



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

Jessica: for doing very creative work on her bomb shelter.
Beatrix: for doing very creative work on her bomb shelter.
Christian: for settling in well, being friendly and having fun.
Finn: for being a hard worker and doing his best.

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Children's Aims
We will try to:



The Branscombe Waves

Dear Parents

The children had a very exciting morning yesterday. They were asked to sing the Wassailing Song which they composed before Christmas for Radio Devon. The recording is planned to be broadcast tomorrow morning between 8 and 9 am (most likely at around about 8.40am) on 95.7FM or 103.4FM.

We do hope that lots of you will be able to come to the Wassailing events tomorrow (further details below) so that the children can sing their song (and teach it to the rest of the village), join in with all the fun and see their batik art work displayed.

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

Peace

Our Collective Worship topic this half term is 'Peace'. There is a display about this value in the entrance. It would be lovely if children could write a poem about a peaceful place, or draw a picture or take a photograph of one to add to the display. Some of the children may wish to write a prayer or poem about bringing peace to a place where there is war or conflict.

Swimming

We are aware that some children were upset after swimming yesterday. The first lesson is always difficult whilst the swimming teachers assess the children to put them into the correct groups, particularly when they have children from such a wide age range. It also didn't help that we were delayed getting to the pool because of meeting another large vehicle in the lane! I am very confident that next week will be much better. To assist the children (and staff!) please could girls wear socks NOT TIGHTS on a Thursday and also could ALL items of clothing be named. Thank you.

Governors

We welcome Mr Rod Colwell as our new Local Authority Governor. We have received the resignation of Jo Hemery and would like to thank Jo for her hard work as a Parent Governor over many years. We will be sending details of a new parent governor election shortly.

Wassailing

The Wassailing event will take place on Saturday 15th January. The children have composed a song and completed art work for the event which will start at 6pm. Please park in the Village Hall car park and meet at the National Trust Visitors Centre. Please wear warm clothes and suitable footwear. Bring a torch and something to bang - such as a wooden spoon and pan lid. The cost is £3 per adult and £2 per child, refreshments will be provided. From 12 noon until 4pm the same day there will be a lantern making workshop in the Village Hall. Please bring a mincepie foil case or something similar or a small torch. All other materials will be provided. If you could also bring a glass jam jar (with care) this will help the National Trust to provide tea-light lanterns to light the pathways during the event. The cost is £3 per child. Adults are free.

Book bags

We now have some lovely new book bags in school. As usual we have given all new starters a bag but if any other child would like one of the new ones please see Nicola in the office. They will cost £3.50 each. They are blue with the school logo on. They are made of stronger fabric than the original ones and have inside pockets. Please could we remind parents and children that water bottles should not be placed inside the bags just in case of leaks!

School Play

A reminder that the postponed school play will now take place on Monday 24th January. There will be a dress rehearsal in the afternoon at 1.15pm. Parents are welcome to bring small children to this performance. The actual performance will be held at 6pm the same evening.

Yellow Day

Next Friday we will be holding a Yellow Day to raise money for The Meningitis Trust. Please could the children bring a donation to the charity into school and come dressed in yellow! We are also looking forward to a visit from Monty the Duck to make the day even more exciting!

Batteries and Bottles

A reminder that there is a battery recycling box now in the school entrance hall. Class 2 also need lots of plastic bottles (1 and 2 litre) for a very exciting 'eco' project!

Privacy notice

Please find attached the latest copy of the privacy notice.

Football club

The next football club will start on 4th March (the delay is due to dark evenings and Andy's other commitments). Further details will follow.

PTFA

The PTFA would be really grateful for any donations of raffle prizes to use on the night of the school play. Please bring these into the school office. If you would like to be on the next rota to bake cakes for the PTFA cake stalls please fill in the form below. A new rota until the end of the summer term will then be produced.

PTFA Cake stall

I would like to be added to the cake bake rota.

Name _____
