



**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER 11 / 12 06**  
**Friday 14th October 2011**

**Achievements to Celebrate**  
**Branscombe Waves Award:**

**Taliesin:** for being a hard worker and doing his best.

**Mason:** for learning letters and numbers.

**Daisy:** for hard work in literacy lessons.

**Daisy:** for hard work in all lessons.

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



**The Branscombe Waves**

Dear Parents

I can hardly believe that next week is the last week before half term. Time seems to be rushing by! However, there have been some lovely things going on in and around school this term - do come in and have a look at the displays around school to see what the children have been learning about and experiencing.

Thank you for all the support you and your family and friends gave to the British Heart Foundation Skipathon. We have currently received over £360 for the charity which is brilliant.

We would be very grateful if you could fill in the slip below to let us know how helpful the various promotions we've been doing about reading have been. It will help us to plan further things in the future.

God bless and we hope you have a lovely weekend.  
Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School.

**Church Service**

There will be a service at St Winifred's Church on Tuesday the 18th October at 2.45pm. All parents and friends are welcome to attend and there will be tea, coffee and squash available after the service. All children are to be collected from the church apart from those who are attending Spanish Club, who will be escorted back to school.

**Clubs**

Please note that there will be no clubs on Wednesday next week. Spanish club (Tuesday) and Textile club (Thursday) will still go ahead. There will be no clubs on Wednesday 2nd November due to staff training.

**Last day of term**

Please note that the children break up on **Thursday** afternoon.

### **Key Dates**

Mrs Gray will be in school on Monday and Tuesday next week.

**Tuesday 18th October** - Church service at St Winifred's Church at 2.45pm. Parents and friends welcome. Children to be collected from the church please. Children attending Spanish club will be escorted back to school.

**Wednesday 19th October** - there will be no netball or construction club

**Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th October** - years 2,3,4,5 and 6 non uniform due to taking part in art activity on both days.

**Thursday 20th October** - last day of this half term.

**Monday 31st October** - first day of next half term.

**Wednesday 2nd November** - 2.45pm Parent Forum meeting

**Wednesday 2nd November** - there will be no netball or construction club

**Monday 14th November** - Trip to Clip 'n' Climb for years 2,3,4,5,6. (Provisional; further details to follow.)

**Monday 21st November** - Class 2 Dental Hygiene session.

**Monday 5th December** - Christingle Service 6pm at St Winifred's Church.

**Thursday 8th December** - Christmas Play at Branscombe Village Hall at 6.30pm.

**Friday 9th December** - Christmas Theatre trip for the whole school. (Provisional; further details to follow.)

**Monday 12th December** - 2.45pm Parent Forum meeting

### **We're Going on a Bear Hunt art days**

On Wednesday and Thursday next week all children in Years 2,3,4,5 and 6 will be working with an artist to produce a piece of art work that will be used in a production of We're Going on a Bear Hunt at the Exeter Northcott Theatre. All children taking part may wear non school uniform but please ensure that the clothes that are worn are suitable for art activities - they may be working on the floor and with paint.

### **The Branscombe Project**

There will be a Branscombe Project Exhibition taking place in the Village Hall from the 22nd to the 30th October. The exhibition will be open daily from 12 until 5pm. On the 17th October at 7.30pm there will be a talk by Sue Dymond "BRANSCOMBE - A PARISH AT WAR". On Sunday October 23rd from 2 - 4:30pm there will be a Wartime Tea. Cost £2.50 (Entrance to the Exhibition is free), and on 26th October at 7:30pm 'WARTIME AMUSEMENTS' by the Branscombe Players (Tickets £5 at the Post Office & at the door). For more information about the Branscombe Project see the website:

<http://www.branscombeproject.org.uk>

### **Second Hand Uniform**

We do have a large stock of second hand school uniform and will be having a sale in the next half term.

### **Transfer to secondary education**

All parents of children in Year 6 should have received details of how to apply for places at secondary schools. Applications can be made on line. We have been asked to remind you that all applications must be received by the end of October.

### **Puffin Book Club**

In order to support our focus on reading we have joined the Puffin Book Club and will be able to let you have the Christmas catalogue at the beginning of next half term. Most of the books available to purchase are offered at half price and for everything you order the school receives a 50% commission. You will be able to place an order online or through us and all books will be delivered to school.

### **Governor information from Amanda Bentley**

At the end of the summer term I advised you that Sandi Clark who had been covering the ex-officio vacancy during the absence of a vicar had now stepped down as Hilary was keen to take on her role within the Governing Body. Sandi Clark was nominated as a Foundation Governor and we have now received a letter from the Diocese confirming Sandi's appointment. We look forward to welcoming Sandi back to the Governing Body.

I am also delighted to inform you that we have had 2 nominations for the parent governor vacancies - Emma Douglas and John Janus. As we had 2 vacancies these can now be filled and we look forward to welcoming both Emma and John at our next Full Governor Meeting next week.

### **School Meals**

The school meal next Thursday will be battered fish fingers, cheese wheels or jacket potato.

### **Exeter Chiefs**

Exeter Chiefs are running a Rugby Camp on October the 24th and 25th from 10am until 3pm daily. For more information and to book a place, go to [www.exeterchiefs.co.uk](http://www.exeterchiefs.co.uk)

## Reading Feedback

Please let us know how your child responded to any of the following: bedtime reading evening, Roald Dahl reading challenge, Book Swap, Children's Book Week,

Poetree.....

As a parent how helpful were the book lists and information sheets that were sent out a couple of weeks

**ago?**

Would you, friends, grandparents etc like to come into school to help us create reading resources?.....Name of person and contact details:

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Have you any further ideas how we could support you and your child reading together?

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