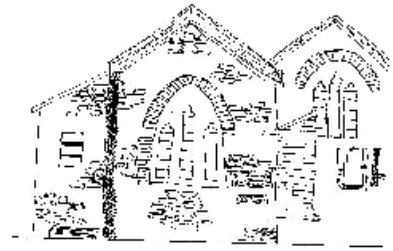




**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY
SCHOOL
WITH LITTLE EXPLORERS' PRE-SCHOOL
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Branscombe Waves

Tom - Excellent learning behaviours and consistently showing kind, caring, friendly and loving behaviour towards others.

Sean - Perseverance, showing improvement in swimming and persevering with challenging work.

Isla - Her exceptional maths learning this week, both in school and at home.

Annabelle - Her fantastic concentration in yoga and her overall focus and determination this week.

Dear Parents,

This week we were really excited to announce that Branscombe won the Sidmouth Rotary Club School Gardening Competition! We were awarded the 'Environmental Award'. The judges told us they were extremely impressed with the bat-friendly elements and how much the children could tell them about their hard work. Beau, Grace, Annabelle and Dillon were able to tell them lots of bat facts and guide them around the vegetables and herbs. It was clear to see the children were very proud of the work we have done in the garden this term.



On Wednesday, we were lucky enough to attend an award ceremony in Sidmouth. Beau and Annabelle were very excited and represented the school wonderfully. They collected the award, met the Sidmouth Rotary Club members, and had a celebration lunch. All of the children deserve a big WELL DONE for their efforts, they really paid off!



In Maths this week the children are working really hard at using their times tables knowledge of the 2s, 5s and 10s to help them with other problems. It is clear the children are benefiting from lots of counting practice! Our work on money is also going well, we are using lots of role play, and real life scenarios, in order for the children to use money in a realistic context - working out which coins/notes they need and how much change they will get!

Our literacy sequence on Flower Fairies has come to an end this week - the Key Stage 1 children have written poems based on their own chosen flower and have worked hard on rhyming patterns, and using exciting vocabulary. The rhythmic style of the Flower Fairy poems has helped all of the children to memorise them very well - our reception children have even been saying some of the poems in their entirety at home!

This week, Class 2 have begun rehearsing in earnest for their end-of-year play next week. They have also been busy preparing props and scenery for the play.

In Religious Education this week, the children continued this term's investigation into the key question, "Why are some journeys and places special?" The children learnt about Taize, a place in France that is visited by thousands of Christians each year. They then began to explore how this question is also applicable to different religions, learning more about the beliefs and practices of Hindus. Through watching videos and examining pictures, the children explored how Hindus worship in a mandir (temple) and then learned about places of Hindu pilgrimage, before comparing and contrasting the different ways that this question might be answered.

Thank you for all your continued support.

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

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

Question of the Week

Class 1: What new skill will you learn or get better at over the summer holidays?

Class 2: This week we thought about how the boys lost in a cave in Thailand and their rescuers had to have hope to persevere. What examples can you give of when you or someone else has needed to have hope in order to persevere in difficult circumstances?

Key Dates

Spring Term 2018

16th July – Class 1 Beach School.

20th July (pm) - Branscombe Summer play.

23rd July – Federation Sports Day and Race for Life.

24th July – Leavers' service, 9.15am at the Church.

24th July – Last Day of Term.

Federation Sports Day and Race for Life

On Monday 23rd July, the whole federation will be having a sports day in Branscombe at the Branoc Hall. Please look out for a letter about this, which will be sent home soon. As part of this day, we will be holding our 'Race for Life' in aid of Cancer Research. We would like to invite parents to join us on this day. All children will need a packed lunch, a bottle of water, a sun hat and sun cream on this day. Thank you.

Class 2 PE

Please could all children have a pair of long trousers or leggings in their PE kit? Often the PE class takes place on the tennis court which is a slightly gravelly surface and longer trousers may help protect against a knee injury if a child falls over.

Ticks

As Branscombe is known to have a tick population and they are now in their most active season, please make sure that you are checking your children regularly for ticks. See the NHS website for information on how to safely remove ticks. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/insect-bites-and-stings/treatment/>

Menu Change

On the last day of term, 24th July we will be serving fish and chips, with vegetarian sausage for vegetarians. Jacket potatoes and pack lunches will still be available. There will be Strawberry smoothie for pudding. Thank you.

Music Performance

On Wednesday 18th July, the children who have music lessons with Malcolm Foster will be performing for the rest of their class at 2.45pm. Parents are very welcome to join us at 2.45pm if they would like to.

Play

On Friday 20th July, the children of Branscombe C of E Primary School will be performing their end-of-year play, 'A Glint of Gold'. The performance will begin at 2pm and will be followed by our annual prize-giving and farewells for the Year 6 leavers and then refreshments. **The children should then be collected from the village hall.** We respectfully request audience members **not** to arrive before 1.45pm, so that we have sufficient time to prepare the hall for our performance. Thank you.

Collective Worship Activity

This term we have been focussing in school on the value of Hope. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together. If the children bring back something that you have done at home linked to the Collective Worship activity, or can talk about a discussion they've had at home linked to it, then Mrs Gray will award them with a new special sticker.



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE Make a 'hopes and dreams' catcher

Dream catchers are traditionally made from a looped willow branch onto which a net or web is woven. The net is then decorated with feathers, beads and other decorations. According to American Indian folklore, as we sleep, dreams are caught in the net and with the first rays of sunlight any bad dreams are burned away.

Find a long twig that can be bent and tied to make a hoop or frame. Use natural string or thread stretched across the frame to make the net and then decorate it creatively to catch all the **hopes** and dreams you can!



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HONITON RUGBY CLUB



U7's & U8's Mini Rugby Taster Sessions

For boys and girls in school years 2 & 3
At Honiton Rugby Club
10am-11.30am
Sunday 9th and Sunday 16th September



Parking available at Honiton sports centre
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