

BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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I cannot believe that I have come to the end of my first academic year at Branscombe C of E Primary School. You will remember that on day 6 of the Autumn Term we had the telephone call to say that we were having an OFSTED inspection in 2 days time! Rather a baptism of fire! I'm pleased to say the year did get more enjoyable! The various celebrations in the Village Hall really do give the children an opportunity to demonstrate all their talents - acting, singing, may pole dancing to name but a few. Throughout the year the children have worked very hard to raise lots of money for various charities and school projects. They have, of course, also made a great effort with their academic work and Year 6 achieved excellent SATs results.

A particular highlight for me was my Welcome Service in January attended by various members of the Diocesan Education Team. It was lovely to share that very special occasion with so many children, parents, governors and staff.

There are so many people I would like to thank for their help and support over the last year. The staff at the school have been so supportive and helped me in all sorts of ways. The parents have made me feel so welcome and I value how important it is for staff and parents to work together for the good of the children. I have been particularly grateful for the all the advice and support I have received from the school governors and the knowledge that they are always on the other end of the phone!

Village Schools are unique in that they are such an integral part of village life. I have really enjoyed getting to know people who live and work in Branscombe and appreciate all their offers of help and suggestions of activities that school can become involved in.

The children of Branscombe C of E Primary School really are a delight, even on the most stressful days they make me smile! A big thank you to them for their enthusiasm, hard work and all the fun we have had together!

The PTFA have, as always, worked very hard. Without them we wouldn't have enjoyed such a variety of events throughout the year. The items that the PTFA have raised money for have been a real benefit to the school. The staff and children are particularly grateful for the Interactive Whiteboard that has recently been installed and I know Mrs Roberts is eager to set up her new Role Play area during the summer! Please do continue to support the PTFA in their work. **They will be continuing to raise money for the school even during the summer holidays at the Air Show. The PTFA are running a stall with the Pre School at the Air Show this year which takes place on the 30th July.**

I am thoroughly looking forward to this afternoon's performance by Class 3 in the Village Hall – I'm sure it will be a wonderful end to the academic year. Thank you to Mrs Akay and all the children in class 3 for all the hard work that has gone into planning the play. Time really has flown by; I can still remember how I felt as I walked up the hill for my first day! I'm sure the Year 6 children, as they prepare for their new schools, will be feeling much the same as I did then – very excited but also rather nervous. We wish them all well, they are a lovely group of children who I have really enjoyed getting to know in the relatively short time I have been here.

K. S. Gray

Fun Day

I would like to thank everyone involved in Fun Day. It was a thoroughly enjoyable morning.

The results were as follows:

Race results

1st - Owls	-	353 pts
2nd - Deer	-	324pts
3rd - Squirrel	-	320pts
4th - Hedgehogs	-	303pts
5th - Otters	-	280pts
6th - Foxes	-	271 pts

The Foxes should be commended for their good behaviour on the field, co-operation, and good team spirit.

A special thank you to Mrs Crawford for all her hard work arranging this and many other successful sporting events throughout the year.

CLIC Keepy Uppy Challenge & Beat The Goalie

Everyone had a really enjoyable time and we raised £20 for CLIC

The winners were as follows:

Beat The Goalie

1st	Elliot Crawford
2nd	Finlay Knight
3rd	India Anning

Keepy Uppy

4 children all had the same score

Jasper , Thomas, Imogen, and Maryke

Thanks to Gillian for providing leather footballs for the seven prize winners.

The parents' Beat the Goalie was a close fight!

Andy Widger was the winner with 3 excellent penalties

Mr Lewens, Mr Cornish and Mr Turley each scored 2 out of 3.

Mrs Shakespeare after a brilliant first goal sadly failed on the next two attempts!

Many thanks to all the parents and children and a special thanks to Andy Widger from Team Theme.

We hope to continue football club next year.

Book Sale

To raise money for our school library we are planning to have a second hand book sale in the early part of next term. Over the summer holidays please have a look for any good quality children's or adult books that you would be willing to donate to such a sale.

School Library

Thank you and Good Luck to the Year 6 Librarians who are leaving.

The following children applied for a job as a School Librarian and have attended a formal interview. We welcome them all to their new role.

Jasper	Bethany Lee
Hebe	George
Scarlett	Sophia
Lucy Hemery	

**We wish everyone a safe and happy summer holiday.
The first day back at school for the children will be Tuesday
5th September.**