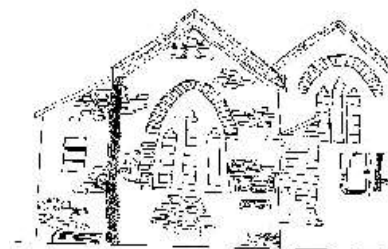




BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 9th October 2015



Achievements to Celebrate Branscombe Waves Award:

Roxie-Lei: Settling in to your new school so well.

Felix: Consistently applying for maximum effort in his learning.

Caleb: Engaging well with class work and discussions and demonstrating a thoughtful approach to learning.

Dear Parents,

As you know Class 1 had a super time last week when they visited Middlemoor Fire Station with the other Class 1 children from across the federation. They learned all about the fire station and work done by the staff there as well as how to be safe in the case of a fire or emergency. They each had a go with the fire hose and were able to sit in a fire engine and learn about some of the equipment the fire brigade use. Mr Ford enjoyed dressing up like a fireman!



This week Class 1 have enjoyed another federation trip to the Old Bakery and Manor Mill. They learned all about how the mill works, by using moving water as its power source to turn grain into flour. They then



visited the bakery where Guy showed them how the old bread oven was heated up using twigs from the hedgerows and used to bake bread and cakes. Thank you to the National Trust volunteers and to Guy for making the visit possible.

On Monday afternoon Class 2 were pleased to be included in a special handball tournament organised by the Honiton Learning Community. They were a little nervous about the event, having only had one previous coaching session. However, they discovered that they knew the rules as well or better than most of the other participants. Our group was divided into two teams of six and played one or two practice matches before the tournament began. In the mini-tournament, each team played against each of the two teams from Broadhembury and Farway. Our teams did very well and our star of the day was Caleb,

who volunteered to make up the numbers in one of Farway's teams and was commended for his inclusive and competitive play. It was a very enjoyable (and active) event and a great opportunity for our children to compete against other teams and to develop their sportsmanship, as well as enjoying a new sport.

In complete contrast, today Class 2 have enjoyed a poetry party in honour of National Poetry day yesterday. Miss Moss has arranged a café setting in their classroom and the children have each recited their choice of poem to the class. Well done for their hard work in learning the poems, it is wonderful to see their enthusiasm for poetry develop.

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: At the bakery, Guy told us that bread is made from flour and 3 other ingredients. Please list them in your book. Do you know which plant the flour for most of our bread comes from? Can you name any other plants which give us flour?

Class 2: Would you prefer to live in a rural or urban area? Why?

Key Dates:

Mrs Gray will be at a variety of meetings next week, however, if you need to speak to her please contact the office.

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

Wednesday 14th Oct	National Trust session
Thursday 22nd Oct	Parents evening (further details to be sent next week)
Friday 23rd Oct	Last day of half term
Tuesday 3rd Nov	First day back after half term
Friday 20th Nov	Individual photos

National Trust Session

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

PE Kit

Please can parents ensure that all Class 2 children have in school a PE kit which complies with the school uniform. This should consist of white t-shirt and navy shorts. The children will also need a navy tracksuit top and navy tracksuit bottoms for the colder months. PE t-shirts with the school logo are available to buy from the school office at a cost of £8. All children

must have a full PE kit in school each day, as they are expected to change for PE. Please do come and talk to us if this is likely to be an issue for you, and we will see how we can help. Last year, we did allow the children (in class 2) to wear their yellow Aviva t-shirts, but we have asked that they now take them home. Thank you for your help with this.

Reminder to parents of Year 6

The deadline for applications to secondary education must be made by 31st October 2015. To apply you can use the online system www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline or you can contact My Devon customer service centre on 0345 155 1019 to request an application form. The application form should be returned directly the Admissions Team before **31st October 2015**.

Message from the PTFA

On Monday there will be a cake sale, with cakes kindly supplied by Tanya.

Also, don't forget the upcoming AGM which will take place on Friday 9th October at 3.20pm in the park/village hall. We will need to vote in a new Chair and secretary. All welcome.