



**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER 13 / 14 04**  
**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

Branscombe C of E Primary School  
Children's Aims  
We will try to:



**The Branscombe Waves**

**Achievements to Celebrate**  
**Branscombe Waves Award:**

**Kieron:** for being friendly, having fun and playing together well.

**Rachel:** for being friendly, having fun and playing together well.

**Tabitha:** for settling in well and working hard.

**Felix:** for settling in well and working hard.

Dear Parents,

Last week I attended the Devon Association of Primary Headteacher's Conference. This was a really inspiring two days and I have come back with lots of ideas to develop learning within both of our schools.

The theme of the conference was 'Small Changes – Big Impact'. This was illustrated really well by one of the speakers Humphrey Walters who, for the last 30 years, has inspired and motivated individuals, teams and corporations – he is very involved in sports and helped the World Cup winning England Rugby Team with their team development. He encouraged us to think about making improvements as 'a game of inches'. We considered looking at the single inches we could change in schools and then when you put these all together you have made significant improvements.

The children break up for half term on Thursday next week and on the Friday the staff across the federation will be coming together where we will consider this idea. We will look at our two 'brilliant' small schools but think of how small changes could be made that would have a big impact and make Branscombe and Broadhembury even more successful!!

Last week Class 2 went on a visit to Coldharbour Mill to enhance their Victorian topic. The children and staff looked great in their Victorian outfits and, although the day as a Victorian child was quite daunting for some, I think the role play really gave them a sense of what life was like over 100 years ago for working children. Photos of the visit will shortly go on our school website.

Our web site designer is currently away in Australia and so newsletters etc may not be up to date on the website. Please contact us if you require any additional information.

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

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

**Key Dates** – Mrs Gray will be in school all day on Monday next week and on Monday and Tuesday in the week following half term.

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October** – School Photos 9:00am.

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** – Non Pupil Day.

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November** – Half Term.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November** – Key stage 2 science afternoon at Honiton College

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November** – Reading Evening (details to follow)

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** – Christingle Service (details to follow)

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Play (details to follow)

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Children's Christmas Dinner (details to follow)

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Carol Singing (details to follow)

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Last day of term

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January** – return to school after Christmas holidays.

### Bug Club

Just a reminder that Bug Club is up and running and you should have received your child's log in details. If you are having any problems logging in there may need to be a space between your child's name and the number. Please speak to Nicola if you have further problems. If you have had a chance to look at Bug Club with your child we would be really interested to know your first impressions; there is a slip at the end of the newsletter that you can complete.

### Reading Evening

We discussed earlier in the term that we would be organising a 'Reading Workshop' for parents to attend. A provisional date for this is Tuesday 12th November at 6pm. More details nearer the time.



### School Photographs

Individual and family photos will be taken on the morning of Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October. Please ensure your children come to school looking smart and that they have their school sweatshirts with them. **Nicola would really appreciate some help in organising the children for their photographs so if anyone is able to spare a couple of hours on Thursday morning please let her know.**

### School meals

There are a couple of changes to the menu. Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October will be fish and chips rather than roast dinner and on November 5<sup>th</sup> it will be "bangers and mash".

There are new menus that come into place after half term. Please find these attached together with an order form. Please remember that meals should be paid for and ordered in advance on a Monday morning. If, for any reason you need to order a meal for your child during the week, please make sure that you speak with a member of staff directly.

### EcoArt Christmas Cards

The children have been busy again this year creating their Christmas masterpieces. Each child should come home today with their sample card which is free for you to keep. This year you are able to order calendars as well as cards. You can place any order on line or return your order to the school office. The deadline for orders is Friday 25<sup>th</sup>, so any orders placed through the office must be with us by Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October. Any order placed by ourselves earns a donation for the school.



### Key stage 2 science session



Class 2 children have been invited to Honiton school for a science session to enhance our current topic of changing materials. Sessions in the past have proved to be very valuable and an excellent opportunity for children to work in a science laboratory. In order to keep costs at a minimum we are hoping to transport children by car with staff and parent helpers.

The event will take place on November 7<sup>th</sup> leaving school at 10.30 and returning to school by 12.45. Parents are welcome to stay and join in the session! Please indicate below if you are willing to help. We should be grateful if you would return this slip on Monday in order that final arrangements can be made before the holidays.



### A big thank you from Roy

Roy and Claire would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for their generous contributions towards his charity kayak journey. He managed to raise a fabulous £3600 for Cancer Research UK.

### Bag 2 School



Your child should bring home a bag today for you to fill with clothing, bedding, soft toys, shoes, hats, belts and bags. So take the opportunity to have a sort out and earn some money for the PTFA. The bags will be collected on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Due to the lack of space for storage at the school we should be grateful if you didn't bring any bags in before this date. Thank you.

### Gardening Club

The gardening club has got off to a great start harvesting beans to plant next year, and some very large courgettes which are being used to make chutney. A great big thank you goes to Otter Nurseries who have very kindly donated a number of tools and packets of seeds.



## **Bug Club**

I have had a look at Bug Club with my child called

\_\_\_\_\_.

My first impressions / comments about the resource are.... (please consider how it inspires your child to read, what the children like/don't like about it, whether it helps parents and children enjoy reading together etc)

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## **KS2 Science Trip**

I am able / unable to help with transport for the trip to Honiton Community College on the 7<sup>th</sup> November.

I can take \_\_\_\_ children in my car from Branscombe to Honiton.

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Children must not sit in the front seat and must have a shoulder seat belt.

Name:

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