



BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Achievements to Celebrate
Branscombe Waves Award:

Xander: for being a really hard enthusiastic worker and doing his best.

Theo: for being friendly, having fun and playing with others well.

Jake: for making really super progress recently.

Bertie: for having a really positive attitude in netball club.

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Children's Aims
We will try to:



The Branscombe Waves

Dear Parents,

We had a lovely morning yesterday making scarecrows. The children worked together in their knot teams and under the guidance of Judie learnt how to construct a scarecrow for the allotment. We would all like to thank all the parents who came to help the teams and also to Steve Griffin, one of our school governors. Thanks too, for all the donations of straw, newspaper and scarecrow clothes. The five 'new members of our gardening team' will be placed by the children in the allotment shortly, in readiness for the judges from the Sidmouth Rotary Club's allotment competition.

On a similar note, the children in Class 2 have been writing 'Vegetable Poetry' recently. We are going to laminate their work and hang it on the allotment fence. I have printed a few of their compositions below. I hope you enjoy them!

We have welcomed two new pupils to school this week, Max and Jamie, who have recently moved into the village. Their sister Molly has joined pre-school. We hope they settle into Branscombe very quickly.

We hope you have a lovely week.

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

Key Dates - please note some of these dates are only provisional at this stage.

Monday 20th June - Class 2 Tag Rugby (please remember your PE kit)

Wednesday 22nd June - Whole school trip to The Mix, schools music festival.

Friday 24th June - deadline for the return of Eco Art Card orders.

Tuesday 28th June - Class 2 visit to Seaton Marshes (further details in due course).

Friday 1st July - whole school photo.

Saturday 2nd July - School Fete, 12 -3 at Branscombe Village Hall.

Sunday 3rd July - Exe Valley Challenge (further details have been sent to those taking part)

Monday 4th July and Tuesday 5th July - Year 6 pupils to Sidmouth College.

Wednesday 6th July (provisional date) - New Parent meeting at 3.30pm.

Wednesday 6th July - Class 2 Life Skills event (further details in due course).

Monday 11th July - Smugglers of Gold. Theatre event for whole school and local community at Branscombe Village Hall (further details in due course).

Tuesday 12th July - New Parent meeting at Sidmouth College for parents of those children moving to Sidmouth College next year.

Friday 15th July (provisional date) - End of year school play at Branscombe Village Hall.

Monday 18th July - Leavers' service at St Winifred's Church at 9.15am. All children to come to school first please. Parents Welcome.

Monday 18th July (provisional date) - 2.45pm. Transition meeting for parents of pupils in Year 2 who will be moving into Class 2 in September.

Monday 18th July (provisional date) - 3.15pm. Open evening for all parents.

Monday 22nd July - last day of summer term.

Eco Art Cards

Yet again the children have produced some really lovely cards. You should all have received a sample card and order form. Please note that we would like any orders returned by **Friday 24th June** (not Tuesday 28th June as stated in the pack) in order that we can ensure that they are sent off in time to get them printed and back to you before the end of term.

American Menu Day

On Monday the 4th July the kitchen will be doing a special American Menu comprising of sausage (or vegetarian sausage) in a roll, beef burger in a bap, potato wedges, baked beans and salad with cookie, milkshake and fruit salad. Please note on your normal order form whether your child would like meat or vegetarian option. Thank you.

Parent Forum

We hope to hold a Parent Forum very shortly. Please could the parents who have already volunteered (Reception - Nikki, Year 1 - Claire, Year 2 - Julie, Year 3 - Jo, Year 4 - Amanda) fill in the form below to indicate times and dates over the next couple of weeks that you would be available to meet. We will then match these with the school diary. If you have a child in the current Year 5 or 6 and would like to be a year group representative please see Nicola.

If you have any issues you would like raised at the Parent Forum please have a chat to your year group representative or fill in the slip below.

The Mix

A reminder that on the 22nd June we have arranged for all the children to attend "The Mix" schools' music festival at WestPoint Arena, Exeter. This is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to participate in and enjoy a huge range of musical experiences. There are numerous drop-in workshops on a variety of instruments and musical styles from orchestra to beat box! The day culminates in a Big Sing, where over 5,000 children will have the chance to join in, be inspired, hear something new and have fun. We will transport the children by coach and ask parents for a voluntary contribution of £5.55 per child. Please note that if we do not receive enough voluntary contributions the trip may need to be cancelled. If you have not done so already please make sure that you return the SOE3 form and your voluntary contribution.



The Rhubarb and The Ant by Bertie

Peel off the bumpy skin
And step into horrible, oozing, slimy and slippery gunk
The squashy, green, rubbery string covers you
Damp, wet, slime
Desperate to escape the dreadful rhubarb!

The Parsnip by Chloe

When you feel a parsnip it's all rough and bumpy
When you cut a parsnip it sounds leathery and crunchy
When you cook a parsnip you can hear the juicy sizzling sound
When you look at a parsnip all the wrinkles look like skin and the cover is a bright white
When you smell a parsnip the amazing sweet scent is lovely
When you taste a parsnip it tastes very crunchy.





A Leek by Jessica

A leek, not a very attractive vegetable

But take off the outside and it's all different

When you peel off the skin it sounds like a bike's chain going round

It smells like a summer salad

The skin feels like a leather belt

It's all crunchy when you cut it and the middle looks like a tree stump

With concentric circles inside.

The Mystery Vegetable by Hannah

It is curved and a fresh green colour

What is this vegetable?

The mystery vegetable is rough and smooth

What is this vegetable?

The smell is strong and juicy like potatoes

What is this vegetable?

It feels really hard and bumpy

What is this vegetable?

When you chop it, it makes a loud snapping sound

What is this vegetable?

It smells like strong chips

It's a Kohlrabi of course!



PTFA Summer Fete

The Summer Fete will take place on Saturday July the 2nd and planning is well under way for activities and stalls.

Thank you to everyone who brought a bottle in today in exchange for children wearing non-school uniform. If you forgot to bring your bottle then you can bring it in to the school office next week. Anything such as wine, sauces, smellies or soft drinks can be contributed. Please make sure that you hand it in and do not let children carry it up to school themselves - thank you.

In the week commencing 20th June there will a box in the office for contributions of small boxes of chocolates or sweets or chocolate bars that can be used for a hoop game and week commencing 27th June there will be a collection for good quality toys, books, games, DVD's and cuddly toys. So start having a sort out now! Please no bric a brac.

We will also be asking for contributions of cakes for the cake stall so start stocking up on your ingredients now.

The Summer Fete raised £750 last year and contributes a significant amount to the PTFA funds that help support children's events and experiences throughout the year, so your help and support is both essential and very much appreciated.

Parent Forum

Name..... I am the parent forum rep. for Year.....

I am available on the following days and times during the next couple of weeks to attend a forum meeting

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Parent Forum

Please could the following issues/queries be raised at the next Parent Forum.