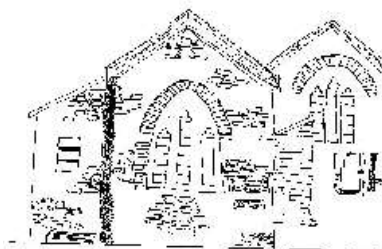




## BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016



### Achievements to Celebrate Branscombe Waves Award:

**Ryan:** A carefully organised chronological report and increased effort and care when writing.

**Leo:** Making a good start at Branscombe.

**Annabelle:** Developing resilience in PE and always being ready and willing to help.

Dear Parents,

Yesterday we had our sponsored run for Sport Relief. The weather conditions were perfect, and we had lots of parents and family members there to help marshal and to cheer the children on. The children had an introductory talk from Richard Ralph from Arsenal Soccer Schools, and then began their run which started at the triangle and ended up at the Sea Shanty. On reaching this point they received a stamp on their hand from Miss Moss, to show that they had completed their first half mile. They then turned round and ran back the other way, where Pauline was waiting to give them their second stamp to mark their full mile. Many of the children then carried on to do a second mile, including many from Class 1! The staff have told me that the children were all positive and enthusiastic, and many showed great character when the going got tough by carrying on to complete their mile (or two miles!) I am very proud of all the children for completing the run, and to all their friends and family who have sponsored them for this very good cause. Thank you also to those of you who came to help marshal, I am sure that the positive encouragement that they received from you was a big part of them reaching their target. Today the children have competed in various Sports Relief activities in between their visits to the Life Education Bus at Farway, so it has been a very sporty couple of days! Please don't forget to send in your sponsor money.



Next week there are various events happening, some of which are mentioned below, some in a separate letter!

Thank you to all of you who are helping with these events and activities, we are very lucky to have such supportive parents. Parents of Class 2 children, please remember that on Monday your children are visiting the Wildside Experience and that **ALL children will need a packed lunch from home** as the kitchen are unable to provide packed lunches on Mondays.

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*

<b>Key Dates:</b>	
<b>Mrs Gray</b> will be in school on Wednesday next week.	
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Class 2, Wildside Experience <b>must have packed lunch from home</b> Parents Evening
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	Boat building day – Class 2
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	Easter Service at School, 1.30pm
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Easter Activities Last day of term
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	First day back after Easter Holidays

### Questions of the Week:

**Class 1:** Can you challenge yourself to write 10 addition sentences with matching subtraction sentences? For example:  $6 + 5 = 11$     $11 - 6 = 5$  Yellow Group please choose 2 digit numbers.

**Class 2:** Which of the 7 C's have you really developed this term and how? (Creativity, Curiosity, Communication, Collaboration, Confidence, Commitment and Craftsmanship).

### School Clubs

Please note there will be **no after school clubs** next week.

### Menu Change – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Fish and chips will be served on Thursday next week, instead of gammon.

### Gardening Club

We had a great turn out for gardening club this week. Some of the older girls planted some flower seeds to make the front of the allotment look colourful later in the year, as well clearing the planter in the quiet area. The younger children edged our paths and did some watering. We would still love any donations that you have, we particularly need bark for the paths if anyone has a small amount lurking in the back of a shed. This week's star gardener is Annabelle, who was a very keen seed planter.

### New Menus next term

New menus for after Easter are being sent home today.

### Messy Church

Holyford Mission community are holding a Good Friday Messy Church in St Andrew's, Colyton next Friday 3pm- 4:30pm.

### Easter Service

At 1.30pm on Wednesday we will be holding our Easter Service **at School**. It would be super to have lots of parents and friends of the school join us.

### Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Gardens Competition

On Thursday next week, the PTFA have very kindly offered to run some Easter events for our children. There will be an Easter Egg for all the children, for which donations of small Easter Eggs would be very welcome. Please bring these into the office next week. The children are also invited to create their own Easter garden, based on the Christian Easter story. These should be shoe-box sized, and should be brought in on Thursday morning. They will be judged by some very special visitors, and prizes will be awarded at the end of the day on Thursday.

### Message from the PTFA:

A huge thank you to Abi, Jo and Andrea for organising and running a really successful and fun quiz night in the village hall on Friday. There was a very good turn out (17 tables), and the raffle was popular too! Total takings were £347, which less expenses gave us £255.38 profit. So it was a good night for the PTFA bank account too! Thanks also to all who supported the event by taking part and donating raffle prizes.

### Collective Worship

#### An American Indian Tale

Adahy was a good father and as his young son, Kuruk, grew up he proudly taught him all that he knew. In time, Kuruk married and brought his new wife to live in Adahy's home.

Soon they had a baby son, Elan. As Elan grew older his grandfather, Adahy, began teaching the young boy all that he knew and Elan learned to **respect** the forest, its animals and all the different plants. As years passed by Elan's mother begrudged sharing her home more and more with the old man until in anger one day she told her husband that Adahy must leave.

Kuruk was horrified, "I can't make him go, this is his home and he built it for us." Angrily his wife replied "If you do not make the old man go then I will be off and I'll take our son, Elan, with me."

Kuruk knew he had been left with no choice, but he felt so guilty he couldn't bring himself to tell the old man himself. Instead he told Elan to take his grandfather far away, deep into the forest and leave him. "Give him this blanket to keep him warm", he said. Elan was horrified. "But I love and **respect** Grandpa. He has taught me all that I know. How can I do such a thing?"

His father replied, "Elan, just do as I've asked."

So the next morning, thinking they must be going hunting, Adahy followed Elan deep into the forest. When the old man could walk no further and stopped to take a nap, the boy, with tears streaming down his face turned back and left Adahy sleeping.

That evening as Elan returned, Kuruk and his wife saw the blanket. Elan explained, "I gave Grandpa half of the blanket. The other half, I will give to you some day."

His mother and father understood the message. They went straightaway and fetched Grandpa.