

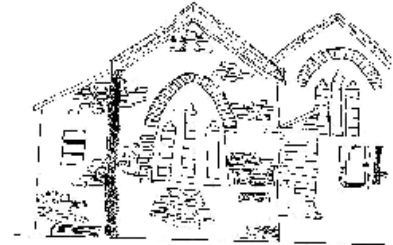
**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER 13 / 14 26**  
**Friday 23rd May 2014**



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



**The Branscombe Waves**



Dear Parents,

On Tuesday we held the interviews for the position of Class 2 Teacher. We are delighted to announce that Miss Rachel Moss has accepted the role. She is an experienced teacher and has worked in a number of schools including a time at a school in Nepal. She is used to working in a mixed aged class and is very excited about taking up her role at Branscombe and getting to know you all.

Last week the children worked very hard and had great fun building an African Keyhole garden. During the day they learned about the differences between their own lives and those of people living in Africa, and why keyhole gardens can be such an asset to families living in parts of Africa where the soil is poor and there is little rain. The gardening club has already planted pumpkins, strawberries and beans, and the compost basket in the middle is filling up nicely. We hope that as the garden develops the children will be able to see first-hand how its design can improve fruit and vegetable crops.





On Wednesday this week, we had our May Day celebrations. It was lovely to see so many parents and to welcome back Kevin, our old caretaker to crown the May King (Max) and May Queen (Meggy). The children had a lovely time, and the weather was beautiful, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.



This week the Class two's of the Federation had a very exciting day to support their topic on Ancient Egypt. The visitor from Exeter museum, who spent the day in role as Howard Carter, encouraged the children to act as would-be archaeologists. Through artefact handling, studying of images and dramatic role play the children learnt to piece together the evidence about life and death in Ancient Egypt. The children had chance to handle, and 'question' artefacts. They compared and contrasted real and replica artefacts. They 'pieced together' the evidence by working on a broken pot, they sequenced the stages of mummification and got close to the objects through observational sketching. In the afternoon two children were 'Mummified', they learnt why and where mummification took place, who was mummified and what the process involved. It was a lovely day for the children to get together and learn in a fun interactive way.





Thank you for your continued support.

God bless and have a lovely half term break.

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

### Questions for the week

**Class 1:** What kinds of trees grow near where you live? Can you name some of them? Do they all lose their leaves in autumn?

**Class 2:** Why were the ancient Egyptians so convinced that there was an afterlife?

### School Meals Change

We have been advised by the kitchen that there will be a permanent change to the meal on Wednesday of the week 2 menu. Instead of chilli, the kitchen will be providing lasagne or vegetarian lasagne. Please bear this in mind when ordering meals for the first week back after half term.

### Key Dates:

**Mrs Gray will be in school on Thursday and Friday when we return from half term.**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

First day back after half term

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

Class 2 swimming starts

Class 1 trip to Seaton Marshes Nature Reserve

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

Whole school photo

Second Class 2 swimming session

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

Summer Fair at Branoc Hall, 11-2pm