



BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Friday 9th May 2014

**Achievements to Celebrate
Branscombe Waves Award:**

Ismay: Working hard in class.

Felicity: Writing punctuated sentences and questions.

Kieron: Working hard and doing your best.

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



The Branscombe Waves

Dear Parents,

The children are really enjoying their new learning journeys and the classrooms are looking super with displays about the new topics. Do come and have a look!

We had a governing body meeting this week which focused on 'Children's Learning'. As part of the meeting I gave a presentation to the governors about the range of learning opportunities the children have experienced in the last term. It was suggested by one of the governors that I show this presentation during a sharing assembly, which I will do in the next few weeks. The children's facial expressions on some of the photos demonstrated perfectly what a love of learning our children have. It really highlighted to us all what a huge amount of exciting learning activities the children take part in, and how being in the federation has benefitted the range we are able to offer. This range will of course be able to increase further if the federation with Farway CE Primary School goes ahead. Not only will there be a bigger pool of ideas and curricular opportunities to share, there will also be a strengthened leadership team. Having the expertise and experience of the current Farway headteacher as an added tier to the leadership team will support myself and all staff across the federation which, in turn, will benefit children's learning. The governors are keen to ensure that the support each school gets from this new leadership team will provide an enhanced leadership presence across all three schools.

This week we have held two of our consultation meetings regarding the proposed federation with Farway CE Primary School. We have had some really positive feedback. Do feel free to have a chat with me at anytime regarding the proposals. The final consultation meeting will take place at Branscombe on Monday at 4pm. You can email any comments regarding the proposal to chair@branscombe.devon.sch.uk

Next week is our assessment week for pupils in Class 2. We will make this as relaxed an experience as we can. It would be great if you could encourage the children to have early nights from Sunday onwards!

Thank you for your continued support.

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School

Questions for the week

Class 1: Think about where you live. Where do plants (and trees) not grow? Can you explain why?

Class 2: Would you have liked to live in Ancient Egypt? Why?

Key Dates:

Mrs Gray will be in and out of both schools next week due to the SATS which will be taking place. As usual please feel free to telephone either school if you need a chat with her.

Monday 12th May	Federation consultation meeting at Branscombe, 4pm
Friday 16th May	African Garden building day
Wednesday 21st May	May Day celebration (further information below)
Thursday 22nd May	Class 2 Egyptian day at Broadhembury (details below)
Friday 23rd May	Last day before half term
Monday 2nd June	First day back from half term
Thursday 5th June	Class 2 swimming starts

Class 2 Egyptian Day

In line with our current topic, on Thursday 22nd May the children from class 2 have been invited to Broadhembury School to share an Ancient Egyptian Workshop hosted by The Royal Albert Memorial Museum.

As would-be archaeologists, children will learn to piece together the evidence about life and death in Ancient Egypt through artefact handling, studying images and dramatic role play. The day is led in role by a 1940s Archaeologist who introduces the children to archaeology and challenges them to 'become' archaeologists. There are three sessions across which the children 'discover' a tomb, piece together evidence about ancient Egyptian society, interact with artefacts in different meaningful ways and perform the mummification process within an embalmer's workshop.

The children will travel to and from Broadhembury by coach and as this is a whole day event everyone will require a packed lunch (please talk to Nicola in the office by next Friday if you are eligible for a free packed lunch). The children will need to be at school by **8.45am** so that the coach can leave at 9 o'clock on the dot. Because the events at Broadhembury will not finish until 3pm, the children will not be back at Branscombe until **3.45pm**.

The federation will be paying for the cost of the day so there will be no charge to parents. Please complete the SOE3 form which will be sent home shortly.

Gardening Club – Request

Please could all children taking part in the after school Gardening club on Tuesdays bring their **wellies** (or other suitable footwear) to school every week. Thank you.

Eco Club – Reminder

Please could all children taking part in Eco club remember to bring an empty plastic bottle ready for next week's session.

African Garden Building Day

As you will know we had to postpone this due to bad weather. The build will now be taking place on Friday 16th May, and hopefully we will have better weather! We still need chicken wire and are rather short of soil and compost. If anyone is able to contribute these we would be very grateful. If you are able to help on the day, even for part of the day, please let us know.

May Day Celebrations

Our celebrations this year will take place on Wednesday 21st May, from 1.30pm, weather permitting. Parents are invited to come and watch the proceedings. Further information will be sent out next week.