

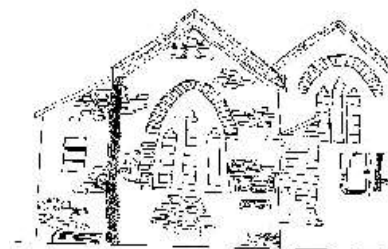


The Branscombe Waves



BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 16/17 01
Friday 9th September 2016



Dear Parents

Welcome back to the Autumn term, and an even bigger welcome to Dominic, Lily, Isla and Ian who have joined us this week. All the children have come back fresh and ready to learn with lots of stories about their holidays. The Key Stage 1 topic is "A Carnival of Animals", and Key Stage 2 children are studying all about Invaders and Settlers - The Romans. Topic information sheets will be sent out next week.

We have included on this newsletter a list of key dates for the year. We hope this will be useful, however, as some are a long way off they are subject to change if other things crop up during the year.

You should have received a letter this week about clubs. We have worked hard to provide extra opportunities. Further information can be found in this newsletter regarding some of our clubs. You will also receive information shortly about a peripatetic music teacher who will be offering individual music lessons during Tuesday afternoons, followed by a choir after school. Every Wednesday after lunch there will be 'Wider Opportunities Time'. This is where staff and parents or members of the community run an activity that might not usually be covered during the school day. If you have any skills you would like to share with the children for about 6 weeks please let us know.

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: You are sent to a desert island for a whole month, what one or two items would you take with you?

Class 2: What did you learn during the summer holidays? Which of the 7Cs (creativity, collaboration, communication, curiosity, commitment, confidence, craftsmanship) did you show in this learning?

Harvest Festival

We are trying to plan our contribution for the church Harvest service on 18th September at 11.15am. There is a slip at the end of this newsletter, please return this by Monday (12th Sept) so that we have an idea of who will be there.

Good Samaritan Awards

We are launching a new PSHE scheme of work this week and in connection with this we have planned an new award system for the children. It is called The Good Samaritan Awards. This award system supports the PSHE, Citizenship and British Values elements of our curriculum and we hope staff and parents will encourage pupils to work towards the awards. Children will be asked to complete tasks relating to the following areas; Staying Safe, Keeping Healthy, Enjoying and Achieving, Economic Wellbeing and Making a Positive Contribution. The aim being to give children a broad and balanced view of society.

At the start of term each teacher will plan a Life Skills activity ensuring that all children are involved.

To achieve their **Red** award the children will need to complete 5 challenges, including the class ones. **White** they will need to achieve 10 and for the **Blue** award they will need to complete 15 challenges. This will be over the course of the year.

If the children raise money for a charity by putting in extra effort they can win a Citizenship Award Certificate for thinking of others, having an idea, putting in the hard work and raising money for a nominated charity.

We have attached the sheet of challenges – we hope your children enjoy achieving them both at home and at school. Please keep us informed of what the children have been working towards.

Knitting Project

Mrs Gray recently went to a Religious Education course with our Pre-School leader from Farway. They were both inspired by a project that was discussed and hope we can do something similar within The Jubilee Federation. Telling Bible stories visually is always a successful way to capture the pupils' attention and thoughts. The parish representatives talking at the meeting discussed how members of the community had knitted biblical characters to support this teaching technique. We are asking parents, grandparents and members of the community to help us build our own set of Biblical characters. If you aren't a confident knitter you can still help by spreading the word or sending in left over balls of wool. We will put a box in the entrance hall to collect donations of wool. The knitting patterns are coming home tonight too, and will also be in the office. Please take copies for any knitters you know! Mrs Gray's mum has already starting knitting in Liverpool!

Gardening Club

We are looking for volunteers to help us plant and maintain our vegetable plot with our children. This may be during the lunch break, or after school. Please get in touch if you think you may be able to offer half an hour to a week to help us with this.

Parent Helpers

We would be very grateful to hear from any parents or other adult family members who could commit to coming into school for an hour a week to listen to our children read. This can be a very rewarding role, and our children would benefit greatly. We are also looking for some extra Meal Time Assistant support. This can be a paid or voluntary role. Please get in touch if you are able to help.

Key Dates:	
Mrs Gray will be across the federation next week.	
17th September	Branscombe Harvest Fair 12noon to 4pm
18th September	Harvest Church Service, 11.15am followed by a bring and share lunch
19th September	Sports day AM on the field
20th September	National Trust Session
21st September	Individual Photos
20th October	Parents Evening
5th December	Christingle evening service
15th December	Christmas Play
19th December	Christmas lunch
21st December	Carol Singing in class 1
14th March	Parents Evening
31st March	Easter Service
21st April	St Georges Day Celebrations
8th May	SATS week
26th May	May Day celebration
3rd & 4th July	YR 6 to Sidmouth College
13th July	Open Evening
18th July	Summer Play
20th July	Federation Sports Day
21st July	Leavers Service

Term Dates 2016/17

5 th September 2016	Term begins
24 th – 28 th October 2016	Half term
31 st October 2016	Non-pupil Day
21 st December 2016	Term ends
9 th January 2017	Term begins
13 th – 17 th February 2017	Half term
31 st March 2017	Term ends
18 th April 2017	Term begins
1 st May 2017	May Bank Holiday
29 th May – 2 nd June 2017	Half term
21 st July 2017	Term end

Message from the PTFA:

BRANSCOMBE HARVEST FAIR 2016

Saturday 17th September, 12 noon-4pm

This year's event looks set to be even bigger and better than last year's, with more stalls, more entertainment, more fun... and more burgers! (We will try not to run out this year.)

Our new attractions include (to name but a few): samba music, dog agility, birds of prey, a magician, traditional storytelling, and a craft tent, where children and their parents will have the opportunity to try out a new craft.

We are also looking forward to receiving more entries for the Village Show this year - with 70 different classes, we hope there's something to suit everyone's skills! Miss Moss and Miss Harvey-Jones have given us some great ideas for the Children's categories, so have a look at the list and see what you could enter. Lots of certificates up for grabs! Special mementoes and vouchers for most points in category.

Spare forms available from the office if you don't already have one...

All entry forms and fees (50p per category) to Amanda D by 5pm on Thursday 15th September, please.

In the meantime, keep your eyes peeled and you might spot some new Harvest Guys around the village... There's also a chance to win a prize in the Branscombe Photo Trail: entry forms (£1) available from both pubs, the Sea Shanty, the Forge and the Old Bakery. This competition runs until Friday 30th September.

The PTFA is after volunteers of Parents/Children to help us on the day of the Harvest fair day. The older children will be helping to run some of the PTFA stalls. Parents to sell Raffle tickets and get silent auction bids. the children of the school will be wearing the Yellow polo shirts to help represent the school. All help would be gratefully received. Please let either Abi or Amanda know if you are willing to help.

Many thanks Abi (Chairperson)

We look forward to seeing you at the fair!

Free Clubs this Term:

Construction Club (Year 1 and 2)

I give permission for my child to attend construction club on Mondays after school from 3.15-4.15pm. I will collect my child from classroom 1 at 4.15pm.

Signed..... Date

Netball Club (Years 3-6)

I give permission for my child to attend netball club on Mondays after school from 3.15-4.15pm. I will collect my child at 4.15pm.

Signed..... Date

Emailing of Newsletter

I would be happy to receive the newsletter by email each week. My email address is:

I would/would not (*please delete one*) prefer to be sent hard copies of permission slips where possible.

Child name:

Signed: Date.....

Harvest Service

Sunday 18th September, 11.15am, St Winifred's Church

My child(ren) will/will not (*please delete one*) be attending the service.

Signed..... Date.....