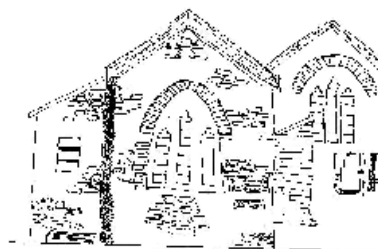




The Branscombe Waves



**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY
SCHOOL**
WITH LITTLE EXPLORERS' PRE-SCHOOL
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Zoe: Joining in well in phonics.

Isla: Trying hard to improve her handwriting.

Jay: Being friendly, kind and helpful to others.

Yasmine: Excellent effort, concentration and progress in counting in steps of 2, 5 or 10.

Dear Parents,

In their Literacy lessons, Class 1 have continued to look at diary writing. They have been learning about chronological order and have started to put the key events of the Great Fire of London into chronological order. In Maths the children have continued to learn about place-value. They have been counting and writing numbers up to 20 and counting objects up to 100, in tens and ones. They have enjoyed using the new Power Maths resources.

The children spent Monday afternoon discussing peace, justice and reconciliation with their Prayer Buddies and what we do to encourage peace, justice and reconciliation within our school community. They then moved on to create some art work and drama to represent their ideas. This will be shared as part of The Cross of Nails service on Monday 24th September.

On Tuesday afternoon Christmas started very early in Class 1! The children started to design and make a Christmas card that will be sent away to be printed in time for Christmas.

This week has been an exciting one in Class 2. On Tuesday, the children enjoyed their visit to the heritage centre at Upottery Airfield. They learned about how the base was built during WW II and how the US paratroopers travelled in planes and gliders from Upottery across to Normandy on 6th June 1944 as part of 'Operation Overlord', which became known as 'D-day'. While visiting the heritage centre, the children were able to watch footage of the planes and gliders taking off as well as a video about Operation Overlord. They examined information on maps that showed the different British, American and Canadian divisions that were part of the operation and learned more about the events of D-day and how they came about. They explored a room set up as an officer's bedroom and office and wrote postcards to loved ones, in role as a paratrooper about to set off to join the efforts to liberate France. The children were able to dress up in uniforms and examine the sorts of equipment the paratroopers would have had in their kit bags - including some very heavy parachutes! In a part of the museum room set up like a 1940s living room, the children learned more about the impact of the war on civilians: the children that were evacuated to the countryside in World War 2 and the effects of rationing.

Following this exciting morning of activities, the children went on to Broadhembury School for lunch. After lunch, in the field next to the school, the children imagined what it might have been like for the paratroopers to land in an unfamiliar place and have to find their way around. They practised the skill of using a compass by completing an orienteering challenge in teams.

This involved locating a code number at each of the 8 points of the compass and using a code-breaking kit to convert numbers into letters to crack the code word. All in all, it was a very enjoyable day out, as well as a highly educational one.



Back in school, the children have been writing thank you letters to the volunteers who supported their visit to the museum and they have begun to prepare for next week's task of writing a series of diary entries in role as a paratrooper before, during and after the events of D-day.

On Wednesday morning, several of the Year 5 children were also given the opportunity to attend an event at Sidmouth College as part of the Budleigh Literary festival. Maz Evans, the lively and energetic creator of Story Stew and creative writing workshops, shared her skills to help children create stories with simple, effective and fun story writing tips. She also reminded the children of the need to be prepared to redraft and persevere when things are challenging in order to create something really worthwhile. From all accounts, her audience were both entertained and inspired.

Thank you to all those parents and members of the community who organised or supported the super Harvest Fair last week. It was, as always, a very enjoyable afternoon. Thank you also for those families who joined the church congregation for the Harvest Festival – the children performed their song brilliantly.

Thank you for all your continued support.

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

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

Question of the Week

Class1: What does peace mean to you?

Class 2: If you had to choose just one book that is particularly special to you, what would it be and why?

Key Dates

Our Key dates for the upcoming year are included on the following page. Please be aware that these dates are provisional and are subject to change if there are unforeseen circumstances. Timings will be confirmed nearer the time. We will of course keep you informed of any upcoming changes.

Autumn Term 2017

25th September- Key Stage 2 trip to Seaton Tramway
27th September– Child Assault Prevention Parent meetings at Broadhembury (6.30-8pm) and Branscombe (1.30-3.30pm) schools
8th- 10th October- Key Stage 1 & 2 Child Assault Prevention training
19th October – Last Day of Half Term
29th October – Non pupil Day
30th October- First Day Back for Children
1st November- Tempest School Photos (pm)
9th November- Act of Remembrance
14th November - Parents' Evening
3rd December- Christingle Service in church (evening)
18th December- Christmas Dinner
19th December – Christmas Play
21st December- End of Term & Carol singing in Class 1 (2.30pm)

Spring Term 2018

7th January - Non-Pupil Day
8th January - Term Begins
17th January –Wassail Celebrations
18th – 21st February – Half Term
20th March- Parents evening
4th April- Easter Service 9.15am
5th April- Last Day of Term

Summer Term 2018

23rd April - Term Begins & St Georges Day celebrations
6th May - Bank Holiday
22nd May – May Day afternoon
24th May - Non Pupil Day
28th May – 1st June - Half Term
3rd June - Children return to school
16th July- Summer play
11th July- Open Evening
22nd July –Federation Sports Day
23rd July - Last Day of Term and Leavers' Service (am)

International Cross of Nails School

We are very excited to share with you the news that we have been accepted as an International Cross of Nails School – linking with Coventry Cathedral. During the Second World War Coventry Cathedral was bombed. In the ruins the following morning two charred beams were found laying in the shape of a cross. Later, this was displayed in the preserved ruins with the words 'Father Forgive' inscribed in the surviving stonework behind it. A local priest also made another cross from three of the many fifteenth century nails that littered the scene. It was quickly decided to preserve the ruins and build a modern cathedral next to them. I visited this over the summer and it is a very inspiring place. In the earliest days after the bombing the Cross of Nails, which is now displayed on the new altar, became a symbol of peace and hope. The Cross of Nails Community includes schools, communities, parishes and other organisations who have shown a commitment to the values of peace, hope and reconciliation. We shared some of the work we have been

doing in worship and throughout our school and federation with the cathedral team and we will be presented with our own Cross of Nails in a very special service in a couple of weeks.

The service will take place on Monday 24th September at 1.30pm. It would be lovely if lots of parents and members of the community could join us for the service. We would like to have refreshments back in school afterwards so we would be very grateful for contributions of cakes and biscuits on the morning. The children will be able to tell you more about The Cross of Nails Community, and there is a lovely display in the entrance hall – please have a look.

Topic Webs

This term topic webs are now available to view on our website. Please click on the links at the bottom of the page. There are also copies in school on our classroom doors, if you would like to see them. http://www.branscombe.devon.sch.uk/website/curriculum_and_class_topics/241878 .

Drinks Bottles

Please could all children have a water bottle in school every day? Can we request that these are filled only with water and not squash or juice. Thank you.

Coats

All children should have a coat in school with them every day, as the weather is now becoming increasingly changeable. We appreciate your help with this.

Parent SIMS

Last term we sent home invitations to register for our new parent SIMS app. This app will help us comply with the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and introduces an easier and more convenient way to update parent and student contact details. Thank you to all of you who have signed up. If you have signed up, please follow the links that have been sent to you to complete the registration process. If you have any changes to contact details, medical information or dietary requirements, please don't forget to update them on the app. **Due to GDPR we would prefer not to send home paper data collections sheets any more, so if you need to update personal information, and you do not have the app, please come and speak to someone in the school office.** Thank you.

Race for Life

Well done to everyone for taking part in our school 'Race for Life' at the end of last term, you all did brilliantly! **So far we have only received a small number of sponsorship forms from across the federation. Please can we try to get as much of this sponsorship money returned as soon as possible? This is for a brilliant cause.** Thank you.

Child Assault Prevention Training

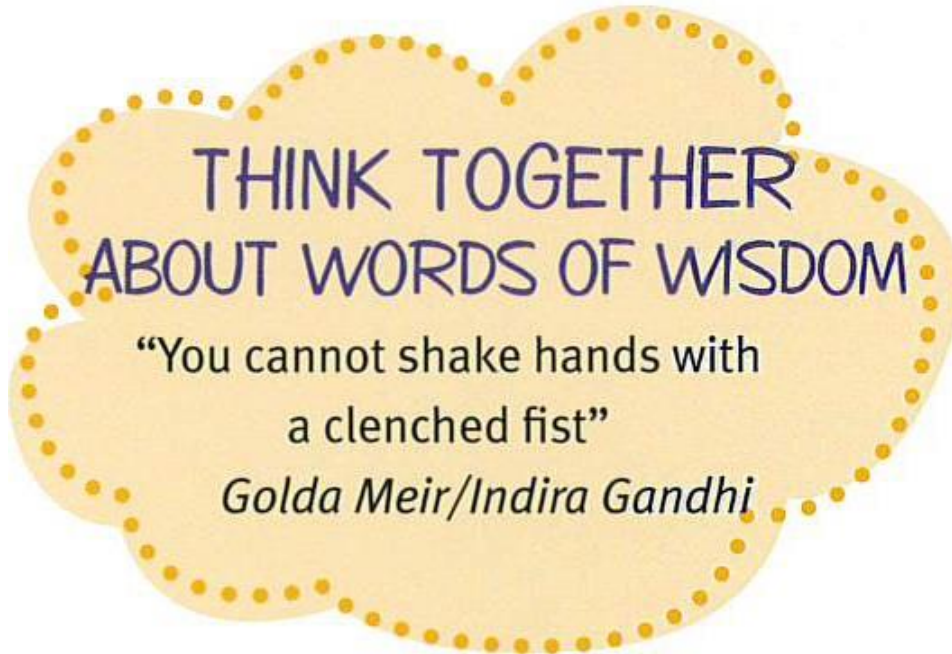
This term all of the schools in our federation are taking part in child assault prevention training, which will give our children positive messages, on how they can protect themselves and build safer communities. As part of this training we are holding two parent sessions, on September 27th, one at Branscombe School from 1.30-3.30pm, and one at Broadhembury School from 6.30-8pm. **Any parent/carer, from any of our federation schools, are welcome to attend either session. We would love to see you there!**

Tesco Bags of Help scheme

We are delighted that our federation school Farway has been included in the Tesco Bags of Help Scheme. Voting for our project to resurface the preschool playground is now underway in Tesco's in Honiton. We would be grateful for your help in encouraging friends and family to vote for us

Collective Worship Activity

To link with our Cross of Nails presentation we will be focussing in school on the value of Peace this half term. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together. If the children bring back something that you have done at home linked to the Collective Worship activity, or can talk about a discussion they've had at home linked to it, then Mrs Gray will award them with a new special sticker.



Caretaker/Cleaner Required

Farway Primary School, Honiton

12.5 hours per week (Mon – Fri), 52 weeks per annum

£9.75 per hour

Full DBS - Uniform and training provided.

For information regarding this position, please contact Brian Rushbrooke
on:

07917 594293 or email brian.rushbrooke@ncsgrp.co.uk



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Open Morning

Wednesday 26th September

9:30am-11:00am

Open Evening

Wednesday 26th September

5:00pm-7:30pm

- Please arrive at the College in time for Principal's welcome talks at 9:30am and 5pm or 6pm
- College tours and the opportunity to meet with staff and students
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