

BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 13 / 14 15 Friday 14th February 2014

Achievements to Celebrate Branscombe Waves Award:

Mason: A special achievement **Jake:** Working hard on writing

Max: Impeccable behaviour at all times

Josh: Applying himself well to work this week

Branscombe C of E Primary School Children's Aims
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The Branscombe Waves

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of another wet and windy week I've been reflecting on the last half term. We have managed to fit in a huge amount since Christmas. We have started holding weekly sharing assemblies, which I hope you are enjoying. The children certainly relish the opportunity to share their work and show you how proud they are.

We have been very busy improving our gymnastics skills and well as being brilliant hosts to our Broadhembury friends when they have visited. During these joint days the children have also really started to getting to grips with the new government emphasis on spelling, punctuation and grammar. The older children have learnt some new skills to help them be really helpful playground buddies. Class 2 pupils have learnt new musical skills with their weekly percussion lessons. Class 1 had a lovely day visiting the Donkey Sanctuary and learning how to care for animals.

A big pat on the back to all the children for working really hard over the last half term.

God bless and have a lovely holiday.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School

Questions for the week

Class 1: What kind of animals were dinosaurs? Which group would you put them in and why?

Class 2: What is travel?

Key Dates:

Mrs Gray will be in school on Friday when we return after half term.

Monday 24th February – First day back after half term

Thursday 27th February – Godly Play

Tuesday 4th March – Parents' Evening

Wednesday 5th March – First construction club, first netball club

Thursday 6th March – Space Dome (details below)

First textile club

Thursday 13th March – Gymnastics

Final Godly Play

Friday 4th April— Percussion assembly. 9.15 in Class 1, parents welcome — Please note this will replace our usual Sharing Assembly in the afternoon.

Bag2School

Bag2school are a textiles recycling service who will pay the school £5 for every kg of textiles we bag up for them. They accept the following items:

- Men's, Ladies and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Hats, Bags, and Handbags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Belts
- Soft toys

They do not accept:

- Duvets, bedding, blankets and household linen
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Curtains and towels
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

We will be sending the bags home today. The collection date (also printed on the outside of the bags) is Monday 3rd March, and filled bags must be brought up to classroom 3 by 9am on this date. Please **do not** bring filled bags before Monday 3rd March as we do not have the space to store them! Thank you.

Space Dome

On Thursday 6th March "Space Odyssey, Space Dome" will be visiting the school. Both classes will have the chance to experience this mobile planetarium, which will be here for the whole morning. This would ordinarily have cost £5 per child, but the PTFA have very kindly agreed to fund this so that there will be no cost to parents.

Pub Quiz

There will be a pub quiz at the Fountain Head on Friday 28th February at 8pm, in aid of Sidmouth Lifeboat. It will cost £3 per person, with a maximum of 6 people per team.

Term Dates

2014-2015

Autumn Term 2014

Monday 8th September Term begins for children 27th October - 31st October Monday 3rd November Half Term Non Pupil Day Friday 19th December Term ends for children

Spring Term 2015

Monday 5th January Non Pupil Day Tuesday 6th January Term begins for children 16th February - 20th February Half Term Friday 27th March Term ends for children

Summer Term 2015

Monday 13th April Term begins for children 26th May - 29th May Half Term Wednesday 22nd July Term ends for children

2015-2016

Autumn Term 2015

Thursday 3rd September Term begins for children 26th October - 30th October Monday 2nd November Half Term Non Pupil Day Friday 18th December Term ends for children

Spring Term 2016 *Tuesday 5th January* Non Pupil Day Wednesday 6th January 15th February - 19th February Term begins for children Half Term Thursday 24th March Term ends for children

Summer Term 2016

Monday 11th April Non Pupil Day Tuesday 12th April 30th May - 3rd June Term begins for children Half Term Thursday 21st July Term ends for children