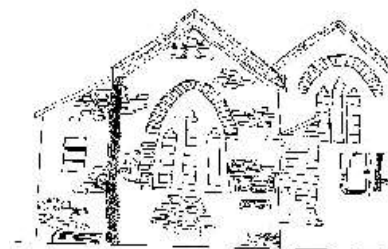




## BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2016



### Achievements to Celebrate Branscombe Waves Award:

**Marlon:** Great attention and involvement in our role play "trial" of the Farmer's wife

**Ryan:** Great involvement and logical reasoning in our role-play "trial" of the Farmer's wife

Dear Parents

Last Friday both classes took part in a "Ready Steady Write" day based on the story of The Three Blind Mice. The children worked together in small mixed-aged groups to practise and perform the rhyme using musical instruments and role play. They then held a trial for the farmer's wife, with Class 1 acting as her defence team and Class 2 as the prosecution. The children all had different parts to play, including a very dramatic French chef and an eccentric scientist. Class 1 children then spent the afternoon writing the story from the view point of the farmer's wife, or the mice. Class 2 wrote a report about the court case. Come and see our display in the entrance hall.

This week Class 1 have been using junk modelling resources to make pirate ships! The classroom has got rather messy but an excellent effort has been made and the models are starting to take shape. The children will be doing more work on this project next week. Class 1 have also continued with their learning surrounding the text 'The Rainbow Fish', working hard to plan and write their own stories in which they use expanded noun phrases to add detail, for example to describe and specify the setting and their characters. Don't forget to visit the classroom to read about the adventures of a variety of animals living under the sea that have learnt a valuable lesson in giving something away in order to be happy.



Our second transition day took place yesterday. The new intake of pupils for September 2016 joined Class 1 for the afternoon and staff and pupils were impressed with how well they are settling in and the beautiful work that they have produced so far. Year 2 had their session in Class 2, carrying out work based on yesterday's referendum. The children had a lively debate, where they were encouraged to calmly put across their viewpoints to the other children, after which they all placed their vote. Despite a majority thinking they would vote 'leave' before the debate, in the final vote the majority voted 'remain'. Broadhembury had an overwhelming majority to 'remain' as did Farway! Please come and have a look at our Referendum display on the stairs. Many of the supporting resources for our work on this topic came from a resource called 'First News' which is a children's newspaper but also has resources for teachers

to use on topical debates. Having trialed this we are going to purchase this to hopefully ensure many of our literacy and topic lessons have up to date, relevant subject matter.

We are coming to the end of another very busy year. The teachers have coped brilliantly with all the changes in education nationally relating to the curriculum, assessment and Special Educational Needs provision. Despite all the new initiatives the staff have still ensured that your pupils have enjoyed a wide variety of activities. However, we are very much looking forward to the start of a new academic year, where the new processes will now be more routine and the focus will be on increasing the range of opportunities to link core subjects with the wider curriculum and to further develop the provision at our lovely school. As well as tweaking the timetable to ensure we have a better balance of all our subject areas, we also have ideas to improve our ICT equipment, our PSHE – with a reward scheme, and opportunities to share the wider skills of our staff and parents. More details next term! The children in Class 2 have had a great time learning the clarinet this term and we have ordered a new set of recorders to enable whole class instrument lessons to continue. We have also purchased an online music resource which supports the teaching of all aspects of the music curriculum. We have approached several music teachers to see if any are interested in providing peripatetic music tuition during the school day – we will keep you posted!

We have had some positive feedback for the new after school club. For those of you who have sent back requests (or intend to do so!) for places next week we will be able to provide the club. Please ensure we receive payment prior to the afternoon when you require childcare. Becky Butler is already busy planning some lovely activities to do with the children who are coming. **For the rest of this term the new provision on a Thursday will incorporate textile club which will run until 4.30pm. For the rest of this term Thursday's after school/textile club provision will be at no cost as this was the original arrangement this term– this will be reviewed after the summer holiday. We had originally said there would be no textile club this coming Thursday due to a staff training, however, this has been postponed so the after school club will run.**

Unfortunately today's school photo was postponed due to the rain. It will now take place next Thursday in the morning.

We will be holding an open evening on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Please come and have a look at the displays and your child's work from across the year. This is also your opportunity to discuss any matters with your child's current teacher, although there won't be fixed appointment times. For Year 2 pupils please feel free to also go into Class 2 to look around and get to know Miss Moss. Please also let us know any ideas you have for the next academic year.

Thank you for all your continued support.

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

*Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe CE School*

#### **Question of the week:**

**Class 1:** If you could visit a time in history, where would you go and why?

**Class 2:** If you could propose a referendum for the whole country to vote on, what change would you propose that we vote about?

<b>Key Dates:</b>	
<b>Mrs Gray will be in school on Friday next week.</b>	
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Exe Valley Challenge practice walk (C2) ( <b>bring a packed lunch</b> )
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Whole school photo
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	Exe Valley Challenge event
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	No C2 Swimming (see below for date change). Letter to follow.
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	National Trust Session
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Open afternoon, 3.25-5pm
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Summer Performance, 1.30pm
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Final C2 swimming session (note date change)
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Leavers' Service, St Winifred's, 9.15am Last day of term


### Class 2 – Exe Valley Practice Walk

As you know, this is taking place on Monday. The children must all bring a packed lunch (plus some snacks for the walk), and plenty to drink. They should wear suitable non-uniform and have sun hats and sun-cream.

### Menu Change

The kitchen have informed us that on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June, the main meal will be a ham and cheese (or cheese) panini.

### Collective Worship



**QUIZ Wordsearch**

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