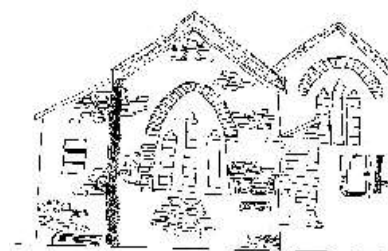




BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 11th March 2016



Dear Parents,

We are very lucky to be having a visit from the Life Education Bus on Friday 18th March. All children from across the Federation will be at Farway school for the day, and will visit the bus in their year groups for age-appropriate curriculum based sessions covering topics relating to personal, social and health education (PSHE). Farway was chosen as host for the bus because of its central location and ease of access for the bus! The children will be at Farway all day, and will be visiting the Life bus at some point during this time. The rest of their day will be spent with the other children from across the Federation doing their usual work, as well as some Sport Relief activities. We would like the children to come to school wearing sports kit (non-uniform can be worn for a small donation of 50p per child, with proceeds going towards Sport Relief). Weather permitting the children will be taking part in sporting activities outside, so please make sure that they have suitably warm clothing (hoodies, sweatshirts and tracksuit bottoms) and trainers.

The children will be travelling to Farway by bus, and will be back for the end of the school day. All children will need to bring **a packed lunch with plenty to drink**. An SOE3 form for this trip will be sent home shortly, please make sure that this is returned before the trip next week. If your child receives Free School Meals and you wish to order a packed lunch for them, please make sure that this is ordered by 9am on Monday morning and we will try to accommodate your request. However, can I remind parents that normally, school meals and payments should be submitted by **Friday mornings at 9am**.

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

Questions of the Week:

Class 1: What can you find out about our royal family?

Class 2: What is the most important thing to learn at school?

Class 2 Boat Building Day

On Tuesday 22nd March Class 2 will be spending the day building boats. They will be building them out of wood, and attaching panels, motors and propellers. Parent volunteers would be very welcome, for part or all of the day. Please speak to Miss Moss if you can help.

Sport Relief sponsored run

If you are able to help with marshalling this event on Thursday 17th March, please speak to Miss Moss.

Key Dates:	
Mrs Gray will be in school on Wednesday and Thursday next week.	
Thursday 17th March	Sport Relief sponsored run
Friday 18th March	Sports Relief and Life Education Bus (at Farway School)
Monday 21st March	Parents Evening (details to follow)
Tuesday 22nd March	Boat building day – Class 2
Thursday 24th March	Easter Activities – further details to follow Last day of term
Tuesday 12th April	First day back after Easter Holidays

PTFA Request

The PTFA are hoping to run an Easter egg hunt in the last week of term, and would like donations of small Easter eggs for this.

Collective Worship



FASCINATING FACTS

Religious communities often treat their holy books with great reverence and **respect**. They believe the holy book contains God's teaching.

- Christians believe that the Bible is God's word to his people. They show **respect** and reverence by treating the Bible carefully. In some churches the Bible has a special stand called a lectern, from which it is read during worship.
- Orthodox Jewish men wear a kippah to cover their heads, as a sign of humility and **respect** towards God. The Torah scrolls are kept in a closed cabinet called an Ark and when reading them a pointer, yad, is used to follow the script so that the scrolls are not touched by hands.
- Muslims keep their holy book, the Qu'ran, covered and in a clean place, not on the floor nor with anything placed on top. To show **respect** and reverence they only handle the book with clean or gloved hands.
- Sikhs cover their heads and remove their shoes before going into a room housing their holy book, the Guru Granth Sahib. To show **respect** and reverence nobody sits higher than the Guru Granth Sahib and no alcohol is ever taken into the room.






Gardening Club

Gardening club is now in full swing and after our first two sessions we have dug over the beds of the main allotment and the African garden, and remarked the paths. Our star gardener in the first session was Reggie who was very determined with his weeding. This week we were keen to get on with some planting so despite the cold weather we thought we would give it our best shot. We have planted rocket, pumpkins, peas, chillies and peppers, all of which are in the greenhouse. We also planted some poppies which we hope will brighten up the garden. Star gardener this week was Hayden, who planted lots of seeds.

It would be really helpful if all those children who want to take part in gardening club could remember to **bring in their wellies**. The ground is still really wet and it's difficult to find jobs that don't involve getting near the mud. If your child has waterproof trousers this may also help as sometimes it is easier to work when sitting or kneeling.

We are always on the look-out for supplies. We could do with compost, bark chippings, a watering can and seeds. Do let us know if you have anything you think we might be able to make use of.