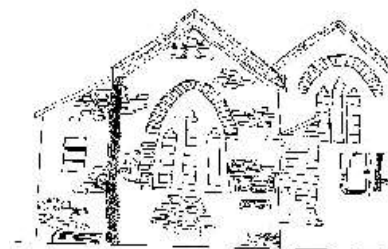




BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 15th July 2016



Achievements to Celebrate Branscombe Waves Award:

Jay: Being an excellent team player

Reginald: Working extremely hard independently and using spare time to help his peers in a kind and considerate manner

Dear Parents

This week, Class 2, together with the children in Year 2, have been busy preparing for our Leavers' play, "Greece! The Musical" which we will be performing at 1.30pm on Monday 18th July in Branoc Hall. The performance will be followed by our annual prize-giving and a farewell for the Year 6 children (please see the further note below regarding arrangements following the play). We will continue this farewell on Thursday 20th July, when we will be meeting for a special Leavers' Service in St. Winifred's Church, from 9.15 - 9.45 am. You are all welcome to join us for either or both of these events.



Thank you to those who came to support the children on Wednesday afternoon for our special sharing assembly, in which the children demonstrated what they have learned in their clarinet lessons this term. They played three pieces of music, first playing the separate parts and then putting the parts together to form an ensemble. Their teacher, Mrs Palmer, also demonstrated the difference in sound between the clarinets the children have been playing and her own bass clarinet. In next term's Music lessons, we will be building on what the children have learned about reading music, transferring this across to learning to play the recorder.

Class 2 have also been busy in our Art lessons, learning to make coil pots with clay. We shall be using some of these as props in our play and painting the others next week with Olympic designs - Ancient Greek style!

Thank you to all those parents and pupils who attended our open evening this week. I hope you enjoyed looking at the inspiring classroom displays and the children's books which demonstrate what a varied range of activities and learning experiences the pupils have enjoyed this year. I would like to say a personal thank you to all the staff and volunteers who have worked so hard this year to ensure that the children cover the curriculum, and enjoy extra curricular activities, in such fun ways – a big well done to them all!

Our gardening club were very successful this week, with our allotment and planting areas being highly commended by the judges in the Sidmouth Rotary Schools Garden competition, and winning a shield for "Most Environmentally Sustainable Garden". Nicola and Candice have



worked very hard with the children on the sustainability of the garden this year, recycling materials wherever possible, for example with our mint garden in a sink, our pallet and pillowcase herb planter, and by using the tyres as potato planters. They have used organic slug pellets made from sheep's wool, and the judges also admired our African garden. Well done to all the children who have taken part in gardening club this year. Two of our star gardeners, Ismay and Reggie went with Candice to collect the award and were brilliant ambassadors for our school, showing their excellent manners by thanking all of the rotary members in turn. Thank you to all the parents who have contributed materials and plants, and thank you also to Nicola and Candice who have worked so hard this year to keep the garden ticking over.

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:

Class 1: If you could go to the moon which two story characters would you go with and why?

Key Dates:

Mrs Gray will be in across the federation next week attending the various end of term events.

Monday 18th July	Summer Performance, 1.30pm
Tuesday 19th July	Final C2 swimming session (note date change)
Wednesday 20th July	Federation Olympic Games at the village field 10-2pm
Thursday 21st July	Leavers' Service, St Winifred's, 9.15am Last day of term

Menu Change – Thursday 21st July

The kitchen will be serving fish and chips on the last day of term, not roast gammon.

Breakfast club

Our breakfast club has been used by many of you this year, and we hope that many of your children will continue to attend next year. Breakfast club runs from 8-8.45am every morning, and costs £2.50 per session (or £23.50 for 10). We are able to offer cereal as well as toast, and have now found a fruit supplier which means that some mornings there will be fruit salad that the children will be able to help make. Sheleen always plans a range of activities too from quizzes, to board games, to crafts and sport activities. A booking form is attached to this newsletter.

Arrangements on Monday 18th July

On Monday we have our summer play. Parents are welcome to collect their children from the village hall following the play, if they would like to. Our after school provision will be running on Monday, however **homework club will not be running**. If your child is booked in for after school club on Monday but you no longer require this, please make sure you let us know. Equally, if you would like your child to attend on Monday after school, but have not yet made a booking, also let us know.

Message from the PTFA: Y6 Leavers' Party

All children should by now have received an invitation to the Y6 Leavers' party, which is being held on Thurs 21st July (last day of term). We will be going down to the beach straight after school (Textiles club members are welcome to join us later!) and will stay as long as everyone wants to. The PTFA are paying for a meal for all children from Seaton's Fish Bar and we will be eating around 5pm. Please let us know whether your child would prefer fish, sausage, scampi, nuggets or veg burger. There will be soft drinks and other treats too. Parents are welcome to order a meal for themselves too but this must be paid for in advance. You're also welcome to bring your own food and/or drink!

All children must be accompanied from school premises by a parent or other designated responsible adult.

The Sellicks have kindly agreed to allow FREE parking to all attending the party from 3-6pm, providing they have car reg numbers for the system. Otherwise it will be £1/hour as usual.

Please let one of the Y6 parents know (a) your child's meal order, (b) the name of the person responsible for your child and (c) your car registration number if you require parking by **Monday 18th July**.

Thank you!

Term Dates 2016/17

5 th September 2016	Term begins
24 th – 28 th October 2016	Half term
31 st October 2016	Non-pupil Day
21 st December 2016	Term ends
9 th January 2017	Term begins
13 th – 17 th February 2017	Half term
31 st March 2017	Term ends
18 th April 2017	Term begins
1 st May 2017	May Bank Holiday
29 th May – 2 nd June 2017	Half term
21 st July 2017	Term ends

BRANSCOMBE BREAKFAST CLUB – Autumn 2016

Name of child.....

Contact no's between 8 and 9 am

Allergies / Medical needs

Please tick those days you would like your child to attend

Each session costs £2.50 and must be paid in advance Blocks of 10 sessions may be purchased for £23.50. We will only credit for sessions where a child is ill or if we are advised about non attendance 48 hours before.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5/9/16					
12/9/16					
19/9/16					
26/9/16					
3/10/16					
10/10/16					
17/10/16					
HALF TERM					
31/10/16					
7/11/16					
14/11/16					
21/11/16					
28/11/16					
5/12/16					
12/12/16					
19/12/16					
Total sessions :		@ £2.50 each		Total payment £	

I give permission for my child to attend the above sessions **and enclose full payment in advance.** (Cheques to Devon County Council). I will telephone the school if my child is unable to attend a pre booked session.

Name of parent/ guardian

Signature Date