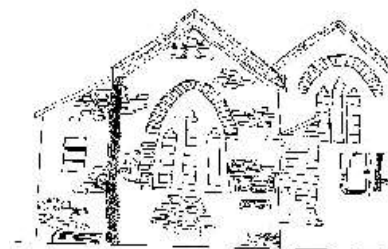




BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 7th October 2016



Achievements to Celebrate Branscombe Waves Award:

Harvey: For enthusiasm and commitment to his learning.

Freya: For taking responsibility for taking care of the school guinea pigs.

Hayden: Enthusiasm and commitment, working hard across the curriculum.

Dear Parents,

In Class 1 this week the children have been thinking about money in their Maths lessons; they have used their skills in addition and subtraction to solve word problems and find the necessary change when paying for items. The children have also enjoyed getting to grips with our new book *Lord of the Forest* in our English sessions. They have thought about how the tiger is the 'king of the jungle', writing stories about what they imagine him to behave like and the things that he does. They have worked hard to learn about the different types of sentences and the use of narrative as well as dialogue within a story. In Science, they have been learning about the food chains of some of the minibeasts and insects whose habitat is our school field, whilst in PSHE we have been talking about our responsibilities towards each other and being kind and thoughtful.



Teamwork has been a particular focus in the activities in Class 2 this week. The class began the week by thinking about how to support, protect and be kind to their classmates. After a practice in their PE lesson on Monday, the children joined the Key Stage 2 children from across the Federation to take part in a handball tournament at Honiton Community College. The children from the Jubilee Federation were divided into three teams and each team played several matches against teams from other schools in the Honiton Learning Community. The children all played with great energy and commitment, even when playing

against teams of older children. Thank you children for doing your school and the federation proud.

Class 2 have also worked in teams to learn and recite sections of their new core text in Literacy; to prepare and present dramatic scenarios of courageous service in Class Collective Worship; to solve mathematical problems and to plan and conduct experiments in Science. The children have also prepared patterned designs in preparation for next week, when a visiting mosaic artist will help them to use tiles to make their own tiled pan-stands.

Please may I remind parents that you should not drive up the lane to drop your children off at the school gate. For safety reasons, please park at the bottom of the lane and walk your children up to school. This week there was a near miss between a

car and a child and we do not want this to happen again. Please notify anybody who may be responsible for dropping off or picking up your children. Thank you.

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: Why is it important to go to school?

Class 2: In what everyday situations do you most often use your skills of addition and subtraction? Since we can now use computers and calculators, do you think it is still important to learn to use written and mental methods of addition and subtraction? If so, why?

Key Dates:

Mrs Gray will be at Branscombe on Monday next week

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| 12th October | Gym Festival at Honiton Leisure Centre for class 1 |
| 20th October | Parents' Evening |
| 21st October | School Photos and Last day of half term |
| 1st November | Children return from half term |

Free School Meals

From September 2014, all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in state-funded schools in England are eligible for free school meals. Some of these children would also be eligible under the current free school meals scheme and it is very important that we still identify these pupils. This is because each child registered under the original scheme attracts valuable funding for their school.

We therefore ask that you complete a free school meal registration form (available from the office) and return it to the school in order for us to identify whether you would have been entitled under the current free school meals scheme, even if you do not actually wish your child to have a free school meal.

Sidmouth and Ottery Hockey Club Junior Academy

Age Groups: 8 -16 years

Venue: Sidmouth Sports Centre AstroTurf, Primley Road, Sidmouth. (switches every half term- After half term, Late October onwards Ottery Sports Centre.)

Time 10-11 AM boys, 11-12 NOON girls For parents: tea and coffee is available, and a "Rusty Hockey" coached session 10-11AM for any parents wishing to have a go themselves!

For more information: www.Sidmouthandotteryhc.co.uk or call Lucy Miller 01395 597474

Qualified coaches, experienced helpers, enthusiastic young leaders.

Drop In Paolozzi Workshop – Saturday 8th October 11am – 3pm

Join the Double Elephant Print Workshop to print some colourful Paolozzi wallpaper! Part of the Get Creative Family Arts Festival. Drop in anytime between 11am and 3pm.

All ages/abilities welcome. No experience needed! All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Free, suggested donation £2/child.

Thelma Hulbert Gallery (THG), Elmfield House, Dowell Street, Honiton EX14 1LX

www.thelmahulbert.com

Collective Worship

This term's worship value is Service. It would be lovely if some children could do the snail activity below and bring their snails back into school to display.



**FAMILY
FOCUS**

Service with a smile

Complete a 'service snail'.

Living a life of **service** is about keeping your eyes open and looking out for ways to make others smile.

Draw a large smiley snail. Can you fill in the spirals on the snail's shell with ways in which as a family you serve each other in one week? When the snail shell is full take it to school to display in the Challenge Gallery.

