



BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Friday 28st March 2014

**Achievements to Celebrate
Branscombe Waves Award:**

Jamie: Making sure he always completes his homework tasks

Taliesin: Playing so well, especially with Matthew

Sid: Being honest

Branscombe C of E Primary School
Children's Aims
We will try to:



The Branscombe Waves

Dear Parents,

Yesterday the whole school had a splendid day with The Jurassic Coast team learning about dinosaurs and marine reptiles. The children became CSI investigators and detectives as they studied a dinosaur crime scene – a 'dinosaur murder' had been committed! The children took part in some art activities – making Jurassic sea creatures from clay and painted plaster fossils.

The pupils also braved the weather and visited Branscombe beach to learn how the waves and pebbles were responsible for cliff erosion.

I would like to thank all of the Jurassic Coast team for their enthusiasm and for all the efforts they put in to making the day such a success.

We've got just one week left of the Spring Term but there are still lots of exciting things planned. As well as concluding our topics next week the pupils will also be taking part in their last gymnastics session at Branscombe. Do come and watch their performances if you can – times mentioned below. Class 2 next week will have a short focus on World War 1. We will be thinking about the anniversary of the First World War at several points throughout the year but next week the pupils will be focusing on creating a display for the Branscombe Project's Easter Exhibition.

Thank you for 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: Can you name an animal for each letter of the alphabet?

Class 2: What can you find out about World War 1?

Key Dates:

Mrs Gray will be in school on Wednesday, Thursday and part of Friday next week.

Sunday 30th March Mothering Sunday all-age festival service, 11.15am at St Winifred's Church.

Monday 31st March Easter service, 9am at school.
Easter decorations to be brought in.

Thursday 3rd April Gymnastics performance (morning) Key stage 2: 9.30 - 10.00 (approx); Key stage 1: 11-12 (approx).

Friday 4th April Last day of term.
Percussion assembly, 9.15 in Class 1, parents welcome.
(Please note this will replace our usual Sharing Assembly in the afternoon).

Tuesday 22nd April Children return to school.

Thursday 1st May African garden building day (details below).

A request

- Please could we request that parents wait outside until the end of the school day.
- The door will be opened at 3.15pm for the children to come out (and reception parents to come in). Our entrance hall is often used for teaching individuals or small groups of children so it is important that this is kept clear until the end of the school day.

Easter competition

Please make sure your Easter themed decorations are brought in to school this coming Monday, 31st March.

PE Kit

Please could parents note that Class 2 children must have a full PE kit in school every day. PE kits should include a full change of clothes including socks and plimsolls or trainers. A drawstring bag with logo is available to purchase through the School. The PE kit should consist of:

- Plain quarter sleeve white t-shirt
- White socks
- Plain navy blue shorts or jogging bottoms
- Plain navy track suit top (during colder weather)
- Black Plimsolls or trainers

Coats

Please could parents make sure that children bring a coat to school **every day**. The children will go outside for playtimes in all but the worst conditions, and the weather can be very changeable.

Clubs after Easter

Please could all parents note that signed permission slips **must** be returned to us before their child can attend any club. If you are not sure that your child is on the list for a particular club please come and ask in the office.

Construction, Netball and Textiles club will **not** run the first week back after Easter.

After Easter gardening club will take place on a Tuesday after school, 3.15-4.15pm. It will begin on 29th April. If your child would like to attend please complete the permission slip below. Places are open to all ages, but will be limited in number and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

African Garden Building Day

As you will know from last week's newsletter *Send a Cow* will be helping us make an African Keyhole garden on May 1st. We have received further details about the things we need to collect in order to make this happen. If you are able to provide anything from the list please complete the slip below and return to the office.

- A quantity of stones, bricks or wood for the walls
- 12-15 1.5m canes / sticks
- 10m garden twine
- Willow / hazel bendy twigs or chicken wire to weave the central basket
- About 1 cubic metre of mixed soil and compost
- Some straw or cardboard for lining the basket
- (Optional) some rocks / small rubble / old tins for drainage
- Spare spades, forks or trowels to borrow just for the day

Gardening Club

I give my child(ren)

permission to attend Gardening club on **Tuesday** afternoons between 3.15 and 4.15pm starting on Tuesday 29th April.

Signed

African Garden

I (name) _____ would be able to provide the following materials to help make the African Garden:

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- ☐ 10m garden twine
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