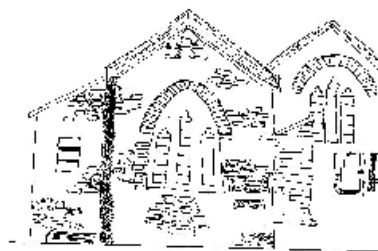




**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY  
SCHOOL  
WITH LITTLE EXPLORERS' PRE-SCHOOL  
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**Branscombe Waves**

**Ian:** Being kind and caring to others in the class

**Leo:** Completing all work tasks and calmly communicating his needs in words

**Grace:** An excellent start back at school, working hard independently and being a great support to Miss Harvey-Jones when helping younger pupils to settle and find their feet.

**Beau:** A superb start back at school - reliable responsible and hardworking, Beau has been a model student to our younger pupils and a great help to Miss Harvey-Jones settling them in.

Dear Parents,

On Monday 18th September, staff and children at Branscombe C of E Primary School were delighted to wake up and find that, despite a wet weekend, the sun was shining and the classes were able to come together to participate in this year's School Sports Day. From the youngest members in the preschool, to those a little longer in the tooth in Year 6, all children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to demonstrate their skills and athleticism, competing in their knot teams, to determine who the ultimate champions were! We began the morning by completing a practical circuit of various athletic and fun challenges including archery, golf, javelin, shotput and many more! Here, every child was able to gain those all important points for their teams, and these points were added together with the race scores to give a total for each group at the end of the morning. Congratulations to the Figure of Eight team who won! The whole school thoroughly enjoyed themselves and would like to say a big thank you to Mr White for organising the event, and to our parents for providing drinks and treats to give everyone the energy to do our very best!



In Literacy this week, the children in Class 1 have been learning about the importance of reading instructions carefully and then following them in the correct order, as they turned their hand to making and baking white bread rolls. Following this, they were challenged to remember what they had done, and were able to write their own set of instructions for completing the task, including the details that they felt were important; for example 'Take care when removing the tray from the oven, it might be hot,' and 'Take time to smell your freshly baked rolls - they are really good!'

In their second 'Outdoor Learning' session with Mr Smith the children had the opportunity to bake bread using a different recipe and a different method of cooking: Making and baking dampers over the outdoor fire pit. First they made the dough, then they cooked it by toasting it over the fire just like marshmallows - a session thoroughly enjoyed by all! The children were delighted with what they had accomplished and were particularly keen to taste the fruits of their labour, spreading the warm chunks of bread with butter and jam.



Just when they thought they couldn't possibly be doing any more cookery for one week, Mrs Bass arrived to help the children bake an apple and honey cake, as part of their learning for Rosh Hashanah - the Jewish New Year. Younger members of our class worked with Pauline, to help prepare a feast to celebrate, by chopping up apples to serve with a honey dip, and everyone made beautifully decorated cards to give to each other.

In theme lessons this week Class 1 have had a Science and Geography focus, in which they have been thinking about where food comes from, and what is needed to maintain a healthy and balanced diet. The children have been finding out how some foods begin, then plotting and labelling their country of origin on a world map, by making miniature flags, to be able to discuss the concept of 'food miles'. They have also made story boards to show the journey of some of their favourite treats from origin to plate. On Wednesday the children began designing their own healthy lunch boxes, thinking about what types of food to include and how much of each they should have. Finally, at the end of a very busy week, the children planned and designed their own pizzas, linking their chosen pizza toppings to food types, to create a menu for our bakery which we will be making and cooking in next week.

Many thanks to all who contributed to the wonderful Harvest celebrations of last weekend. Despite the showers of rain, the Branscombe harvest fair was once again an annual highlight, and it was wonderful that so many of the school's community joined in with Sunday's Harvest celebrations in the church. The children's contributions to this service received many words of appreciation and thanks from the congregation. These contributions included a lively retelling of the story of The Little Red Hen by the children of Class 1 and some thoughtful, reflective prayers written and read by children from Class 2.

This week, Class 2 have continued their current diary-writing theme in their Literacy lessons, by writing about their visit to Tiverton museum last Friday. They have also explored a range of images of Queen Victoria to practise using picture sources to deduce information about a historical period. The children then attempted to order these images on a timeline, and the older children in the class did a little more research about some of the events in Queen Victoria's life that were portrayed in these pictures. Next week, the children will be getting into role and writing diary accounts of some of these events.

In their R.E. lesson this week, Class 2 read or listened to a range of stories about the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) and practised retelling these stories in their own words. They learned that Muslims do not usually portray the prophet in pictures, so the children had to be creative about the images they used, to help them recall or retell the events of these stories!

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*

### Question of the Week

**Class 1:** If a cow could talk, what would you ask it? Why?

**Class 2:** 'What qualities does a monarch need to have? Why?'

### Key Dates

#### Autumn Term 2017

20<sup>th</sup> October – Last Day of Half Term  
30<sup>th</sup> October – Non Pupil Day  
31<sup>st</sup> October – First Day Back for Children  
14<sup>th</sup> November - Parents' Evening  
4<sup>th</sup> December – Christingle service (evening)  
12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch  
18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Play  
19<sup>th</sup> December- Carol singing and end of Term

### Data Collection Sheets

Data Collection Sheets were sent home last week with every child. If you have not yet done so, please could you check all the details on the form are correct so we can contact you in case of an emergency. Please also ensure there is at least one local contact other than parents. Even if all the details are correct the form still needs signing and handing back to Alice in the office.

### Class 1 Outdoor Learning Time

On Mondays Class 1 will be doing outdoor learning time every Monday afternoon. Therefore ALL children in Class 1 MUST have the following in school on Mondays:

- **A waterproof coat.**
- **Wellies.**
- **A change of clothes (non-uniform, suitable for working outside, and possibly getting dirty).**
- **Waterproof trousers or overalls if possible.** Apparently in Lidl this week there are children's waterproofs in stock!

### Sidmouth Science Festival

The 6th Sidmouth Science Festival will take place from Tuesday 3rd until Sunday 15th October with lots of free events suitable for everyone. Please visit the website at [www.sidmouthsciencefestival.org](http://www.sidmouthsciencefestival.org) for the full programme, news about events, and details on how to reserve places for some events.

### Collective Worship Activity

This term we will be focussing in school on the value of Forgiveness. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together. If the children bring back something that you have done at home linked to the Collective Worship activity, or can talk about a discussion they've had at home linked to it, then Mrs Gray will award them with a new special sticker.



## QUIZ

### Tree Maze

Help Zacchaeus find his way down from the top of the tree, to meet Jesus.

