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





BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 14/15 23 Friday 27th March 2015



Achievements to Celebrate Branscombe Waves Award:

Tilly: Working hard on her reading and writing

Harvey: Working hard on his reading and writing

Isabelle: Working hard in collaborative work

Daisy Fern: Kindness in working with a younger partner

Dear Parents,

This week Class 1 have been welcoming the new season by spring cleaning everything in their outdoor area, to get it ready for use over the coming months as the weather (hopefully) warms up. Class 2 have been busy doing follow up work after their trip to the Eden Project, including making some fabulous rainforest dieramas out of all the shoeboxes they have been collecting this term.

Both classes have been practising for and performing in the Church Easter service which took place on Tuesday this week. Class 1 recited an Easter rhyme and Class 2 also used a rhyming version of the Easter story which they then acted out in a series of "freeze-frames". Thank you to the parents and families who came to share it with us, and well done to the children for your contributions to the service.

As you know the Eden Project trip took place last week, and was a great success. We have had very positive comments from the children about their experiences, as well as from several parents – one has told me this week that their child had returned from the trip 'much enriched' by their time there. I would like to thank everyone who made the trip such a success, particularly the staff who gave up their time to go on the trip and those who helped to organise it. Below are a selection of photographs showing a very small part of what they got up to at Eden.

Thank you for all your continued support.

God bless and have a lovely Easter.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School

Question for the week

Class 2: What is the most impressive building you've been to?













Key Dates:

Mrs Gray will be in school on Tuesday and Wednesday when we return after Easter.

Saturday 28th March Wildtime at Monteray Copse (NT Event)

Monday 13th April First day of Term

Wednesday 15th April Sponsored Spring Walk

Tuesday 5th MayBalance due for Beam House residential

Wednesday 15th April Sponsored Spring Walk

Friday 22nd May Last day before half term holiday

Clubs

All clubs will start the first week back after the Easter break. If your child has not taken part in one of these clubs before, but would like to do so, please come and speak to a member of the office team who will be able to advise you if there is space and give you a permission form.

Gardening Club

Starting on Tuesday 14th April the gardening club will be running for half an hour at lunchtime. Please fill in and return the slip below if your child is interested in attending. They will need to bring their wellies in every week if they want to participate.

<u>Construction Club</u> – Next term this will be for children in **Class 1 only** (**including reception children**). It will run after school on Wednesdays until 4.15pm.

Netball – This will run on Wednesdays until 4.15pm.

<u>Textiles</u> – This will run on Thursdays until 4.15pm, please pick your children up from Classroom 3.

Football Club

There is one final session left of the block that began this term which will take place on the first Friday back after Easter – Friday 17^{th} April. Andy Widger is happy to run another block of 5 sessions following on from that, at a cost of £10. Forms will come out after Easter.

Bikeability

Many of our Year 3 and 4 children recently took place in a level 1 bikeability session on the tennis courts, and really enjoyed themselves. Unfortunately we are unable to offer level 2 courses to our Year 5 and 6 children because it is not possible to run these on the roads of Branscombe. However, Cycle Devon run holiday courses which are mostly free to take part in. There is a Level 2 course running on April 1st and 2nd in Exmouth, meeting at the Leisure Centre. Further course dates will be organised soon. If you would like further information, see: https://www.cycledevon.info/cycle-training-and-skills/children/

National Trust Event - Saturday 28th March

Wild time at Monteray Copse, Branscombe. Come along from 2-4pm and have a go at den building and cooking marshmallows on the campfire. Get stuck in helping to make bug habitat piles and a fire pit.

PTFA Cake Sale

There will be a PTFA cake sale the first Monday back after Easter (Monday 13th April), and Amanda D will be kindly supplying the cakes.

Lunch helper required

Do you have an hour to spare on Tuesdays to come and help at lunchtime? We are looking for someone who can help the children with their lunches, then help supervise them at playtime.

This would be a voluntary position, and would require a DBS check which the school would organise. Please get in touch if you are able to help, and do pass this on to anyone else that you think may be interested.

Compassion

It would be super if you could carry out the activity below and bring your hand prints into school after the holidays.

