



BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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"YELLOW DAY"

Achievements to Celebrate
Branscombe Waves Award:

Izzy: for always being a really helpful member of the class.
Taliesin: for always being kind.
Kayleigh: for completing some very good maths work.
Meg: for consistently working hard.

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



The Branscombe Waves

Dear Parents

There have been lots of fun things going on in and out of school this week. On Saturday we had the Wassailing day which began with the children singing on the radio (don't forget today is the last day it can be heard on iplayer), then several families made lanterns in the afternoon and in the evening it was the Wassail itself. There have been some lovely articles in the Express and Echo this week and in today's Sidmouth Herald. The school website also has a Wassailing section (within the events section) and we are in the process of putting up a large display in school where the fantastic lanterns will be hung up for all to admire.

Today we are holding our Yellow Day, well done to all those of you who have managed to find something in your wardrobes to fit the theme - we know it's not the easiest colour! Of course behind the fun of the day there is an important message about helping those families disabled or bereaved by meningitis. We also want to raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of this terrible illness which is most prevalent at this time of year. All families will be given leaflets and handy symptom cards which can be kept in handbags and wallets to help give you information and help fast if you ever need it.

We would also like to thank Monty the Duck for visiting school to help us with the day and giving the children stickers and also to Mr and Mrs Lovell who arranged for all the promotional material to arrive at school.

Thank you for all the donations we have received today. There are also some pin badges which cost £1. These will be available in the entrance hall if you wish to buy one of these separately.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School.



School Footpath

We have noticed several dangerous incidents recently relating to parents and children not using the school footpath. Several families are still parking their cars near to the Post Office rather than in the Village Hall car park. This causes congestion which can result in those children having to cross the road without being able to see if the road is clear. There have also been occasions when parents haven't even parked their car, but have waited at the bottom of school lane with the engine running for their child to come down the hill. Please could families also refrain from parking anywhere in School Lane as this causes problems for our immediate neighbours as well as the obvious safety risks.

We have spoken to our Local Neighbourhood Police Team and they say "parents should not park their vehicles close to the junction or stop unnecessarily in the road as this contravenes the Road Traffic Act and could result in prosecution. We consider the safety of the children to be paramount and will ensure that the surrounding roads remain a safe environment for all road users."

A lot of time and effort went into the plans and final construction of the school path through the fields to the Village Hall car park and this was all for the safety of your children. Please, please could all families park in the Village Hall and encourage your children to walk to school along the footpath. There are many other benefits to this as well as the safety aspects. The children begin and end their school day with some exercise, they can walk up and down with friends and take time to reflect and appreciate the wonderful surroundings around our school as the seasons change.

To promote this we will be reintroducing the Walking the Wizard Way scheme which we ran a few years ago. On Monday this will be explained in assembly to the children and they will be given a pack. On the star chart which they will be given we would ask that every time the children walk up or down the **school footpath** (not School Lane), that parents initial a star on the chart. Once children have 50 signatures they can bring the chart back to school to collect their Bronze award. 100 signatures entitle them to the silver award and 160 to the gold.

We will also be giving additional prizes to children who are really making an effort with walking to school and perhaps tell us about things they have seen, or drawn pictures or written poems about their walk.

Thank you for your support with this.

School Play

As I am sure you are all aware the school play will be taking place on Monday 24th January. All Class 2 children need to come to school dressed in their costumes on Monday morning. There will be a dress rehearsal in the afternoon at 2pm. **Please collect your child from the Village Hall at the end of the school day on Monday.** Parents are welcome to bring small children to this performance. Children need to be back at the Village Hall for 5.30pm for the main performance that will start at 6pm.



Raffle Prizes

During the play performance the PTFA will be holding a raffle. This raises vital funds to ensure that the children can benefit from such things as swimming lessons and sports equipment. We urgently need donations of raffle prizes - please bring anything suitable that you may have to the school office on Monday. Thank you.

Swimming

We hope all the children enjoyed swimming yesterday. Thank you to those girls who had swapped tights for socks for the day, skirts are also easier than trousers! Please ensure all clothes are named.

Help us construct

Construction Club would be very grateful for any donations of Lego, Brio, plastic Mechano or similar building toys. If you are spring cleaning or de-cluttering and find a few pieces, even this will help us maintain our stocks. Of course these will be available children to use during wet play times as well.