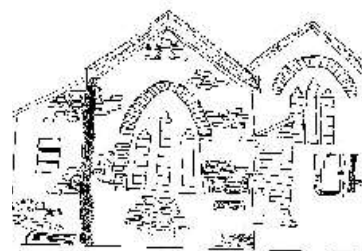


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Friday 10 July 2015**



Dear Parents,

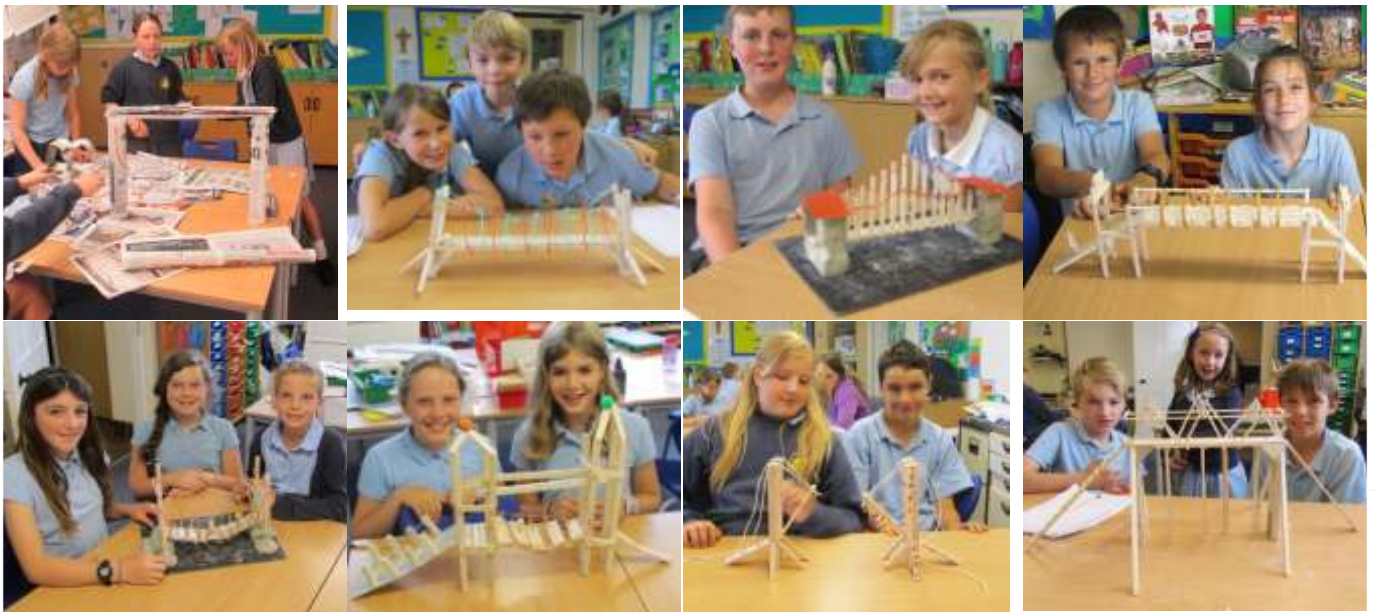
Firstly I would like to say WELL DONE to the children for their SATs results – they all did really well!

It's been an exciting week across the federation. Year 5 and 6 from the three schools travelled to Beam House PGL centre near Great Torrington last weekend for a weekend of adventurous and outdoor activities. The weekend began with the popular "Wacky Races", which included a range of silly races, including racing as a sumo wrestler, a zombie or a prince or princess. On Saturday the children went mountain biking, on the zip wire, jumped off a high pole to catch a trapeze and completed a range of orienteering challenges. In the evening, they competed in more challenges and races to win materials to try and protect a water balloon when it was dropped off a high tower. On Sunday, activities included archery, aeroball (best described as 'basketball on trampolines'), problem-solving and a sensory trail.



The staff said that it was great to see the children encouraging each other so well and many of them were able to overcome initial fear to succeed in activities they had not thought they would be able to do. I was also very pleased to hear that behaviour amongst the group was brilliant. It was lovely to know that children were clearly enjoying spending time with their friends from the other schools in the federation. Thank you to all those parents who have spent the time to send us messages of appreciation for the staff who gave up their weekend to accompany the children – do forgive them if they look a little tired this week!

On Wednesday this week, Class 2 had a bridge building day. Following investigations into the features of bridges, famous bridges around the world and the 4 main bridge designs (beam, arch, suspension and cantilever), the children experimented with building bridges using construction kits and newspaper. They then worked in groups to design and build a model bridge out of wood and other materials such as string, clay, elastic bands and cardboard. Before building, the children had to draw and label their designs, list the tools and materials they would need and make a flow chart to plan the stages of their work. They built the bridges with help from parents and staff and then evaluated their designs, comparing them with those of others. In making the bridges, the children used a variety of tools including saws, scissors and glue guns. The bridges they made are very impressive, as you will see from the pictures below. A very big thank you to those parents who came in to help the children on this day.



You should all have received your child's end of year report this week. Please could you return the slip at the end of this newsletter to confirm that you received the **unopened** report. There is also a space for any comments – these are always appreciated. Next week we have our school Open Day as well as our monthly session with the National Trust, please see the individual notices below for further information.

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:** How many different creatures might you find in a rock pool?

**Class 2:** If you were stranded in the woods, without modern technology, how would you survive? What would you do first?

**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 (Wednesday) at Broadhembury next week.

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July****No KS2 swimming****Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July****Return date for school photo orders**

Branscombe vs Farway football match (at Farway FC field)

National Trust Session

Open Evening 3.25-5pm **(No Clubs)****Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

Summer Play - "Hagbane's Doom" at 1.30pm in the village hall, followed by presentations and refreshments.

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

Class 1 – Beach and Park trip (details to follow)

Final KS2 Swimming session

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

Leavers Service 9.15am

Final day of term

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July**

Extra Football session 3.30 - 4.30, playing field

**Change of menu – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

The kitchen have informed us of a change to the menu. On Wednesday instead of lasagne they will serve a Chicken and vegetable curry/vegetarian curry, with rice and mini pappadums. The snack option will be jacket potato with baked beans and the packed lunch option will be cheese or ham petite baguette. There will be profiteroles with chocolate sauce, tropical fruit salad and water melon slices for desert.

**Open Day – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 3.45pm – 5pm**

An informal opportunity to speak to your child's teacher, as well as to look at your child's work books and the classrooms.

**Clubs next Wednesday**

Because the Open Day is taking place next Wednesday afternoon, construction club and netball club **will not** take place.

**National Trust Session – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

Class 1 will be going to the beach for rock pooling and will be eating lunch at the beach. Therefore all children will **require a packed lunch** on this day and should bring **wellies**. Class 2 will be going to the Orchard in the afternoon. **All children will need to wear suitable non-uniform** including suitable footwear, a light raincoat and a sun hat. They should have suncream already applied.

**School Photo Orders**

Please make sure that any orders for photos are returned to the office by the end of **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July**.

**Football Extra Session – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July**

Because last week's football session was cancelled due to the Beam House trip, Andy Widger is suggesting that an extra session is run after the end of term, on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July. The session would run from 3.30pm, on the village hall field. If your child is part of the football club, please can you complete and return the attached slip to let us know whether your child would be able to attend. We can then make a decision about whether to run this extra session.



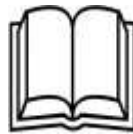
### **Football – Branscombe vs Farway**

This match will take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July at Farway FC field. Parents will need to transport their children there for a 3.45pm start. All Branscombe players should wear blue shorts and a white t-shirt, and footwear suitable for the conditions on the field.

### **School Library Books**

**Please could all library books be returned to school by next Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July.**

**Thank you.**



### **Collective Worship Activity**

Have a look at the photograph below. Talk to the rest of your family about what you think it represents – the information with the photograph might help you.

#### **The Basket of Dreams**

This beautiful sculpture is on the hills overlooking Lake Wakatipu in New Zealand. It is called the Basket of Dreams and is made from a spiral of steel. Spirals can remind us that we have a choice about the way we live. We can either travel inwards towards self-centredness where we only try to think of ourselves or we can travel outwards towards the world and other people.



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## Football Club Extra Session – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 3.30pm

I would like my child(ren) ..... to take part in this extra session.

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

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### Report Feedback

- Having received your child's report this week, please use the space below to provide any feedback from you and/or your child:

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- I received my child(ren)'s report in an **unopened** envelope on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

Child(rens) name(s): .....

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