

Branscombe C of E Primary School
Children's Aims
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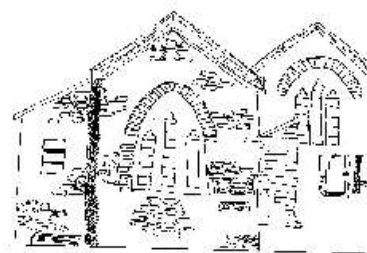
The Branscombe Waves



BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 9th January 2015



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all! I do hope you all had a restful Christmas break.

The children will be bringing their topic plans for the term home today. The teachers have some exciting activities planned. Class 1 will be focusing on "Changes" while Class 2 will be studying South America and the Mayan Civilisation. If you feel you could help with any activities do let us know.

As you will know the National Trust rangers led several sessions with the children last term and we are happy to say that this will become a monthly event until the end of the year. Next week's session will be Wassailing in the orchard. Many of the children have been Wassailing before but for those who haven't, it is a ceremony designed to promote the apple harvest in the coming year. A Wassail King and Queen will be crowned here at school, and the children will then be processing down to the orchard where the ceremony will take place and the children will sing the school's Wassailing song. Parents are very welcome to join us for the ceremony, more information is included below.

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

Key Dates:

Mrs Gray will be in school on Monday next week.

Sunday 11th January	Messy Church, Colyton (see below)
Wednesday 14th January	National Trust session – Wassail (see below)
Friday 30th and Saturday 31st January	Branscombe Players Pantomime, Branoc Hall, 7.30pm
Wednesday 11th February	National Trust session
Friday 13th February	Pancake races
	End of Term

Milk at Lunchtimes

The New Year has brought changes in school milk provision. Schools are now required to provide milk for all children in school, with under 5's and pupils on free school meals supplied free of charge. Milk for the remainder of pupils should be chargeable. However, we have decided that for this academic year, in order to benefit all pupils, milk will be provided for all children in the Federation free of charge. The children have been told about the availability of milk but we felt it important to let parents know too, so that you are able to remind them about it if you would like to.

Messy Church

Holyford Mission Community are holding another Messy Church session this Sunday 11th January, 4-6pm at the Reece Strawbridge Centre in Colyton.

Clubs this term

Please note there will be no clubs until after February half term.

Wassail

This will be a morning session for all the children, and they will need their waterproofs and wellies in school. Please could children also bring something with them to make a lot of noise in the orchard, for example pots and pans, and wooden spoons. If you would like to join us, the children will be processing down the road at around 9.45 to begin the ceremony from 10am.

Shoe Boxes

Class 2 will be making dioramas out of shoe boxes this term, so if you get any shoe boxes over the next few weeks, please hold onto them for us. Thank you.