



BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Friday 27th May 2011

Achievements to Celebrate
Branscombe Waves Award:

Hope: for working really hard in maths recently.

Reuben: for settling in well to his new school.

Meg: for being especially sensible in Class 2 when Year 5&6 were on their residential.

Max: for being especially sensible in Class 2 when Year 5&6 were on their residential.

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Children's Aims
We will try to:



The Branscombe Waves

Dear Parents

The Year 5 and 6 pupils arrived safely back in school on Monday afternoon. They had a brilliant time and photos of their residential are now on a display in the entrance hall if you would like to come and have a look.

A couple of the older girls attended the High Five Netball trials unfortunately neither of them were successful but it was great to know that they attended.

The school council has worked with the Learning Community Extended School Co-ordinator this week sorting out a second hand uniform sale. The children will run this on Thursday 9th June after school at the same time as the next cake sale. This month Angela Reid and Julie Giles are on the rota for the cake sale.

Thank you to those parents and children who have helped count the Tesco Vouchers this week. Please continue to help collect any left over supermarket vouchers over the holiday. We would also appreciate more help with counting!

We hope you all have a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing you all again on **Tuesday 7th June.**

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 6th June** - Non - pupil day.

Tuesday 7th June - Return to school after half term holiday.

Thursday 16th June - Parent activity morning - making scarecrows. Starts at 9am.

Thursday 16th June - Church Service at St. Winifred's Church at 2.45pm. Parents Welcome. Children to be collected from the Church.

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

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.

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.

School Trips

There are a number of trips in the provisional stages of planning for the summer term. This will include Life Skills for the older children, a Key Stage 2 visit to the Donkey Sanctuary, an exciting whole school trip to The Mix school music festival in Exeter and hopefully a trip to Seaton Marshes for Class 2. We have registered the older children for the Exe Valley Challenge. We also hope to take the children to the beach as much as possible. The majority of the above will require little financial cost as we hope that parents will be able to help with transport. The Mix is likely to be the only one that requires a coach and an entrance fee. More details about all of these will be sent out after half term.

School Allotment

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to Trevor Selway who erected a fence around the allotment last weekend to try to protect the vegetables from our resident rabbits! He did a really super job and we're extremely grateful. We are now hoping to make the allotment a really attractive area. The children in class 2 wrote Vegetable Poems yesterday which are going to be laminated and hung on the fence.

We are also planning a school community activity morning where we hope parents and governors will help the children make scarecrows for the allotment. This will take place on Thursday 16th June at 9am. In preparation for this and other activities please could children bring in newspapers and an item of old clothing for the scarecrows to wear. Please fill in the slip below if you think you will be able to help on the activity morning.

Kwik Cricket

Unfortunately we have had insufficient response to the Key Stage 2 Girls Kwik Cricket and will therefore be unable to attend this event.

School Meals

Please remember that the price of a school meal is now **£2.05**. The first week back after half term will be week 3 on the menu and there is a change to the menu for Tuesday 7th June. The options on that day will be Sausages (main meal), Kublichana (vegetarian) or cheese bap and salad (snack).

Measles

Attached to this newsletter is an important letter from the NHS about the high number of cases of measles in Europe.

Puffin books and post-it's

We have details of a promotion in which we can win puffin books for the school. However to enter we need a bar code from a post-it product. If anyone has a post-it product bar code please send it in so that we can enter the promotion.

PTFA

The next cake stall will take place on Thursday 9th June after school. Angela and Julie are on the rota.

On Friday 10th June there will be a meeting in the park to discuss the school fete. Please can as many parents as possible attend.

Gays Farm - Open Farm Sunday 12th June

Gays Farm in Branscombe will be taking part in the Open Farm Sunday on the 12 June. The event will take place from 11am to 4pm and there will be farm and wildlife walks, nature trails, pond dipping and you can meet the animals. There will be a BBQ and cream teas available and farm produce to purchase. For more details see the poster on the school noticeboard.

Time Out For Teens

This is a 6-session course for parents of pre-teens and teenagers. The course is designed to help make the transition from childhood to adolescence as smooth as possible for both young person and parent. It aims to prevent severe behavioural and emotional problems in young people by enhancing the knowledge, skills and confidence of parents. It is a universal course suitable for all parents. This course will be particularly aimed at parents of students in Years 5 - 9. A course is being run for 6 weeks in Sidmouth, starting Tuesday 14th June (venue TBC) from 7pm-9pm. For more information or to book a place please contact Tracey Tipton, Parent Support Adviser.

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National Trust Events during Half Term

Lucy, the National Trust Ranger, who does a lot of work with us has let us know about the following events that she is leading during the half term holiday.

Fun activities in the Orchard. This is taking place at Prattshayes Farm, Exmouth on Tuesday 31st May and will include willow weaving and other fun environmental activities. The event will take place from 10.30 until 3 and you are welcome to drop in at any time. If you plan to go around lunch time then please note that there are no refreshments available at the location and feel free to take a picnic. The charge is £1.50 per child.

A wildflower walk and tree identification event will take place at A La Ronde on Wednesday 1st June. The wildflower walk will start at 11.30am and last about one hour and the tree identification will start at 2.30pm. The events themselves are free but normal admission charges apply to get into A La Ronde.

Monday 6th June. Some parents have asked that we make you all aware that they are trying to get as many parents and children together as possible to have a picnic either on the field / in the park or at the beach. Meet at the village hall at 12 and everyone is welcome. Please note this is not an organised school event.

Scarecrow Activity Morning

I _____ am able to help out at the scarecrow activity morning on Thursday 16th June at 9am.