



BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Achievements to Celebrate
Branscombe Waves Award:

Ismay: for working hard and doing her best.
Hattie: for being kind and caring.
Isy: for continued effort especially in maths.
Josie: for continued effort especially in maths.

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



The Branscombe Waves

Dear Parents

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the PTFA and all those families and members of staff who came to support the fair on Saturday. It was a lovely day and we raised over £800. I know that the PTFA have put in a lot of work to prepare for the event over many months, and it is really appreciated.

I would also like to thank Mrs Crawford for giving up her Sunday to enable three teams from Class 2 to enter the Exe Valley Challenge for a second year. The children did brilliantly and should be very proud of themselves. We also really appreciate the parents support on the day.

We still have two very busy weeks left in school, and it would be lovely to see lots of parents at the various events we have planned, particularly the end of term play and the leavers' service - please see the 'Dates' section for further details.

God bless and we hope you all have a lovely weekend.

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

Key Dates

Monday 11th July - Smugglers of Gold. Theatre event for whole school and local community at Branscombe Village Hall (see below for further details).

Tuesday 12th July - New Parent meeting at Sidmouth College for parents of those children moving to Sidmouth College next year.

Friday 15th July - Leavers' play at Branscombe Village Hall. Starts at 1.30pm. Children may be collected from the Hall at 3pm.

Monday 18th July - Leavers' service at St Winifred's Church at 9.15am. All children to come to school first please. Parents Welcome.

Monday 18th July - 2.45pm. Transition meeting for parents of pupils in Year 2 who will be moving into Class 2 in September.

Monday 18th July - 3.15pm. Open evening for all parents.

Friday 22nd July - last day of summer term.

Monday 5th September - first day of new school year.

Water Bottles

We know it is very important for the children to have access to water throughout the day, however, please could you send your children into school with a bottle which has a sports cap rather than a twist cap so that there is less risk of spillages over the children's work! Thank you for your support.

Class 2 play preparation

Please could all children in Class 2 bring an "old" t-shirt to school on Monday? It can be any colour but one that can be drawn on.

Class 2 R.E.

In celebration of the 400th Anniversary of the King James Bible the children's RE topic in Class 2 this half term relates to the Bible. The children have been learning about how the Bible is put together and how to find Bible references. If you have a favourite Bible story please tell your child about it over the weekend. Please also show them any versions of the Bible you have in your house. This will help us with our next RE lesson. Thank you.

School Leavers' Play

The play "Superkids Rock" will take place at Branscombe Village Hall on Friday 15th July at 1.30pm. The play will be followed by a presentation of the Year 6 children's Records of Achievement. It would be lovely to see parents and friends of the school at the performance. Refreshments will be available - provided by the PTFA. Please collect your children from the Village Hall at 3pm.

School Library

We should be grateful if you would ensure that any School Library books are returned on Monday (11th July). Your co-operation would be appreciated as we have to do a stock take before the end of term. There will be a green box in the entrance hall for returned books. Many thanks.

Smugglers' Gold Theatre Performance

We would like you to join us on 11th July 2011 at 1.30pm at the Village Hall to watch a performance of the play 'Smuggler's Gold'. The 'Smuggler's Gold Jurassic Coast Heritage Touring Project' has been formed out of a partnership between The Common Players and East Devon Museums. Their aim is to engage and involve audiences actively with the heritage and natural geology of East Devon Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site, its environment, history and culture.

The play is full of live traditional music and tells the fictional story of an Axmouth fisherman whose house on an East Devon cliff top is falling into the sea because of coastal erosion. In a style similar to Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, night time visitors take the fisherman through time to explore the beautiful ancient landscape of the East Devon area, including stories of the historic fishing fleets of Seaton and Axmouth, the Great Landslip of 1839 and the smugglers whose gold is hidden somewhere in his garden.

The performance is free of charge. If you would like to join us please contact Nicola at the school on 01297 680339 to express your interest.

Headlice

Last week we noted in the newsletter that a case of headlice had been brought to our attention. Unfortunately the problem is now more widespread. Please check your child's head tonight and ensure that you continue to check your child's head regularly and treat appropriately. We do have copies of information provided by the school nurse regarding effective treatment. Please pop into the office if you would like a copy to keep at home.

Black umbrella

One of our volunteer helpers placed a short black umbrella by the front door last week and when she went to collect it at the end of the day it was not there. If anyone picked this up by mistake then please hand it in to the office and we will ensure that it is returned.

Pecorama Playgroups Week

We have been asked to let you know about Playgroups Week at Pecorama from 11th to 15th July. There is free entry for children under 4, daily entertainment, unlimited rides on the train and on Friday, Christopher Awdry (the current author of Thomas the Tank Engine) will be reading and signing copies of his books.

Music Event at Branscombe Airfield

Children have been given leaflets for the rugby / music event at Branscombe Airfield on Saturday 16th July. Tickets are on sale at £20 each, but Branscombe residents and/or parents of children at the school can buy tickets for just £10. Please speak to Naomi in the playground, or call the airfield on 01297 680259.