



**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER 10 / 11 26**  
**Friday 8 April 2011**

**Achievements to Celebrate**  
**Branscombe Waves Award:**

**Sid:** for being a hard worker and doing his best. He has finished table work in good time and written perfect "6's".

**Daisy:** for doing her best - she has written a super story.

**Tim:** for logical thinking in maths.

**Beatrix:** for doing her best with spellings.

**Jake:** for working really hard to improve his handwriting.

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



**The Branscombe Waves**

Dear Parents

Thank you to all those parents who joined us yesterday for the Easter Service in Church. The children sang and read very well.

Huge congratulations must go to the Netball Team who came joint second in the recent Netball Tournament. This is an excellent achievement as many of the other teams are made up of higher Key Stage 2 children rather than our very mixed age team! Thank you to Claire and Judie for their brilliant coaching!

We hope you all have a lovely Easter holiday and we look forward to seeing you again on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School.

**Key Dates**

**Saturday 9th April:** 12-5pm Archaeological Road Show at Branscombe Village Hall. Tom Cadbury, Curator from the Royal Albert Memorial Museum will be available to identify your finds.

**Saturday 16th April:** National Trust Teddy Bears' Picnic - see below for further details.

**Easter Holidays:** Bikeability courses - full details were in last week's newsletter or go to <http://www.cycleexeter.org.uk/get-cycling/cycle-training/free-saturday-holiday-bikeability-courses/>

**Tuesday 26th April:** Return to school after Easter holidays.

**Wednesday 27th April:** May Day celebrations will take place with May Pole dancing starting at 11am at the school, this will be followed by a picnic and at 1.30pm, the wedding of Prince Kevin and Miss Isobel together with a street party.

**Tuesday 26th April:** Return Spanish Club Form if interested.

**Friday 29th April:** Bank Holiday & Real World perform live at the Village Hall.

**Tuesday 3rd May:** First Spanish Club session after school until 4pm.

**Wednesday 4th May:** First early morning Cricket Club session. 8am at Village Hall.

### **Royal Wedding / May Day**

We look forward to welcoming you to the May Day and Royal Wedding celebrations. In lieu of wedding gifts please could each family bring a plate of food for the Street Party that will take place after the Ceremony. Thank you for your help with this.

On the same day we will also be having our May Day celebrations. The May Pole dancing will begin at school at 11am and then we invite parents to bring a picnic lunch (weather permitting) or enjoy a school roast dinner and stay for the 'Wedding' and street party in the afternoon. Any parents, who would like to order a school meal, please complete the form below. Children's meals can be ordered in the normal way.

Class 1 may wear party clothes on this day, but when choosing outfits please consider that they will also be changing themselves in and out of May Day outfits. All children will need their PE t-shirt for the May Pole dancing.

Class 2 have received the first reply to their wedding invitations. We have printed it below:

*Friday 8th April*

*Dear Class 2,*

*Thank you most kindly for inviting us to the wedding of His Royal Highness Prince Kevin and Miss Isobel. We have checked our diaries and we are delighted to say that we are able to attend. We very much look forward to enjoying your enchanting company on this most important occasion.*

*Sincerely,*

*Class 1.*

### **Year 2 Transition Support**

Once the Key Stage 2 SATS are over in Class 2 (middle of May) we are going to be providing support to Year 2 as they prepare to move into Mrs Crawford's Class. On Wednesday afternoons Mrs Gray will take the older children from Class 2 and teach them separately, whilst Year 2 join Lower Key Stage 2 in Mrs Crawford's class. They will have the opportunity to choose a topic to work on with Mrs Crawford so that they feel fully involved in their time in Class 2. We hope that this will help the children to learn the routines of the class on a gradual basis so that they are confident about their transition in September. Later in the term we will hold a transition meeting for the parents of children moving from Class 1 to Class 2.

### **Spanish Club**

As you are probably aware we have benefited this year from having a volunteer teacher from Chile in Class 2. She has been teaching the class Spanish and is now willing to run a Spanish Club. The club will take place on Tuesdays after school until 4pm and there will be a small charge of £2 per session. The club is suitable for 7-11 year olds. If you would like your child to attend please fill in the form below and return by 26th April 2011 for the sessions before half term. The club will begin on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

### **Teddy Bears' Picnic**

On Saturday 16th April the National Trust are organising a Teddy Bears' Picnic to include an environmental art event and a sensory walk (of about  $\frac{1}{2}$  a mile - please bring suitable footwear). The event will cost £4 per child, adults are free. All children must be accompanied by an adult. The event will be held at the Old Bakery Orchard and run from 11am until 2.30pm and will move to the Village Hall if the weather is bad. Please bring your own teddy bears, rugs and picnics. Booking is essential, please call Sue Beegan on 01752 346 585.

### **Cost of School Meals**

We have been notified that as of Tuesday 26th April 2011 the price of a school meal will increase to £2.05 per child. There are new menus and forms attached to this newsletter and they will also be available in the document rack in the foyer.



### **Cricket Club**

Cricket Club will be running on a Wednesday morning starting on the 4th May. The club will start at 8am at the Village Hall tennis courts. A member of staff will bring the children to school at 8.45am to get changed for the school day. The club would be a private arrangement between parents and the coach (in a similar way to football club). Each session will be £3 per session to be paid for a half term in advance. We are hoping to have leaflets available from the coach by the 26th April.

### **Young Journalist Club**

You may have read in the Sidmouth Herald that we have launched a Young Journalist Club. The children have now prepared their first news reports, a couple are printed here and more will be in the next edition of the Parish Magazine.

## **Textile Club** written by Kayleigh

Every Thursday and Friday lunchtime Mrs Newman runs a club called Textile Club. Before we break up for the Easter holidays we have started to make some Easter chicks and once we have finished them we will be putting little Easter eggs in them. In the last year we made some Red Nose Day pompoms with eyes which we got to take home after a while, another thing we made were felt handbags decorated with beads, they also were taken home to be used. At the end of 2010 we made some felt Christmas decorations such as stockings, tree shapes, bells and a few more. Not long ago we made some hessian mats that we wove with different types of ribbon. Quite a long time ago we made some willow dream catchers that we took home to hang in our house. It was really fun. We got to have a willow loop and wove inside it to create the look of a spider's web. We also used different types of wool. Lastly we have also learnt the skill of finger knitting. What we do is we weave in and out of our four fingers.

# Bugs Invade Beautiful Branscombe written by Ella

On Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of March Branscombe Primary School made their own bug hotel. It was made of wood, pots, weeds, logs, and loads more bits and bobs you find in your garden. Of course the children couldn't make it by themselves so National Trust Ranger Lucy came in to give them a hand. Unfortunately it couldn't be finished due to the weather, so they decided to carry on with it on the 6<sup>th</sup> of April. As the day came round Lucy came back and the children were able to carry on. When the Bug Hotel was completed everybody said it looked fantastic. We managed to get two quotes one was from a pupil at the school Lauren. She said "It's a good idea for nature". And lunchtime supervisor Sheleen said "It's great accommodation for the bugs of Branscombe". Hopefully the children will have some bugs visit their first class hotel soon.



## Spanish Club

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to attend Spanish Club on Tuesday afternoons from 3.15pm to 4pm.

I enclose £8 for 4 sessions (cash only please).

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## May Day / Royal Wedding

I / We \_\_\_\_\_ would like to order an adult school meal on Wednesday 27th April at a cost of £4.09 per meal. Please indicate your choice or main course below and whether you would like a dessert.

Meal Choice	
Westcountry Roast Gammon & Pineapple	
Vegetarian Roast	
Bite Sized Salmon Nuggets in natural crumb	
Jelly & ice cream	

I enclose £\_\_\_\_\_ for the cost of the meal(s)

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