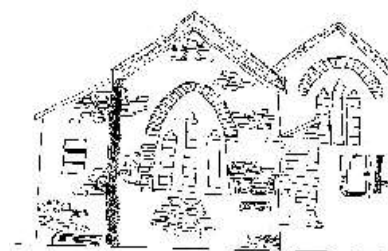




BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 15th April 2016



Dear Parents,

Both classes have settled back in well following the Easter holidays, and are enjoying their new topics. Class 1's topic is Under the Sea while Class 2's topic is Heroes (Space, Greek and Olympic), topic webs will be sent out to you next week. Both classes have some exciting things planned. Class 1 will be taking a trip to Living Coasts and we will be sending you more information about this very soon.

To support their science work this term, Class 2 will be taking a trip to @Bristol science centre at the end of May. During the day, the children will visit the Planetarium and take part in workshops related to our topics of Light and Sound, as well as having the opportunity to explore the interactive displays in the museum. Since this will be a busy day, we will need to extend the school day. We would like to invite parental input on the decision of how to keep the children well-fed and full of energy for this exciting day. It has been proposed that we invite the children to bring a packed lunch and then, before getting on the coach to return, take them to a restaurant in Bristol for a meal. (The restaurant we have in mind has a buffet menu available for £8 per head, with a range of types of cuisine - see zazabazaar.com for more details). We would then leave Bristol at around 6pm. Alternatively, the children could take lots of snacks and leave Bristol at 5pm, so that you could feed them a late supper on their return home. Please indicate on the accompanying slip whether you would be happy to pay for the children to eat out before returning or whether you would prefer to provide extra snacks and give them a late supper on their return. On their return, the children are likely to be dropped off in Honiton. We will be able to give you timings for this once a decision has been made regarding food.

As part of our greater focus on British Values, we have decided to celebrate St. George's Day this year in style. Since the 23rd April is a Saturday, we will be celebrating on Friday 22nd April. Next week, we will be doing a range of activities around the story of St. George, thinking more about what it means to be British and, in class 2, also learning a little about the life of Shakespeare - whose dates of birth and death were apparently both on St. George's Day. (This year marks the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death). On Friday 22nd April, children are invited to attend either in Brownie and Cub uniforms, as is traditional on St. George's Day, in St. George's Day related fancy dress (eg. knights, dragons) or wearing red and white to represent the colours of the English flag. We will end the day with a St. George's Day tea party at 2.30pm. The children will prepare some refreshments during the day and we would like to invite parents to join us for this tea party if you are able.

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 Primary School

Key Dates:	
Mrs Gray will be in school on Tuesday and Wednesday next week.	
Wednesday 20th April	C2 - Dentist visiting *please bring toothbrush and toothpaste *
Friday 22nd April	St Georges Day celebrations
Thursday 28th April	NO textiles club
Monday 23rd May	Class 2 trip to @Bristol
Thursday 26th May	May Day celebrations
Friday 27th May	Last day of half term
Monday 6th June	First day back after half term

Questions of the Week:

Class 1: Can you find any objects around your home that are the same shape as the 3D objects that we have been learning about in class? (Sphere, cylinder, square-based pyramid, cube, cuboid, trapezium, triangular prism and any others that you can think of). Take photos if you can or draw a picture!

Class 2: What makes a person heroic?

Football Club

This will re-start next week, 22nd April. There are 4 sessions left in this block.

Textiles Club

There will be **no textiles club** on Thursday 28th April.

Bikeability

A letter is coming home today regarding this course in May half term for Year 5 & 6 pupils.

Dentist Visit

A letter is coming home to class 2 children today regarding a visit from the dentist which will take place on Wednesday next week. Please return the permission slip by Wednesday morning, and please make sure that your child brings their toothbrush and toothpaste. Thank you.

Miss Prince

Miss Prince is now the SENCo, and Head of Teaching and Learning, for all three schools in the Federation. She works part time and is now planning to spend Tuesdays in Farway, Wednesdays in Branscombe and Thursdays in Broadhembury. However, if she has meetings or training booked on those days this may change. If you need to contact her please phone her at any of the schools or email her on kprince@broadhembury.devon.sch.uk

Collective Worship

This half term the collective worship topic is Wisdom.



READ TOGETHER...

The wise and foolish builders

Jesus told a story about two men. The first man was **wise** and decided to build his house on a rock. This house was hard to build. He had to stand on the rock and dig foundations deep down into that hard rock to make his house strong. He worked for many, many days before his new house was finished. It was a long time before he and his family could move in.

The other man built his house on the sand. This house was easy to build. The sand was soft, easy to stand on, and easy to dig into. He built his house very quickly and soon his family was living happily in their new house.

But then, one day it started to rain. It didn't rain gently. It didn't rain for just a few minutes. It poured. The wind blew and blew. All round new streams began to flow, making their own tracks across the rock and sands. The rainwater washed around the house on the rock and ran down the roads. But the house stood firm, it didn't move, and everyone inside was safe.

The family in the house on the sand looked out at the raging storm. Their house was creaking, it was moving. The water gushed all around. And then crash! As the sands shifted the house tumbled to the ground.

Jesus said, "The man who built his house on rock is like someone who listens to my **wise** teaching and builds their life upon it. When storms and troubles come, they will stand firm."

Bible story based on Matthew 7:24-27

@Bristol Trip – Monday 23rd May

Please choose one option:

☐ I would prefer for my child(ren)to eat at a restaurant in Bristol before returning home and am willing to pay around £8 extra for this.

☐ I would prefer for my child(ren)to leave Bristol at 5pm and not eat a meal in Bristol.