



BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Friday 16th September 2011

Achievements to Celebrate
Branscombe Waves Award:

Sid: for being a hard worker and doing his best.
Josh: for managing his time between classes so well.
Isy: for producing some thoughtful and descriptive writing.
Christopher: for being a hard worker and doing his best.

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Children's Aims
We will try to:



The Branscombe Waves

Dear Parents

Thank you so much for all the support you gave in encouraging your children to join in with Roald Dahl Day. The school looked very bright and sunny with all the yellow outfits!

Class 2 also enjoyed some time with Darren from Sidmouth Garden Centre who talked to the children about ideas for replanting our sensory garden area using the garden voucher we won in the Rotary Allotment Competition.

This week we have been lucky enough to have two volunteers helping in Class 2. Mr Tim Carter and Miss Olivia Hutchings are both about to embark on PGCE courses and needed to complete some primary school observation before their term begins. We would like to thank them for all their help this week.

I am very much looking forward to the Harvest Festival on Sunday. I hope to see lots of parents and children in church. I know that the production of The Enormous Turnip that the pupils have been preparing is going to be great fun.

God bless and we hope you all have a lovely weekend.
Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School.

Dental Hygiene session

Unfortunately the dental hygiene session planned for Class 2 this week had to be postponed as our visiting speaking had problems with her car. We will be looking to reschedule this for later in the term.

Key Dates

Mrs Gray's days in Branscombe School next week will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. She has a number of meetings on Wednesday and Thursday which will unfortunately mean that she may not be in school all day.

Sunday 18th September - Harvest service at St Winifred's Church at 11.15am followed by a bring and share lunch.

Thursday 29th September - Jump Rope for Heart. Please see below for details.

Thursday 29th September - Fun Day afternoon at the Village Hall and Playing Field.

Saturday 1st October - National Trust Apple Day at the Village Hall and Orchards. From 11am until 4pm. Orchard exhibits, apple lanterns, storytelling and guided walks.

Thursday 20th October - last day of this half term.

Monday 31st October - first day of next half term.

Monday 5th December - Christingle Service 6pm at St Winifred's Church.

Thursday 8th December - Christmas Play at Branscombe Village Hall at 6.30pm.

Wednesday 14th December - Children's Christmas Dinner at Branscombe Village Hall.

Friday 16th December - last day of the Autumn Term.

Thursday 5th January - return to school after Christmas.

PTFA

Many thanks to those of you who returned your slips regarding the PTFA meeting. The majority of people who responded are able to make a morning meeting; as such the PTFA AGM will be held on the 28th September at 9.15am at school. Please could you complete the form below if you will be attending. Also if you are interested in taking on the role of Chair (this could be a shared role if you wish) or Treasurer, please let us know.

Clubs

Written consent must be received for your children to attend clubs. Please ensure you have completed a consent form before your child stays for a club.

Spanish Club

Macarena will be offering Spanish Club after school on Tuesdays. The sessions will cost £2 each and we would ask you to commit for 5 weeks. Please complete the form below if your child is interested in attending.

Ukulele Club

Mt Ford will be running Ukulele Club starting next Wednesday lunchtime. It will run 12.30 until 1pm. Please complete the form below to give consent for your child(ren) to attend.

Reminder to return contact information sheets

If you have not done so already please ensure that you return your contact information sheets to the office at the beginning of next week.

Jump Rope for Heart

This year our school has registered with the British Heart Foundation's (BHF) 'Jump Rope for Heart' programme. This programme recognises the important role that regular physical activity plays in maintaining and improving health and aims to introduce students to the massive potential of skipping and associated health benefits through a series of structured PE lessons.

An important part of Jump Rope For Heart is the organisation of a 'Jump Off'. This is a sponsored event which will take place at the end of a progressive series of skipping lessons and will enable the children to demonstrate, through a number of activities, how they have developed their skipping ability.

The 'Jump Off' provides an ideal opportunity for your child to take part in an excellent heart health activity in a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere and, at the same time, to raise valuable sponsorship money for the work of the BHF, the nation's heart charity, and the school. With your permission, your child will have the opportunity to participate in the 'Jump Off' and to find sponsors. 20% of the money raised will be retained by the school to boost our school funds. The rest of the money is sent to the BHF and will be used to fund pioneering research into the causes and treatment of heart disease among men, women and children, lifesaving cardiac equipment, BHF nurses and health education.

Our 'Jump Off' will be held on **29th September** in the morning at school. This will be followed in the afternoon by the Fun Day. We would greatly appreciate any support you can give your child with their fundraising, e.g. by asking your friends and family to sponsor them.

The Branscombe Project

There will be a Branscombe Project Exhibition taking place in the Village Hall from the 22nd to the 30th October. The exhibition will be open daily from 12 until 5pm. On the 17th October at 7.30pm there will be a talk by Sue Dymond "BRANSCOMBE - A PARISH AT WAR". On Sunday October 23rd from 2 - 4:30pm there will be a Wartime Tea. Cost £2.50 (Entrance to the Exhibition is free), and on 26th October at 7:30pm 'WARTIME AMUSEMENTS' by the Branscombe Players (Tickets £5 at the Post Office & at the door). For more information about the Branscombe Project see the website:

<http://www.branscombeproject.org.uk>

Sidmouth College Open event

Sidmouth College will be running an open event for the parents of Year 6 pupils. This will take place on the morning of Tuesday 20th September. Please arrive for a 9.30 start. There will be a welcome from the principal, followed by a guided tour, talk about supporting individual students followed by an opportunity to speak with the head of next year's Year 7.

2011 Young Writers' Competition

The Honiton and District Writers Group are holding a competition:

"Write us a story on any subject you like up to 750 words". Entries, which must be your own work, should be sent with a title and a separate sheet showing your name, age, telephone number and address. The 12 winners will be notified by the end of November and presented with certificates, an authors signed book and a generous book token by the Judges at a reception. Winners' names will be published in the local press."

TV Opportunity

I have been approached by the television production company endemol asking whether six children in total from Branscombe and Broadhembury would like to be involved with a new history based CBBC show. They are planning to film on the Jurassic Coast on 8th October 2011. As this is a Saturday school will not be involved. The children and their parents will be taken on a tour of the Jurassic Coast with some very special mystery guests and then quizzed on what they've learned.

There are some stipulations about which children can be involved:

- Filming will be early in the morning so parents need to be able to take children to Lyme Regis for an early start!
- Parents need to stay with the children during the filming
- Only children aged 9 and over are able to take part
- Children should have an interest in history
- Children and parents should be willing to talk in a lively, interested manner on television and not be too shy!

If you and your child would like to be involved please fill in and sign the slip below. The first three signed slips that Nicola opens on Monday will be the lucky participants from Branscombe.

School Photographs

The proofs of your child's school photographs will be sent home today. Please return any orders with payment by next Friday; the 23rd September.

TV Opportunity

If chosen, I agree to my child taking part in the Endemol History TV programme which is being filmed on Saturday 8th October 2011. I understand that children must be accompanied by a parent during the filming and over the age of 9.

Signed (parent) _____ Child's Name _____

Spanish Club

My child(ren) _____ is / are interested in attending Spanish Club and I give my consent for them to attend.

Signed (parent) _____ Date _____

Ukulele Club

I give permission for my child(ren) _____ to attend Ukulele Club.

Signed _____ Date _____
