

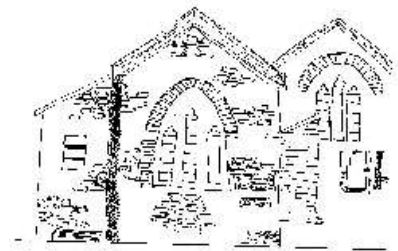


The Branscombe Waves



BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Achievements to Celebrate Branscombe Waves Awards:

Hayden: A great start in Key Stage 2: helpfulness, good listening and working hard.

Reginald: Stepping up to the challenge of being a year 2 in a responsible and mature way.

Dear Parents

I'm pleased to say that the new children have settled in wonderfully, and in KS1 this week the children have been busy learning all about rain forest animals. They have also been having a go at making houses for giraffes and elephants.

This week, Class 2 at Branscombe have got stuck into their Romans topic. They have been learning about the Roman invasions of Britain and researched some of the differences between the Celts and the Romans. In their Science work, they investigated the force of gravity and learned about the work of Sir Isaac Newton (and his famous apple!). The Year 5 and Year 6 children, accompanied by Miss Moss, visited Sidmouth College today for a presentation in celebration of the work of Roald Dahl to celebrate what would have been his 100th birthday this week.

Next week, the children will be joined by the National Trust rangers on Tuesday for a day of outside learning (Class 2 in the morning and Class 1 in the afternoon). **Please remember that children will need warm clothing, suitable footwear and a raincoat** (a few of us got caught out by the thunderstorms earlier this week!)

Please remember to send your child's PE kit to school on Monday for our Sports day. This will be in the morning from 9.45 and we invite you to come and watch the children enjoy a morning of sport.

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: The three little pigs each want to build a new house. Please suggest three new materials that they can use and why.

Class 2: What skill, quality or attribute is most important in making you a successful learner?

Construction Club

Please note that due to staff training, the construction club will not be running on Monday 26th September.

Individual Photos

These will take place on 21st September. Please could the children come to school in very smart uniform – feel free to pop a hairbrush in their bags too!

Flu Vaccinations

Years 1,2 & 3 - Please remember to return your child's flu vaccination consent form.

Change of Date

Please note that our **Christmas performance** will now take place on **Wednesday 14th December** not the 15th as previously mentioned – this is due to a clash for hall bookings.

Changeable Weather

As we are now into autumn, our wonderful English weather is very changeable. Therefore please ensure your child is sent to school with a jumper and a coat every day.

Knitting Project

We are asking parents, grandparents and members of the community to help us build our own set of Biblical characters. Patterns for this were sent home with last week's newsletter. If you aren't a confident knitter you can still help by spreading the word or sending in left over balls of wool.

Good Samaritan Awards

We launched a new PSHE scheme of work last week and in connection with this we have planned a new award system for the children. It is called The Good Samaritan Awards. This award system supports the PSHE, Citizenship and British Values elements of our curriculum and we hope staff and parents will encourage pupils to work towards the awards. Children will be asked to complete tasks relating to the following areas; Staying Safe, Keeping Healthy, Enjoying and Achieving, Economic Wellbeing and Making a Positive Contribution. The aim being to give children a broad and balanced view of society.

At the start of term each teacher will plan a Life Skills activity ensuring that all children are involved.

To achieve their **Red** award the children will need to complete 5 challenges, including the class ones. **White** they will need to achieve 10 and for the **Blue** award they will need to complete 15 challenges. This will be over the course of the year.

If the children raise money for a charity by putting in extra effort they can win a Citizenship Award Certificate for thinking of others, having an idea, putting in the hard work and raising money for a nominated charity.

On last week's newsletter we attached the sheet of challenges – we hope your children enjoy achieving them both at home and at school. Please keep us informed of what the children have been working towards.

Gardening Club

We are looking for volunteers to help us plant and maintain our vegetable plot with the help of our children. This may be during the lunch break, or after school. Please get in touch if you think you may be able to offer half an hour to a week to help us with this.

Parent Helpers

We would be very grateful to hear from any parents or other adult family members who could commit to coming into school for an hour a week to listen to our children read. This can be a very rewarding role, and our children would benefit greatly. We are also looking for some extra Meal Time Assistant support. This can be a paid or voluntary role. Please get in touch if you are able to help.

Key Dates:	
Mrs Gray will be at Branscombe on Monday and Wednesday next week.	
19th September	Sports day 9.45am on the field
20th September	National Trust Session (non-uniform, wellies and waterproofs)
21st September	Individual pupil photographs (smart uniform)
20th October	Parents' Evening
5th December	Christingle evening service
14th December	Christmas Play
19th December	Christmas lunch
21st December	Carol Singing in class
14th March	Parents' Evening
31st March	Easter Service
21st April	St George's Day Celebrations
26th May	May Day celebration
3rd & 4th July	YR 6 to Sidmouth College
13th July	Open Evening
18th July	Summer Play
20th July	Federation Sports Day
21st July	Leavers' Service