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Children's Aims
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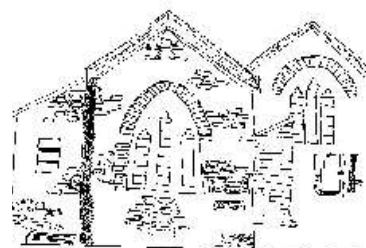
The Branscombe Waves



BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 22nd May 2015



Dear Parents,

Our Key Stage 2 classes had a wonderful time learning about fossils in Lyme Regis on Tuesday. The weather was very kind to them and they only felt a few spots of rain. Chris Andrew, the education officer at Lyme Regis Museum gave an entertaining and informative talk about fossils, showing lots of examples. The children were able to look round Lyme Regis Museum and also explored Dinosaurland Museum. They also went fossil-hunting on the beach and found a few interesting rocks and fossils.

On Wednesday this week Class 2 had their last tag rugby session with Andy from the Exeter Chiefs. The children were able to apply the skills they have learned to play a game of tag rugby. In the classroom, they have solved a variety of real-life problems involving money and measures, giving the opportunity for the children to see one way in which the Maths they learn in the classroom is relevant in other areas of life. This week's lesson involved comparing and ordering data about the Exeter Chiefs' players, such as their relative height, weight and ages. We hope to see Andy again towards the end of next term when we will be invited to a rugby festival to compete against other schools.



Next term Class two will be completing their Design and Technology project building model bridges using wood and other materials. If any parents are interested in helping with this project, please let Miss Moss know.

The guinea pigs have finally been named! **Starburst** and **Oreo** will be spending half-term at Miss Moss's house this time round, but do let us know if you are interested in having a visit from them in future holidays.

Thank you for all your continued support.

God bless and have a lovely half term break.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School

Key Dates:	
Mrs Gray will be in school on Wednesday and Thursday after half term. Miss Prince will be spending her Head of Teaching & Learning day (Wednesday) at Farway the week after half term.	
Sunday 31st May	All ages service, 11.15am, St Winifred's Church
Monday 1st June	Return from half term holiday
Monday 8th June	Federation KS2 Stone Age Play in a Day, at Branscombe. (Details to follow)
Wednesday 10th June	National Trust Session
Thursday 18th June	St Johns Ambulance – first aid training Class 2
Friday 19th June	Whole School Photo (morning)
Sunday 21st June	Over the Hill and Farway 10K run – Please ask in the office if you need any further adult or child entry forms
Tuesday 23rd June	Junior Lifeskills at the Donkey Sanctuary for Year 6
Sunday 28th June	Exe Valley Challenge

Question for the week

Class 2: If you were climbing a mountain, what would you take with you and why?

Ticks

As ever at this time of year there is a risk of picking up ticks. Please can you make sure that you check your child on a regular basis and if you have any concerns please contact your GP.

Second Hand Uniform and Cake Sale

The PTFA will be selling second hand uniform at the next cake sale on June 1st, so please bring any donations of uniform in for this date. Amanda Bentley will very kindly be supplying the cakes.

Bags 2 School

Thank you to all who donated unwanted items for the ags 2 school collection. A total of £32 was raised.



FASCINATING FACTS

Friendship Bands

Friendship bracelets are usually handmade and given to a special friend. According to American tradition you must wear the bracelet until the cords break and it falls off naturally. In this way you honour the love and hard work your friend put in to making it.



Raksha Bandhan

One special type of friendship bracelet is a Rakhi. Each year, normally in August, many Hindus mark Raksha Bandhan. The festival is a celebration of family life and in particular the relationship between brothers and sisters. They remember and talk about special times together, and think about loyalty, closeness, trust and their everlasting friendship.

- Traditionally sisters tie a sacred thread, a Rakhi, on to their brothers' wrists.
- In response the brothers give their sisters a gift promising to help them whenever the need arises and to always protect them.
- Celebrations continue throughout the day with gifts of sweets and special food as families enjoy the time they share together.

Free School Meals forms

As you will know, all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in state-funded schools in England are eligible for universal free school meals (UFSM). Some of these children, along with those in Key Stage 2 may also be eligible under the original free school meals (FSM) scheme and it is very important that we still identify these pupils. This is because each child registered under the original scheme attracts valuable funding for their school. If you think your child may be eligible for FSM, please complete the attached form and return to the office, even if they are in Class 1, and even if you do not actually wish your child to have a free school meal.

Remember that every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 is entitled to receive a free school meal regardless of the outcomes of this registration form, but completion of the form may bring valuable funds for the school.

Please be advised that the Local Authority will not confirm the outcome of your application, but should you wish to know if your child attracts additional funding, you will be able to find out by asking the school from the start of July.

Clubs after half term

Textiles Club, Netball Club and Construction club will all carry on as normal after half term, starting on the first week back.

Multiskills club

Mr Ford will be running a multi-skills club for reception up to year 4 on Thursdays from 3.15 to 4.30pm. The club will start on Thursday 4th June and will run until the end of term. The club will take place on the village hall playing field. Children will need a water bottle, sun hat, sun cream already applied, and a light waterproof coat. There is no need for children to bring a change of clothes, but they will need to have trainers with them. Children should be collected at 4.30pm from the village hall playing field. **If the weather is very bad the club will not run.** In the event of the weather forecast being poor, parents will need to phone school to check whether the club is running. Please complete the permission slip below if you would like your child to take part.

Football

Andy Widger is hoping to arrange a match here at Branscombe against Farway school on the first Friday after half term. It would be nice to provide refreshments for this, if you would be able to help at all please speak to Nicola. This session will be the last in the current block. Andy is happy to run a further block of 6 sessions following straight on, for a cost of £12 for 6 sessions. We will send out forms for this in due course.

Multi-skills Club

I give permission for my child(ren) _____
to attend multi-skills club on Thursdays from 3.15pm to 4.30pm, starting on 4^h June 2015.

I agree to collect my child(ren) from the village hall playing field at 4.30pm.

Signed _____ Date _____