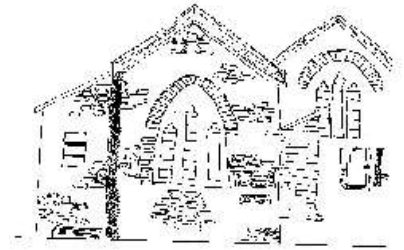




**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY
SCHOOL**
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**Achievements to Celebrate
Branscombe Waves Award:**

Grace: making a very good start to school

Finn: Working well in Maths and Literacy and trying his best

Dear Parents,

It has been a very active week at Branscombe this week with Class 2's welly walk, the National Trust session on Wednesday, and Sports day yesterday.

Sports Day was a great success, thank you to all the parents who came to cheer the children on. There were a variety of races, including skipping, hurdles, dribbling a football and bean bag races. Our coach from Arsenal Soccer School organised and ran the event and the children participated with great team spirit and enthusiasm. The winning team was Reef Knot. Well done to everyone.

During the National Trust session both classes visited the apple trees planted by Branscombe School children in the top orchard and helped the National Trust to pick different varieties of apples for the Harvest Fair and for juicing. Class 1 returned to school with a big basket of apples which they used for their maths lesson, estimating the total, grouping them into 8 sets of 10 and using the pattern of 10s to count them. They are looking forward to doing some subtraction next, and enjoying some of the yummy apples in the process.

Class 2 followed their apple picking session by going on a welly walk around the village, using their senses to explore the local area. They found lots of Harvest scarecrows along the way, including the one that some of them helped to make earlier in the week. Back in the classroom they drew a map of where they had been, similar to the one in Clare and Michael Morpurgo's book "Where my wellies take me".



Tomorrow the Branscombe Harvest Fair takes place, and I do hope that I will see many of you there.

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

Question for the week

Class 1: What makes a dragon a dragon? In what ways is it different from a monster or a dinosaur? What should a dragon look like? Think about its head, its feet and tail. What would its body be like to touch? What do you think a dragon must be able to do?

When you have talked about these things, please draw a picture of your best dragon. Year 1 and 2, please use your writing skills to label or explain some of the interesting parts of your dragon.

Class 2: Where is the most interesting place your wellies have ever taken you?

Key Dates:

Mrs Gray will be at Branscombe on Wednesday and Thursday next week.

Miss Prince will be spending her Head of Teaching & Learning day (Thursday) at Broadhembury next week.

Saturday 19th Sept	Branscombe Harvest Fair, 12-3, Branoc Hall and playing field
Sunday 27th Sept	Harvest Festival – 11.15am, St Winifred's Church
Thursday 22nd Oct	Parents evening
Friday 23rd Oct	Last day of half term

Early Morning Routine

It would appear that further clarification may be needed regarding this new routine which has been brought in to allow a calm start to the morning's learning. On arrival at school, children will have the opportunity to play outside until 8.45am. At 8.45am those children who are playing in the playground will be taken into their classrooms to hang up their coats and bags, settle calmly into the classroom environment and then begin their 'early work'. There will be no staff supervision in the playground after 8.45am. For this reason, children arriving at school after this time must go straight to their classroom. The official registration time remains at 9am and there is no obligation for children to arrive at school any earlier than this.

Branscombe Harvest Fair

One of the Pre-school mums is running a Local Producers' stall at the fair tomorrow and would welcome contributions. If you would like to include your produce or crafts for them to sell on your behalf you are welcome to drop them off at Hazel's house (Hill view, opposite the school sign) or Laura and Jon's (Bulstone Springs Farm) on Friday evening or Saturday morning before 9.45am. Alternatively just bring your goodies down to the village hall/playing fields between 10am and 11am on Saturday. Please price up your goods first. Any enquiries please call Laura on 01297 680702.

Greenhouse

Farway school has a 8ft by 6ft greenhouse which is no longer needed. It is free to the collector (although a small donation would be appreciated), please contact the school office on 01404 871239 if you are interested.

East Devon Roots Choir

The East Devon Roots Choir is a vocal ensemble for young people aged 8 - 16, directed by professional singer and singing leader, Sarah Owen from Wren Music. The choir is a great opportunity to develop your vocal and musical skills, make new friends, enjoy using your voice as well taking part in performances. The group is part of music education charity Wren Music's county-wide programme of music making activities for people of all ages.

Rehearsals are held weekly on Wednesday afternoons from 23rd September, 5 - 6.30pm at Stowford Community Centre, Chambers Close, Sidmouth, EX10 9YL. The first session is free to new members. Please contact sarah@wrenmusic.co.uk if you'd like any more information.

Collective Worship Activity – Please complete the activity together as a family. We would love to have the 'question marks' brought in to the school office so that we can display them in our Collective Worship area.



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Truth be Told

If you could ask a famous person
(from history or alive today)
to answer a question about
themselves what would it be?

For example,

David Beckham - How old were you
when you knew for sure that you
wanted to be a footballer?

Aung San Suu Kyi - Was there ever
a time when you felt like giving up
your campaign in Burma?

Make a colourful question mark
and write your question on it to
take into school to display in the
Gallery.