

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



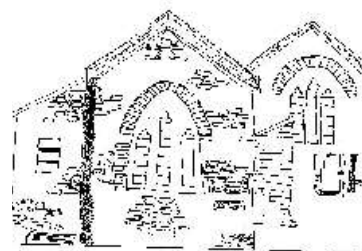
The Branscombe Waves



## BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2015



### Achievements to Celebrate Branscombe Waves Award:

**Jay:** Working hard on his spellings homework

**Freya:** Working with sustained concentration and always doing her best

**Ismay:** Embracing challenges, especially in Maths and Literacy

Dear Parents,

Both classes began this week with a session run by the National Trust. Ruby had organized a treasure hunt for each class, Class 2 used compasses to find their way to each marker while Class 1 had to follow instructions and use a map. Class 1 finished the session with a tea party, and badge making. They all had a wonderful time.



Next week is going to be another busy week particularly for class 2, with a number of events going on including the Life skills session for Year 6 and "First Aid in a Day" for class 2, which is being run by St John Ambulance. Please take note of the key dates and any further information below.

You may be aware that we are in the process of advertising for a Key Stage 2 teacher across the federation. Miss Salter (who teaches at Broadhembury and Farway) has resigned some of her hours across the federation and we are also looking at ways of covering teachers for their non-teaching time. The way we organise this will very much depend on the particular skills of the applicants. I will keep you informed as the process develops but it is unlikely to affect Branscombe.

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*

## **Attendance**

We will shortly be sending home details of your child's attendance as required by the DfE and so we are taking this opportunity to provide you with further information regarding this.

It is now more important than ever that all children have a good education and that they attend school regularly. They have one chance at school and successful futures are dependent upon regular attendance. If children do not attend school regularly they may not be able to keep up with school work. It is not only academic work which can suffer, it can also affect children's ability to make and keep friendships, a vital part of growing up. Being on time is also important and arriving late in school can be disruptive to both children and teachers. We recognise that some parents may be trying hard but are finding it difficult to get their children to attend school for one reason or another. We urge you to come and speak with us if this is the case and we will do our best to help. The most common reason for absence is due to illness and we ask that children are only kept away from school if they are genuinely too poorly to attend. Please ring us before 9.20 am to let us know of the reason for their absence and then confirm the reason in writing when they return to school.

We have been sent some interesting statistics from the DfE which we think put this into a clear perspective.

100% attendance 0 days missed **Excellent**

95% attendance 9 days of absence **Satisfactory**

1 week and 4 days of learning missed

90% attendance 19 days absence **Poor**

3 weeks and 4 days of learning missed

85% attendance 28 days of absence **Very Poor**

5 weeks and 3 days of learning missed

80% attendance 38 days of absence **Unacceptable**

7 weeks and 3 days of learning missed

*There are 175 non- school days a year which give families an opportunity to spend time together, have days out, go on holiday and attend routine appointments.*

### **Avoidable absence during Term Time**

Requests for a leave of absence must come from a parent with whom the child normally resides. Schools are only able to authorise absence of this nature if there are proven exceptional circumstances which justify this.

Information pertaining to the Law on this matter is included on the reverse side of the request form and we urge you to read this carefully.

Many thanks for taking the time to read through this information. Please do not hesitate to ask for any help that you may need with regards ensuring that your child maintains excellent attendance at school.

### **Question for the week**

**Class 1:** We are learning about giving and receiving in RE and have recently heard the Bible story of Joseph. Why do you think Joseph accepted the special coat from his father?

**Class 2:** If you lived in the stone age, what would you miss most about modern life?

**Key Dates:**

**Mrs Gray** will be joining the children at Life Skills on Tuesday.  
**Miss Prince** will be spending her Head of Teaching & Learning day (Wednesday) at Farway next week.

<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Whole School Photo (morning)
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Over the Hill and Farway 10K run – <b>Entry forms attached</b>
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	Junior Lifeskills at the Donkey Sanctuary for Year 6 <b>No</b> KS2 swimming
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Exe Valley Challenge practice walk (details to follow)
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Class 2: St John Ambulance First Aid training (details below)
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Exe Valley Challenge
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	KS2 swimming
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Years 5 and 6 to Beam House residential

**St John's Ambulance First Aid training**

On Friday next week class 2 will be having a day of first aid training, run by St John Ambulance. This should be a fun and informative session where the children will learn the basics of first aid. St John Ambulance have advised that girls may want to wear shorts underneath their skirts or dresses on this day.

**Swimming**

Please note that there is no class 2 swimming next week. Also, if you have not yet returned the slip sent out last week regarding the change of dates for swimming, please could you do so as soon as possible.

**Message from the PTFA**

The recent pub quiz and raffle raised an amazing £152. Thank you to all who contributed to such a fun evening and to the PTFA for organising it.

**Term Dates 2015-16****Autumn Term 2015**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
 26<sup>th</sup> October – 30<sup>th</sup> October  
 Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November  
 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Term begins for children  
 Half Term  
 Non Pupil Day  
 Term ends for children

**Spring Term 2016**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January  
 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January  
 Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January  
 15<sup>th</sup> February - 19<sup>th</sup> February  
 Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Occasional day  
 Non Pupil Day  
 Term begins for children  
 Half Term  
 Term ends for children

**Summer Term 2016**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April  
 Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April  
 30<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
 Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July

Non pupil day  
 Term begins for children  
 Half Term  
 Term ends for children

## Collective Worship Activity



### QUIZ Word Search

Find the words from the story of Noah.  
12 creatures are also hidden in the  
word search. They were on the boat!

NOAH	CREATURE	FORTY
ARK	DAYS	HOPE
BOAT	DOVE	NEST
BUILD	FLOODS	PROMISE
	GOD	RAINBOW
		WORLD

