non-uniform (e.g. old clothes) and must bring a waterproof jacket and suitable footwear (e.g. wellies). They must also have a normal pair of shoes to wear whilst in school.

Early Morning Routine

From Monday we will be opening the doors to school for the children to come in to class slightly earlier, at 8.45am. Children will be able to come into both classrooms to begin their 'early work'. We feel that this will provide a calmer, more focused start to the morning. The official registration time will remain at 9am. Children in Class 2 will be able to use this time to focus on their marking from the previous day, from 8.45am, and start their responses to it. This is an integral part of our new Marking and Feedback policy and is always the first activity of each day in Class 2. Staff will be in the playground from 8.40am to be responsible for any children who are playing at that time and will then open the doors at 8.45am for children to go to their teachers.

Sidmouth College Open Day

Sidmouth College are holding their annual open events for prospective pupils (Y5 and Y6) on Wednesday 30th September. The daytime session will run from 9.30am -12.30pm with college tours beginning at 9.30 and 10.30. The evening session will run from 5pm-7.30pm with college tours beginning at 5pm and 6pm. Please inform Miss Moss or the Office if you are planning on attending one of the daytime tours with your child.

Sidmouth Rugby Club

Sidmouth RFU will be celebrating the Rugby World Cup by screening the major matches at The Blackmore in Sidmouth. There will also be fun activities for all the family to enjoy. In addition to this, if your child is interested in joining the boys or girls team, do go along on Sunday mornings at 10am.

For further information please see www.sidmouthrfc.co.uk

Seaton Tennis Club

Seaton Tennis Club offers taster sessions for first timers every Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday in term-time, for all ages and standards from age 5-16. For further information please contact Jason Martin (Head Coach) - 07931-743168 or email jas@jasonmartinsports.com

Collective Worship Activity – Truthfulness

Can you find the 'true' statements below?



FAMILY FOCUS

The human body is probably the most complex machine on earth. But do you know what your body is made of, how it moves and how all the parts work together?

See if you can answer these questions correctly.

- a. Your brain is made up of - 20%, 50% or 80% water?
- b. Taking a step forward uses - 30, 100 or 200 muscles?
- c. A single blood cell takes $\frac{1}{2}$, 1 or 4 minutes to make a complete circuit of the body?
- d. An adult has 158, 206 or 278 bones in their body?
- e. A finger nail takes 3, 4 or 6 months to grow from base to tip?