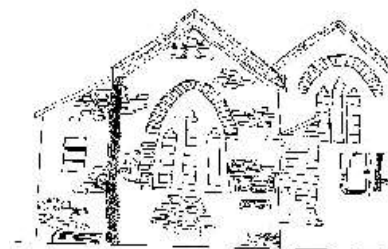




BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Achievements to Celebrate Branscombe Waves Award:

Hayden: Excellent effort and great involvement with transition activities on the EU referendum.

Agatha: Showing kindness and concern for others.

Izzy: Showing perseverance and practising to master a piece of clarinet music.

Dear Parents

This has been another busy week! In English lessons, the children in Class 1 have begun their learning of our new text 'The Sand Horse'; they were impressed by the interesting words that the author had used to describe the coast of Cornwall and the Sand Horse's feelings and have been collecting their own set of wow words. In maths they have been learning to recognise and use money, finding totals and giving change.

Challenge: Can any children bring in a receipt to show Miss Harvey-Jones how they have added up the cost of items to find a total and then subtracted this from what they paid with to find the change given? Did any cashiers make a mistake?

Class 1 are continuing to think about pirates in their Topic lessons, imagining what their life at sea would be like. The children have found out about life (and jobs) on board the pirate ship to be able to write diary entries as if they had spent a day with Blackbeard or Anne Bonny.

On Monday, the Class 2 children went into Exeter for an Exe Valley Challenge practice walk along the river. After being dropped off at Exeter Crematorium, the class were joined by several children from Broadhembury school and the group walked a short distance along the route and then stopped for a picnic lunch. After lunch, the children walked along the river to the quay and back. Although they did not complete the whole route or distance that the children will walk during Sunday's challenge, it gave them the chance to develop familiarity with the area and build some walking stamina. Most of class 2 will be taking part in this 7 mile (Year 4 and 5) or 10-mile (Year 6) walking challenge on Sunday and we wish them all well at this event.



On Thursday afternoon, Miss Moss and Year 6 went to a special Life Skills workshop at the Donkey Sanctuary. They took part in a range of activities designed to remind and teach them about ways of taking care of their own safety and that of those around them. They thought about keeping safe on a journey to school, keeping safe around animals, fire safety in the home, hygiene and hand-washing, internet safety, keeping safe on the beach, how to contact the emergency

services and the dangers and consequences of making hoax or prank calls. The activities were led by members of organisations such as the police, RNLI, BT, the food standards agency and the fire service and included various quizzes and demonstrations as well as talks and question and answer sessions. Have the children completed the homework they were given and asked their parents to help them test the smoke alarms in their homes? Next week, in our PSHE work, Class 2 will be visited by the school nurse, who will be talking to the children about the importance of cleanliness and hygiene.

The children in Class 2 are studying Ancient Greeks and The Olympics this term and so we are **hoping** to have a joint federation Olympics at Branscombe on 20th July for the whole school. We will send out further information when things have been confirmed.

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 things are most important to you? Why? Draw your own treasure in the chest that has been stuck in your homework book to show me.

Class 2: Who is the greatest fictional hero of all time?

Key Dates:

Mrs Gray will be in school on Friday next week.

Sunday 3rd July	Exe Valley Challenge event
Tuesday 5th July	No C2 Swimming (see below for date change). Letter to follow.
Wednesday 6th July	National Trust Session – non uniform, waterproofs and wellies
Monday 11th July	Open afternoon, 3.25-5pm
Monday 18th July	Summer Performance, 1.30pm
Tuesday 19th July	Final C2 swimming session (note date change)
Wednesday 20th July	Possible Federation Olympic Games at the village field
Thursday 21st July	Leavers' Service, St Winifred's, 9.15am Last day of term

Collective Worship

In keeping with our theme of perseverance, the children have listened to a variety of Bible, fictional and real-life stories related to the concept of not giving up. We have talked about the successes of many famous people such as Winston Churchill and Michael Jordan as well as making our own butter by persevering with the process of churning by hand. We hope your family will find this week's information (over the page) interesting to read and discuss.



★ HALL OF FAME

Prince George

Prince George had always been shy and had developed a stammer, which meant he could not speak for very long without struggling to say the words he wanted to say.

His elder brother, Edward, was very different. He was confident, loved to be the centre of attention and was destined to become King of England.

But soon after the coronation, King Edward announced that he was going to abdicate – to give up being king. His younger brother would now become king in his place. George was horrified! He felt sick with fright. Now he would be expected to deliver speeches and give radio broadcasts to millions! How would he be able to do this with his dreadful stammer? But George knew that it was his duty to serve his country.



He knew that he must overcome his fears and do his very best. He employed an Australian speech therapist to help him and with **perseverance** and great courage George was able to face the challenges ahead. When war was declared in 1939 King George gave a famous speech. He comforted and encouraged his people and won everyone's respect because they knew how brave he was being.

After School Club

We have had a good start to our after school club this week. The children have begun designing an after school club logo, played football and have done 'reverse splat art' amongst other things. We currently have bookings on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays but can run the club all week if there is a need. The club runs until 4.30pm. **Please let us know in advance if your child will be attending any session.** Adhoc bookings must be made at least 24 hours in advance. Bookings can be made using the booking form attached. If you would like your child to attend a session the cost is £3.50 per session, per child (apart from on Thursdays when the provision will be free until the end of the term because of the existing textiles club). Payment should be made in advance. If you book your child in for a session and then no longer require it, please do let us know in advance.

After School Club Booking Form

My child will be attending regular afterschool club sessions on

Mondays ☐ Tuesdays ☐ Wednesdays ☐ Thursdays ☐ Fridays ☐

Or

My child will be attending an afterschool club session on
..... (provide specific date).

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

Contact phone number.....