



**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY
SCHOOL**
WITH LITTLE EXPLORERS' PRE-SCHOOL
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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school. We hope you all had a super Christmas holiday – it seems such a long time ago now! We would like to thank you for all the lovely Christmas cards and presents that the children gave to the staff team.

Unfortunately Miss Moss has been poorly over the holidays and hasn't been able to rejoin us yet this term. She is missing everyone lots and we are confident she will be back at some point next week. She has been liaising with Miss Watts to ensure the children are on track with their learning.

We had planned to hold our traditional Wassail next week, but we have decided to postpone this until Miss Moss is back with us – we will be in touch with a new date shortly.



This week Class 1 have been getting their teeth stuck into their new topic 'Dazzling Dinosaurs'. They began by learning about the supercontinent of Pangea, and how over time the seven continents and five oceans were created. Following this the children thoroughly enjoyed finding out about the features of different dinosaurs. They have been investigating the size of

these giant beasts; creating a life-size representation of a Tyrannosaurus-Rex's jaw, and foot print on the floor. They wanted to find out how many children's shoes would fit into an average footprint, and how many children a T-Rex would be able to snack on in one mouthful!



The children have also been exploring the maths resources, to weigh and measure the height of our toy dinosaurs. The children have also enjoyed being a fundamental part of setting up the roleplay area for this term; making exhibits for the Class 1 Dinosaur Museum, including fossils and dinosaur eggs. In Science, the children have begun exploring different materials. They went on a materials hunt

around the school, collecting both manmade and natural materials, and sorting them by their properties.



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

What are you most thankful for?

Key Dates

Spring Term 2018

6th February – Safer Internet Day

9th February- Last day of School before half term

12th-16th February- Half term

19th February- First day back after half term

Collective Worship Activity

This term we have been focussing in school on the value of Thankfulness. 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.

Term Dates January 2017 – July 2018

Spring Term 2018

Non-Pupil Day: Wednesday 3rd January

Term Begins: Thursday 4th January

Half Term: Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February

Last Day of Term: Thursday 29th March

Summer Term 2018

Term Begins Monday 16th April

Bank Holiday: Monday 7th May

Non Pupil Day: Friday 25th May

Half Term: Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June

Children return to school: Monday 4th June

Last Day of Term: Tuesday 24th July

Autumn Term 2018

Non Pupil Days: Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th September

Term Begins: Wednesday 5th September

Half Term: Monday 22nd October- Friday 26th October

Non-Pupil Day: Monday 29th October

Children return to school: Tuesday 30th October

Last Day of Term: Friday 21st December

Spring Term 2019

Non-Pupil Day: Monday 7th January

Term Begins: Tuesday 8th January

Half Term: Monday 18th February- Friday 22nd February

Last Day of Term: Friday 5th April

Summer Term 2019

Term Begins Tuesday 23rd April

Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May

Non Pupil Day: Friday 24th May

Half Term: Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

Children return to school: Monday 3rd June

Last Day of Term: Tuesday 23rd July

HALL OF FAME



Tom Daley

Tom has become very well known as an expert diver. While still at school he won medals at swimming events across the world.

Happy times - Tom learned to swim when he was 3 years old and to dive when he was 7. Tom's parents soon realised that their son had a great gift as a diver and they did all they could to help him develop his talent.

Difficult times - For many years, Tom's father coached him, but sadly he became very sick and died when Tom was just 17.

Painful times - Like many athletes, Tom has also had to cope with great sadness in his life as well as some serious sports injuries.

Thankful times - Tom has been BBC Young Personality of the Year on three occasions. He loves his sport and is full of **thanks** for the people who have helped him to become a first class athlete.

Good Samaritan Award

'Looking After Ourselves and Looking After Others'

How does it work?

Children will be asked to complete tasks relating to the following areas; staying safe, keeping healthy, enjoying and achieving, economic wellbeing and making a positive contribution. The aim being to give children a broad and balanced view of society.

Each class will do a life skills activity each term ensuring all children are involved. To achieve their **Red** award the children will need to complete 5 challenges, including the class ones. For the **White** award they will need to achieve 10, and for the **Blue** award they will need to complete 15 challenges. This will be over the course of the year.

Children will need to be encouraged by staff and parents to go for Blue!

If the children raise money for a charity, by putting in extra effort, they can win a Citizenship Award Certificate; for thinking of others, having an idea, putting in the hard work and raising money for a nominated charity.

Please ask a member of staff if you need another copy of the challenges.

