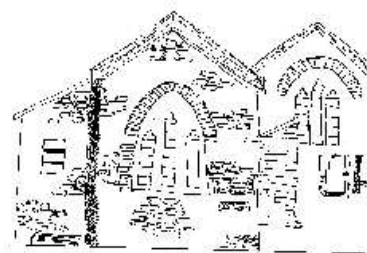


Branscombe C of E Primary School  
Children's Aims  
We will try to:



**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER 14/15 21**  
**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2015**



**Achievements to Celebrate  
Branscombe Waves Award:**

**Taliesin:** Working hard in literacy and improving in reading and writing.

**Freya:** Being a welcoming friend and work partner.

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half term break.

The children are getting on well with their topics on *Changes* and *The Mayans*, and many of the Federation's governors were here on Wednesday to take part in a learning walk. They looked at the learning environment and talked to the children about the work they have been doing. They watched while some of Class 1 filmed their own weather reports in the role play area which has been set up like a TV weather studio. The children have also been measuring and recording wind speed, wind direction, temperature and rain fall each day.

The governors also visited class 2 and watched and chatted to them while they made rainforest collages. The class have also done some lovely written work on rainforest animals recently, which you can see in the new display on the stairs. Do take some time to look it next time you are in school.

Also this week we had the Devon Fire Service in to talk to the children about fire safety. They taught class 1 to "stop, drop and roll" and helped them to think about escape routes in the event of a fire. Class 2 also took part in a fire safety workshop.



You will notice today that there is a new feature in the newsletter relating to our Collective Worship value for the half term. We will be including something each week for you to look at as a family. This may be a quiz like the one you will see at the end of this newsletter, or

perhaps some facts, a thought for the week, or a challenge. This half term our theme is Compassion, and this week's quiz relates to the story of The Good Samaritan.

Thank you for all 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:** How will you know when Spring is here?

**Class 2:** How do people and animals keep warm in the winter?

### Key Dates:

Mrs Gray will be in school on Thursday and Friday next week.

<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	Parents' Evening
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	World Book Day event "Story Bears"
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Bikeability Y3 & 4
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Class 2 visit to Donkey Sanctuary (details below)
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Life Education bus – whole school to Farway (details to follow)
	Comic Relief
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Mothering Sunday Service, 11.15am, St Winifred's Church
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	National Trust session (Class 1 only – a.m.)
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	KS2 trip to Eden Project
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Last day of term

### Donkey Sanctuary – Book launch

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March Class 2 will be travelling to the Donkey Sanctuary after lunch for an author event with Sarah Lean. She will be reading from her new book and leading an interactive discussion about characters and that the inspiration for stories is all around us. The session will start at 1.45pm. We will need parental help with transporting the children so please speak to Miss Moss if you are able to help. Further details and a permission slip will be sent out separately.

### World Book Day

We would really love some parents (or grandparents) to get involved with our world book day event next Wednesday. Please get in touch if you are interested in joining us at some point during the day to read the children one of your own favourite bear stories. Children are welcome to dress up as a bear if they wish and we will be encouraging them to bring their own bears to school (as we will bring ours!).

### Mothering Sunday

Everyone is invited to a special service for Mothering Sunday at St Winifred's Church on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 11:15. Posies for mums and a very warm welcome to everyone.

### **Netball Team**

You will remember before the holidays we told you that the Branscombe netball team did really well in the recent schools tournament. We now have a photo of the successful team to share with you.



### **Menu reminder**

Please remember when ordering the jacket potato option that there is now no longer a choice of fillings. There is only one filling available each day, which is listed on the new menu.

### **Gardening Club**

We would like to be able to offer this club again particularly as such good progress was made in the allotment area last year. However we need helpers with good gardening knowledge. Are there any parents/grandparents/aunties/uncles who could spare half an hour a week to help with this? If so, please get in touch.

### **Messy Church**

On Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> the Holyford Mission Community are holding a messy church session at the Reece Strawbridge Youth Centre in Colyton from 4-6pm.

### **Storywriting competition**

Your child should come home today with a booklet or A4 sheet giving them the opportunity to enter a story writing competition. This is not compulsory, but your child may like to enter to have the chance for their story to be published in a book alongside other stories written by children across the country. If any stories written by Branscombe children are selected we will receive a free copy of the book it is published in, and this will also be available for you to order for yourself. There is no obligation to enter the competition or buy the book, but we felt it may be a fun way to get children writing. If your child would like to enter the competition, they must return their completed sheet to us by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March so that we can send them off by the closing date.

### **\*\* Job Available – please pass on to anyone you think may be interested \*\***

Farway Primary School require a Catering Assistant on Thursdays and Fridays to collect meals from Honiton high street, serve meals and clear the kitchen. Farway have a newly fitted kitchen with a dishwasher, so clearing the kitchen afterwards is reasonably quick and easy. 2 hours per day from 11.30-1.30 @ £7 per hour, plus a mileage allowance, term times only.

A Mealtime Assistant is also required to supervise in the playground or indoors during wet weather from 12.30-1.30 on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday @ £7 an hour, term times only.

Previous experience is not necessary, just a kind disposition and plenty of enthusiasm is required! Please contact the school office on 01404 871239 if you or anyone you know is interested in the position.

Farway primary School are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. A DBS disclosure will be required for this post.



## READ TOGETHER...

### The good Samaritan

When someone asked Jesus the question, "Who is my neighbour?" he told a story that surprised everyone who heard it. The hero was from Samaria but those listening were mainly Jews. (Jews and Samaritans usually kept well away from each other.)

"A man set out on foot from Jerusalem to a town called Jericho", said Jesus. The crowd murmured and exchanged knowing glances. They knew this was a lonely, dangerous road, a favourite place for robbers to attack travellers. "As the man reached a rocky and desolate place, a gang of robbers leapt out and beat him. They took all that he had and left him bleeding and bruised. To the man's relief, he saw in the distance a priest from the temple. A priest is bound to help me, thought the man. He waited until the priest came a little closer and then called out, 'Thank goodness it is you. Please Sir, take me to safety.' But to his amazement the priest hurried past pretending not to see or hear him.

As the poor, injured man grew weaker and weaker in the burning midday sun, he once again heard footsteps. Looking up he saw a Levite, another of his own people. 'Please Sir, please help me', he called out. Surely this Levite would take pity on him, but to his horror the Levite just kept on walking.

The man had almost given up hope when he felt a gentle touch on his shoulder. A stranger, a Samaritan, had bent down beside him and was bandaging his wounds and giving him sips of water to drink. The Samaritan helped the man on to his own donkey and slowly, carefully took him all the way to an inn. There he paid the innkeeper to look after the man until he was well. The man never forgot the **compassion** and kindness of the Samaritan stranger."

"Who do you think was a good neighbour?" asked Jesus.

Bible story based on Luke 10:29-37



## QUIZ The Stranger on the road was kind....

Change one letter in the word to answer the next clue.

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| The traveller was attacked as he walked along the                 | ROAD |
| Watching from the rocks was a small creature like a frog          | ---- |
| The Samaritan ____ the innkeeper to look after the man            | ---- |
| The Samaritan acted with courage. He was ____                     | ---- |
| We sometimes talk about the ____ of friendship (rhymes with pond) | ---- |
| Wrap tightly with a bandage (rhymes with find)                    | ---- |
| The Samaritan in the story was                                    | ---- |