



BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Friday 21st March 2014

**Achievements to Celebrate
Branscombe Waves Award:**

Jay: Making very good progress with writing
Mason: Listening well and remembering information
Daisy: Outstanding mental maths result
Connor: Brilliant work in gymnastics
Rhys: Exceptional work in gymnastics

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



The Branscombe Waves

Dear Parents,

This week we had a governors meeting and as part of this I always write a report updating governors on school events and achievements. This latest report seemed to be a bumper edition! I was able to write 6 full pages about activities the children across the federation had been taking part in since my last report for governors in mid November. It made us all think about what a rich learning experience the children in our federation are immersed in. Lots of photos of the events are on our website which has just been updated.

As we lead up to Easter there are still some exciting events coming up, further information about several of these is included below. Over the Easter holidays the local history group 'The Branscombe Project' will have an exhibition in the Branoc Hall about World War 1. We will be producing a display for the exhibition based on finding out about Branscombe during the war. If you have any information about Branscombe families 100 years ago then please let Mrs Crawford know.

Also in the last week of term the Life Education Van will be visiting the pupils. This is a multimedia caravan that the children can go inside and learn about healthy living and how to be a good citizen. When we come back to school after the holidays we are going to start our term with a week focused on PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education). Our assemblies will be based on the Branscombe Waves and throughout the week the children will take part in activities where they are given opportunities to consider their role in the school, village and larger communities. We hope to involve the governors, the vicar and the local police with some of the lessons. If you feel you can support us in any way please talk to one of the teachers.

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: What do tadpoles need to survive?

Class 2: Using what you have learnt about Space, discuss the way you would send a rocket to the moon and what experiments you might like to carry out whilst you are there.

Key Dates:

Mrs Gray will be in school on Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday next week

Monday 24th March School meals change: Mexican menu

Wednesday 26th March School meals change: Sausages or vegetarian sausages

Thursday 27th March Jurassic Coast Event

Monday 31st March Easter service, 9am (venue to be confirmed)

Thursday 3rd April Gymnastics performance (morning) further details below

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)

Netball Match

Our netball team played against Sidmouth Primary earlier this week, winning 6-5. They all played very well and were polite and well behaved. Well done children.

Gymnastics performance

As you will know the children have been taking part in fortnightly gymnastics sessions run by Steve Kibble (Babcock LDP PE Adviser). For their last session the children will be practising and then performing a routine for the other groups to watch, and it would be fantastic if parents would like to come and watch too. The sessions will be as follows:

Key stage 2: 9.30 – 10.00 (approximately)

Key stage 1: 11-12 (approximately)

After School Club

Interest has been expressed for the provision of an after school club. This could only be provided if enough children needed to attend and it would be charged for in much the same way that Breakfast Club currently is. If this is a service you would regularly use, please fill out the slip below and return to the office so that we can get an idea of numbers and times. If there is enough interest we would then be able to cater for the provision so that it fits with as many parents' needs as possible. Thank you.

African garden building day

The *Send a Cow* charity has selected Branscombe School to receive help in building an African style keyhole garden. Keyhole gardens are a very effective way for families in countries with extreme climates and poor soil to grow their own produce successfully in a very small space. More information can be found at

<https://www.sendacow.org.uk/africangardensuk/> We will be building our garden over the course of a day on Thursday May 1st, and in order to make it happen we need to collect some materials over the next few weeks. If you can donate any of the following items ready for May 1st, please let us know:

- Large stones (football size), bricks or logs (approx. 0.5 metre lengths)
- Straw or dry sticks
- Garden twine
- Several 5ft garden canes or similar
- Broken plant pots or tin cans
- A length of wire
- Compost and topsoil
- Vegetable seeds or seedlings

Easter competition

This year's competition will be for the children to make an Easter themed decoration to hang on our wrought iron tree. Please could these be brought in on Monday 31st March, there will be prizes for the best ones.

Mothering Sunday

There will be an all-age festival service at St Winifred's Church in Branscombe at 11.15 on Sunday 30th March.

All the churches in the Mission community will be holding similar services as follows: Colyton at 9.30am, Musbury at 10am, Southleigh at 11.15am and Colyford at 3.30pm.

Sidmouth Scooter and BMX Jam

On Saturday 5th April the Sidmouth Neighbourhood Policing team are holding the Sidmouth Scooter and BMX Jam in partnership with Maddgear UK and their Pro team of riders. The event will take place between 11am and 4pm at The Ham on the eastern end of Sidmouth Esplanade.

Flamingo Pool Easter Fun Day

Flamingo pool at Axminster will be holding an Eggciting Easter Fun Day on Saturday 12th April, 3-5pm. There will be a variety of races and events for all ages and abilities, for more information please call the Flamingo pool on 01297 35800.

After School Club

I would be interested in my child(ren) _____
attending an after school club.

Number of children					
Day (please circle)	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Time you would wish to pick up					