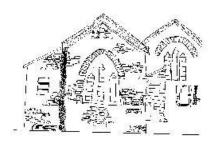
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BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 15/16 05 Friday 1st October 2015



Achievements to Celebrate Branscombe Waves Award:

Jay: working hard to improve handwriting

Sid: being a careful thorough worker especially in maths

Agatha: Maximum effort, trying hard to remember ALL success criteria with

excellent results

Dear Parents,

Sunday's Harvest service at St. Winifred's Church was just lovely. The children performed their own rendition of the folk song, "An Acre of Land" by composer Vaughn Williams, followed by a short drama about it. The service was led by lay reader Jan Lees, who linked her talk to the children's song with a special game of Pass the Parcel, in which she included



items from the song as well as other items to help us think about the themes of thankfulness and sharing. Later in the service, several children also helped to lead the congregation in prayer, reading prayers written following our reflections on Harvest in Collective Worship last week. Many thanks to all the families who came to support us and to all the children for their contributions.

This week Class 1 have been carrying on with their Fire topic, and today I joined them for part

of their trip to Middlemoor fire station. Pictures will follow next week. They have also enjoyed another yoga session this week and have been working on their papier mache dragon. If anyone has any old newspapers they can donate to this work in progress please bring them into class 1.

Class 2 have been investigating the different habitats around the school grounds. They have found ants nests, slow worms and practised using pooters to collect insects. They have also been learning about the differences between vertebrates and invertebrates.

On Monday Class 2 will be travelling to Honiton to take part in the handball tournament. Please make sure that they all have their PE kit with them and have a packed lunch with plenty to drink.

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: Please see homework books

Class 2: How do you think the view from your window will change in the next hundred years? Why?

Key Dates:

Mrs Gray will be at Branscombe on Friday next week.

Miss Prince will be spending her Head of Teaching & Learning day (Thursday) at Branscombe next week.

Monday 5th Oct Class 2 Handball tournament at Honiton Leisure Centre

Thursday 8th Oct Class 1 trip to Branscombe Bakery and Mill (details to follow)

Thursday 22nd Oct Parents evening

Friday 23rd Oct Last day of half term

Tuesday 3rd Nov First day back after half term

Friday 20th Nov Individual photos

Handball Tournament

Please remember that on Monday Class 2 are travelling to the Handball tournament in Honiton. The children **must have their PE kit** in school on that day. They will also need a **packed lunch with plenty to drink**, as they will be eating at the leisure centre before the tournament begins. Once again, we apologise that because the trip is taking place on a Monday we are unable to provide a school packed lunch for those in receipt of free school meals.

Football in the Playground

We have reminded the children today that football shouldn't be played first thing in the morning nor when a member of staff is not in the playground. At playtimes we are keen that the children can enjoy playing football so long as they don't take over the whole area and are not too boisterous when the younger children are close by. We ask that leather balls are not brought into school. We hope that you can support us in encouraging the children to follow these guidelines for the safety of all pupils.

Lunchtime Volunteer

We are in need of a volunteer to help with lunchtime duty on Tuesdays. If you have an hour spare each week between 12 and 1pm to help the children with their lunches and supervise them at play time, we would be very grateful of your help. Please contact the office if you are interested.

Cupcake and coffee morning

Sidbury WI are holding their centenary celebration cupcake and coffee morning at Sidbury village hall this Saturday from 10am. All welcome, money raised will go to Admiral Nurses.

Help us to be "Greener"

Can you help us cut down on the amount of paper we send home? We would request that you consider whether you could receive our weekly newsletter by email rather than a hard copy. Many of you already do this. It would be helpful if you could complete and return the attached form if you would be happy to receive the newsletter by email each week.

Collective Worship Activity

TALK ABOUT TRUTHFULNESS TOGETHER...

'I promise to tell the **truth**, the whole **truth** and nothing but the **truth**, so help me God'

In a court of law a witness swears an oath on the Bible or another sacred text, but sometimes in everyday life people find it more difficult to be truthful.

Talk together about occasions when complete honesty could cause trouble or be hurtful. For example:

- When a member of your family asks you if you like their new shoes
- When telling the truth will get your friend into trouble
- When someone asks what you are thinking but the answer would hurt their feelings

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