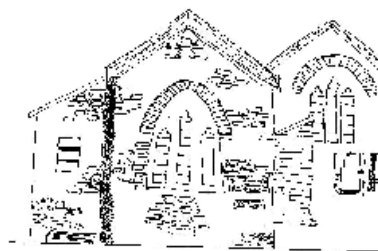




The Branscombe Waves



**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**  
**WITH LITTLE EXPLORERS' PRE-SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER 17/18 1**  
**Friday 8th September 2017**



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school, I hope you are all feeling refreshed and that the children are ready for another exciting year of learning.

We welcome Corey and Samuel to the school as well as Poppy, Lily, Olivia, Annabelle, and Dillon, our new reception pupils who look super in their school uniforms. They all seem to have settled in very quickly. Some photos of the first day at school are on the website.

There are lots of dates for the year included in this newsletter to help you to plan your diaries. There is also an important form to indicate whether you can come to the Harvest Festival service, so that we can plan our contribution. More information about the class topics this term will be sent home shortly.

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*

### **Museum Trip**

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September Key Stage 2 children will be taking part in a trip to Tiverton Museum, where they will learn about Victorian Life. They will be travelling by coach and will need a packed lunch as they will be away from school for the whole day. For eligible children, the school are able to provide a free packed lunch for your child. If you wish to order a school meals packed lunch, **please order this by 9am on Monday morning**. A separate letter and SOE3 was sent home yesterday.

### **Sports Day**

Our school sports' day will take place on the morning of Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September. All children will need to make sure that they have their full School Uniform PE kit in school for this day.

### **Wellies**

Please can every member of Class 1, make sure that they have wellies in school with them at all times, especially on Monday afternoons for outdoor activities. Thank you.

### **Harvest Festival**

This year's Harvest Festival will take place at 11.15 am in the Branscombe Church on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Please can you let us know if you are able to attend, by filling in the slip below, so that we can plan the children's involvement in the service? Many Thanks.

### **Textiles Club**

We are happy to announce that Rachel Dwan will be running a textiles club every Wednesday after school, starting on 13th September. This will be open to KS2 children only and will run from 3.15pm until 4pm. If your child would like to take part, please complete the attached slip and return it to the office.

## **Key Dates**

Key dates for the upcoming year are included below. Timings will be confirmed nearer the time. Please be aware that these dates are provisional and are subject to change if there are any unforeseen circumstances. We will of course keep you informed of any upcoming changes.

### **Autumn Term 2017**

15<sup>th</sup> September – KS2 Trip to Tiverton Museum  
17<sup>th</sup> September – Harvest Festival at Church 11.15am  
18<sup>th</sup> September – Sports Day (morning)  
22<sup>nd</sup> September - Individual School Photographs, 11am  
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

### **Spring Term 2018**

3<sup>rd</sup> January - Non-Pupil Day  
4<sup>th</sup> January - Term Begins  
12<sup>th</sup> –16<sup>th</sup> - February Half Term  
21<sup>th</sup> March - Parents' Evening  
28<sup>th</sup> March- Easter Service (am)  
29<sup>th</sup> March - Last Day of Term

### **Summer Term 2018**

16<sup>th</sup> April - Term Begins  
7<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday  
24<sup>th</sup> May – May Day afternoon  
25<sup>th</sup> May - Non Pupil Day  
28<sup>th</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June - Half Term  
4<sup>th</sup> June - Children return to school  
12<sup>th</sup> July- Open Evening  
19<sup>th</sup> July- Summer Play  
23<sup>rd</sup> July- Federation Sports Day (pm)  
24<sup>th</sup> July - Last Day of Term and Leavers' Service (am)

## VACANCY FOR MEALTIME ASSISTANT

We currently have a vacancy for a Mealtime Assistant, who will be responsible for supervising the children having lunches, sharing the supervision of the children in the playground, and supporting their play across the outdoor area.

"We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be required to have an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring check in line with the Government's safer recruitment guidelines. We are also fully committed to equal opportunities".

The vacancy is for 12pm - 1pm each day, although we are happy to employ people who can only offer some days of the week, if Monday to Friday is inconvenient. The rate of pay is £7.78 p/h.

An application form and further details are available by contacting the school administrator at [admin@branscombe.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@branscombe.devon.sch.uk), by calling 01297 680339 or by sending a large A4 SAE to the school. Please apply by noon on the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

Please show family, friends and neighbours this advert if you think they may be interested.

### 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.



## HALL OF FAME

### Desmond Tutu

Desmond Tutu was Archbishop of Capetown from 1986 to 1996. Throughout his life Desmond Tutu worked tirelessly against apartheid in South Africa. Apartheid was a system that treated people differently because of the colour of their skin. People who were non-white were not given the same rights in the country as white citizens. For example they had to live where the government told them to, they were not allowed to vote, had to use separate transport, go to different beaches and use separate sports facilities.

There was much violence and oppression in South Africa during the years of apartheid, and when it finally ended in 1992 some people were left feeling bitter and angry and wanting revenge. In order to give everyone a chance to talk about the things that had happened to them Desmond Tutu set up the 'Truth and Reconciliation Commission'. Many people who had behaved badly could hear from those they had hurt. There was the chance to say sorry and sometimes receive **forgiveness**. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission helped to provide an opportunity for a new beginning for South Africa, a chance to build what Desmond Tutu called a 'Rainbow Nation' in which everyone had the same chance in life no matter what the colour of their skin.



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**Textiles Club – KS2**

**My Child** ..... would like to take part in the **KS2 Textiles club**, which will run every Wednesday 3.15-4pm.

**Signed**..... (Parent/ Guardian).

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**Harvest Service**

**My Child** ..... **will be attending / will not be** attending the **Harvest Festival**, in Branscombe Church on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 11.15am.

**Signed**.....(Parent/ Guardian).