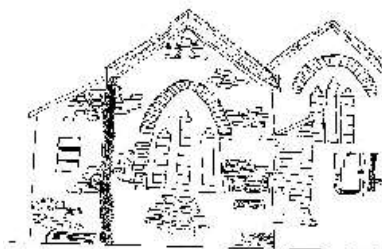




## BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2015



### Achievements to Celebrate Branscombe Waves Award:

**Tom:** Learning and remembering good letter formations

**Amelie:** Outstanding effort and perseverance in literacy

**Ryan:** Great improvement in paying attention and working hard to improve in all areas

Dear Parents,

On Tuesday we said a sad farewell to Lorraine, who has been bringing and serving our school lunches for the past several years. The children made a card for her and we presented her with some flowers. We are pleased to welcome Hayley, who has taken over Lorraine's role.



This week, along with the other schools in the federation, we celebrated our first "Ready, Steady, Write" day. These days, which we hope to make a regular feature of school life, are an opportunity for children to explore and write about a particular theme, which will usually be based around a familiar rhyme or traditional story. This week, in preparation for the weekend's celebrations, we looked at the traditional rhyme, "Remember, Remember the 5th of November". We explored the theme in a variety of ways during the morning, using

drama, discussion and activities. In the afternoon, the whole school sat down to write - adults included. The writing the children produced was therefore completely independent. They embraced this challenge with enthusiasm, although some of them complained that they would



like to have written for longer! We ended the day with a special sharing assembly, in which the children were able to read their work and talk about the day. We also enjoyed hearing some of the staff read their writing.

Next week is our Remembrance Day service on Wednesday. We will be meeting at the War Memorial at 10.45am (or in the Church if the weather is poor). Please do come and join us if you can.

Thank you for all your continued support.

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

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

### Question for the week

**Class 1:** What shapes can you find around your house? We have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes, using their names and talking about their properties. Please have a look around your home, inside and out, for shapes. You can use writing or drawing to tell us about something interesting you have found.

**Class 2:** Play your favourite board game. Why do you enjoy playing it?

#### Key Dates:

**Mrs Gray** will be in school on Thursday and Friday next week.

**Miss Prince** will be spending her Head of Teaching & Learning day (Thursday) at Broadhembury next week.

<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Remembrance Day – meet at War Memorial at 10.45 (or at the church if the weather is bad)
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Children in Need (details below)
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	National Trust session
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Individual photos
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Christingle Service at St Winifred's Church (details to follow)
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	National Trust Session
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Christmas Performance (details to follow)
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Children's Christmas Dinner in Branoc Hall

#### X-pplorers

From Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November until Christmas, X-pplorers club will be slightly different. Kathryn would like to invite Class 1 children to take part from 12.30 to 1pm on Friday lunchtimes. The club is a fun way for the children to explore stories from the Bible, and to think about what it might mean to us today. If your child would like to take part, please complete the attached slip and return it to the office. Kathryn will still run a separate craft activity for the Class 2 children from 12-12.30pm, however they will need to bring a packed lunch.

#### Children in Need

The theme for Children in Need this year is "Champions of Change". We would like to invite the children to come to school on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November dressed as someone who inspires them, for a donation of 50p. It could be a sporting hero, someone in their family, a teacher, a policeman or someone else, but it should be someone who they admire, or would aspire to be like.

#### Fireworks

This year's Branscombe Firework display will take place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov, entrance from 6.30pm. It will be a free event, with BBQ, raffle and tombola.

#### Remembrance Poppies

Poppies are available from the school office for a donation. Please give generously.

## Collective Worship

This term we will be focussing on the value of Humility. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

### TALK ABOUT HUMILITY TOGETHER...

**Humility** is about trying to think of others before you think about yourself.

At home you could talk about how **humility** is:

- being able to encourage and praise other people when they have done something really well or tried very hard
- listening carefully to others and valuing their opinions as much as our own
- asking for help rather than thinking that we always know what to do and how to do it

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### X-plorers Club (years R-2)

I give my permission for my child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_ to  
attend X-plorers club on Friday lunchtimes.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_