

# BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 10/37 FRIDAY 9TH JULY

# Achievements to Celebrate Branscombe Waves Award:

Class 2 Exe Valley Challenge Teams: for being great team players Charlotte: for joining in with the Exe Valley challenge and being a very valuable team member Sid: for playing very well with other children



## Dear Parents/Carers

A big well done to the three teams from Class 2 who entered the Exe Valley Challenge on Sunday. They walked either 7 or 10 miles, depending on age group, along the canal basin. The event was organised by Isca College and their students shadowed the teams. Charlotte went to wave off her siblings Curtis and Hannah but because one of the teams only had three members she was allowed to join in. So well done should also go to Charlotte, aged 7, for walking the 7 miles and being such a good sport! The teams all got a medal on completion of the route. The children were rightly proud of themselves for completing such a challenge. Thank you also to all the parents and Mrs Crawford for giving up their Sunday to support the children, it is much appreciated.

Just a few days left of term but there is still a lot to fit in. Please see the dates at the bottom of the newsletter for things that will be going on before we break up.

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

### Spot the Difference Day

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July we will be holding our 'Spot the Difference Day'. In connection with BBC Breathing Spaces we will be walking to a number of different habitats near to school to look for different sorts of ladybirds. We will then submit the results of our findings to the Breathing Spaces survey website.

The children do not need to wear school uniform on this day. We would like them to dress in red and black spots if possible, but they must wear trousers and bring wellies as we will be walking through long grass. Please could children also have a waterproof coat with them on this day?

### School Play

The school play will take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July. All are very welcome to come and watch. If anyone is available to help the PTFA serve refreshments please speak to Linley.

### Newspapers

If you have any newspapers that you could donate to Class 1 for their art activities they would be very grateful.

#### Road Safety

We have received a few concerning comments about two aspects of road safety. Firstly, please could parents ensure that they park in the Village Hall car park when dropping children off? It is imperative that vehicles are not left in the lane by school whilst children are being brought into the building. Secondly, please drive with care down the narrow lanes. During the summer months there are more visitors to the village who are less aware of the children and the extra cars that are around the lanes during drop off and pick up time.

#### Breakfast Club

From September the cost of Breakfast Club will have a slight increase to £2.25 per day. This is to accommodate the increase in staffing costs and food costs. There are now younger children using the breakfast club. If you have any old games that would be suitable for pre-school and Key Stage 1 children to play with during the club we would be very grateful for any donations.

#### **Hives Save Lives**

Thank you to everyone who supported our Scone and Honey day yesterday to raise money for the Hives Save Lives charity. We raised a total of  $\pm 34.33$  which we hope to present to Mr Unwin in another assembly.

#### **Parent Governor Election**

The count of votes for the Parent Governor vacancy took place this morning. We are pleased to announce that Mr Andy Hosking has now been appointed as our new parent governor. It was great to receive so many votes and thank you for giving your time to the process.

### PTFA

A reminder that the Fayre takes place next Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> July from 11 until 1, at the Village Hall. The PTFA have asked for the following donations and help:

- Please drop off any donations of books, toys or plants into the school office they will be collected daily next week
- Please continue to bring in decorated jam jars
- If any one can help with face painting on the day please speak to a member of the PTFA committee
- If any one has a painting easel that could be used for signs on the day please see a member of the PTFA
- There are plenty of raffle tickets to buy in the school office
- Please buy the ingredients for baking and bring in items for the cake stall either next Friday or preferably on the day of the fayre.

### DATES

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Rotary Club Allotment Competition Judging Day!
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Induction meeting for children starting Reception next academic year 3.30pm
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	'Spot the Difference Day'
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	School Play at 2pm in the village hall – all welcome.
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	School Fayre
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Evening – an opportunity to look at the classroom
	displays, children's work and discuss anything in your child's
	school report. 3.30pm to 5.30pm
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Service in Church – 2.45 pm
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	All break up for the holidays
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Return to school for Autumn Term