



BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Achievements to Celebrate
Branscombe Waves Award:

Meggy, Daisy, Daisy, Marlon, Finn, Izzy, Felix:

An outstanding contribution to the Exe Valley Challenge.

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



The Branscombe Waves

Dear Parents,

After an all too brief visit to the Branscombe Summer Fair on Saturday I left the village, taking great care of the coconut my son was so proud to have won, and drove to Exeter to meet the children from across The Jubilee Federation (including our new school Farway) for the Installation of the new Bishop of Exeter.

The children, with their banners, joined the Barnstaple Youth Marching Band, pupils from two other schools and representatives from the Young Farmers' Association to start the procession down the High Street. Once at the Cathedral doors we walked through the Young Farmers' Guard of Honour made from 'pitch forks' to enter the building.



During the service I had a seat near to the High Altar with a fantastic view of the ceremonial parts of the service. There were some very formal moments such as when the Chancellor of the Diocese read the Mandate from the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, some beautiful music and prayers of intercession read by people representing several sections of Devon life e.g. a Member of Parliament, a Headteacher and a Chaplain of a local charity.

A particularly moving element was when the previous Bishop of Exeter, Michael Langrish, took the pastoral staff from the High Altar, where he had left it on the day of his retirement a year ago. He walked to the Bishop's throne and presented it to the new Bishop, Robert Atwell, saying 'receive this staff, the symbol of pastoral care and succession'.

I feel very privileged as a Church School Headteacher to have been given the opportunity to attend this service and I would like to say a big thank you to those families from across The Federation who came to join me for the procession. I will conclude by sharing with you the blessing that was used in the service – the blessing of Leofric, first Bishop of Exeter.

*May the Lord grant you understanding
of his wisdom and his grace,
and make you diligent in his service.
May he nourish you in the riches of his Gospel
and make you persevere in all good works.
May he keep your steps from wandering
and direct you in paths of love and peace.*

Thank you for all your continued support.

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School

Key Dates:

Mrs Gray will be in school on Monday, Thursday and Friday next week.

Monday 14th July	Open evening, 3.30-4.30pm
Wednesday 16th July	All library books to be returned by this date please
Thursday 17th July	Last KS2 swimming session
Friday 18th July	Year 6 Leavers play performance at the village hall (1.45pm start). Miss Rachel Moss (new teacher) visiting school for the day
Tuesday 22nd July	Waste Free Lunch day, details below
Wednesday 23rd July	Last day of term Leavers' service 1.15pm, St Winifred's Church

Library Books - A Reminder

Please make sure all school library books are returned to school by **Wed 16th July**. Thank you.

School Meals from September

As of September the Government are funding free school meals for all children in Reception, year 1 and year 2. Despite this change in funding, the system for ordering school meals will remain the same. If you would like your child to receive a school meal, you must place an order by **9am on the Monday morning of that week** (except for exceptional circumstances). Forms are available in the entrance hall (please notify the office if more are required), and must be filled out for each child and placed in the box labelled *"money and notes for the office"*. If you would like to order meals for several weeks or even the whole term in advance, simply fill out a form for each week you are ordering for, making sure you include the correct date on each form.

Parents of children in Pre-school and in years 3-6 will need to continue to pay for their children's school meals in advance. In accordance with our policy, payments for school meals should be made by **9am of the Monday before the meals are taken** and if a debt of more than £20 is accrued the parent will be asked for immediate payment of outstanding debt before further meals are ordered.

Whole School Photos

The order for photographs will be sent off first thing on Monday so if you would like to make an order but have not yet returned it to the office, please do so on Monday morning. Thank you.

Waste Free Lunch day

Eco club are organising a whole school "Waste Free Lunch" on Tuesday 22nd July. The children will be taking their lunch out to eat on the field, and the idea is that all packed lunches are as "waste-free" as possible. For example, sandwiches in boxes rather than wrapped in cling film and drinks in reusable bottles rather than cartons. A letter will be coming home to you from the Eco-club children to explain further, but we hope you are able to embrace the idea and help Sasha and the children to achieve their goal.

Summer Fair and Disco

Thank you to all who attended these events, and to those involved in organising them, as well as to those who helped on the day. A profit of around £800 was made at the summer fair, and the evening event also made a small profit. This is a brilliant total for such a small school – well done to everyone!

Gardening Club

Jenny and Amanda would like to thank all the children who have helped with digging, weeding, planting and watering this year and Mrs Gray would like to say a huge thank you to the adults and children in Gardening Club. The school outdoor environment has improved ten fold since this time last year – well done everyone. Sidmouth Garden Centre staff and members of Sidmouth Rotary Club will be coming to judge the garden and it's produce on Monday next week, so good luck gardeners! Next Tuesday 15th July will be the last gardening club of the year.

Other Clubs

All clubs will have their final session next week. This means that construction and netball clubs will finish on Wednesday July 16th and textiles will finish on Thursday July 17th.

Menu Change

The kitchen have notified us of a change to the school meals menu. On the last day of term, Wednesday 23rd July, they will be providing a bacon or sausage bap, or vegetarian sausage in a roll, with chips and salad sticks. There will be a choc ice, fruit or a yoghurt for pudding.

Sidmouth College Open Day

On Thursday 2nd October 2014, Sidmouth College will be holding an open day. Prospective families are invited to attend either a morning session between 9.30 and 12.30pm or an evening session between 5 and 7pm. Principal's welcome talks will be taking place at 9.30 and 10.30am, and at 5pm and 6pm. There will be college

tours and an opportunity to talk with staff and students throughout each session. Please contact Sidmouth College on 01395 514823 for further information.

PTFA request

The PTFA have asked us to mention that they are in need of an accountant to look over the PTFA accounts for this financial year. The accounts are very simple and will be prepared in advance, but just need a professional eye to check them over. If anyone knows anybody locally who might be willing to do this please speak to a member of the PTFA.

Little Explorers Club

You may have seen adverts for this new club in the local press and around school. Starting in September, Pre-school will be running "Little Explorers Club" on Fridays, 9-3pm during term-time.

"Our highly skilled team, along with regular visits and visitors will support your child's natural curiosity to understand the world around them, giving them a unique opportunity to explore and learn new skills in stimulating environments"

If you know anybody with pre-school aged children who may be interested please do pass this information on to them. Places are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment. For further information and to book, please speak to Karen in Pre-School or email her on branscombepreschool@hotmail.co.uk

Branscombe Players Pantomime Auditions

Auditions will be held on Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th July at 7pm in the Village Hall. All ages are welcome, for further information contact Nic on 680593 or Linda on 680369.

Exeter Pheonix Summer Sessions

Exeter Phoenix are running a number of art workshops during the summer, including two for 8-11 year olds:

Animation workshop

- *Tue 19 Aug, 10am - 12.30pm, £15 (8 - 11 yrs)*
If you've ever been curious about animation, whether it be stop-motion or digital, but didn't know where to begin this is your chance to 'get animated'. This course will give an introduction to tried and tested animation techniques.

Felt workshop

- *Wed 27 Aug, 10am - 12.30pm, £15 (8 - 11 yrs)*
A fun and relaxed workshop introducing you to the traditional art of wet hand felting.

Please contact Exeter Pheonix on 01392 667080 or visit their web page (exeterphoenix.org.uk) for further information.