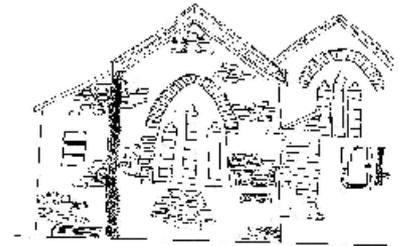




The Branscombe Waves



**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**  
**WITH LITTLE EXPLORERS' PRE-SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER 17/18 2**  
**Friday 15th September 2017**



Dear Parents,

The year has got off to a super start in Class One, the children have settled in extremely well, getting stuck in to a wide variety of activities available to them.

Having listened to the story 'Giraffes Can't Dance', the children have learnt about 'Growth Mindset', thinking about those skills and talents that they already possess, as well as those things that they aren't as good at as they would like to be yet, but with a little more practice could improve in. They have made a beautiful display of their learning and thinking in our classroom that they would be pleased to talk to you about!

In R.E. they have been busy learning about Harvest and how celebrating at this time of year reminds Christians of all the good things that God has given to them. The children have learnt some Harvest songs including 'Cauliflowers Fluffy', and in their Art session have made representations of the fruit and vegetables included in the lyrics of this song, to display in the Village Hall.



They have also enjoyed working with fresh produce from our garden in Design and Technology; cutting lettuce, tomatoes and cucumbers to make a salad independently and taking responsibility for preparing a fruit salad for snack time.



The children have also made an excellent start with their first Literacy unit based on the traditional tale of 'The Little Red Hen'. Having learnt the narrative so that they can retell the story, the children have helped to write their own play script of 'The Little Red Hen' to perform at the Harvest Service. They are now in the midst of making corn, chickens and tractors to add to the class Working Wall. In Maths the children are concentrating on numbers, thinking about place value and explaining the difference between numbers such as 13 and 30.

Class One's first outdoor learning session of the year was a great success despite the weather! The children are looking forward to seeing the fruits of their labour, when the daffodils that they have planted, start to show themselves in the Spring Term.



Following several days of PSHE and settling activities last week, the children in Class Two have been settling into their normal weekly timetable this week. In Literacy, Class Two are using a series of videos of a Victorian lady's diary, to explore diary writing further, while also learning more about life in Victorian times.

In this week's History lesson, the children learned more about our current royal family, and looked back at the royal family tree to Queen Victoria. They used the Learnpads to research facts about Victoria and her nine children. They also began their work in the DEN (our role play area, where the children learn by Discussion, Exploring and Negotiating in groups) by reading about the life of a Victorian family, and attempting to make a timeline of the main events in the story. As the term goes on, they will have the opportunity to role play events or daily activities from the life of this family in the Victorian living room we have begun to set up in the DEN. If anyone has any Victorian objects (or replica artefacts) that they would consider lending the class to use in their role play or in their History lessons, these would be most gratefully received!

This week ended with a wonderful day of learning at Tiverton Museum, where the children, joined by the Key Stage 2 children from Farway, took part in a series of activities such as visiting a Victorian school, playing with Victorian children's toys and doing the laundry Victorian-style! They also had the opportunity to look around the museum to develop their knowledge - and hopefully their curiosity - about familiar objects from the Victorian period, such as a penny-farthing bicycle.

In our Collective Worship this week, the children were preparing their contributions for this weekend's Harvest Service at St. Winifred's Church. They also began to focus on this term's theme "Forgiveness" by exploring the story of the Lost Son (also known as the 'Prodigal Son') from Luke 15 and discussing Rembrandt's famous work of art, "The Return of the Prodigal Son". The children used their "rabbit-like" learning skills of empathy and listening to talk with a partner about how the son, his father and the older brother would have felt at different parts of the story, and how we can sometimes find ourselves in each of those roles: needing to forgive others, needing to seek forgiveness or sometimes, like the elder brother in the story, feeling resentful when other people receive forgiveness when we feel they don't deserve it!

Thank you for all your continued support.

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

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

### **Question of the Week**

**Class 1:** Why is it a good thing that we all have different talents and skills?

**Class 2:** What is the purpose or role of our Royal family? How has it changed over time?

## **Key Dates**

Key dates for the upcoming year are included below. Timings will be confirmed nearer the time. Please be aware that these dates are provisional and are subject to change if there are any unforeseen circumstances. We will of course keep you informed of any upcoming changes.

### **Autumn Term 2017**

15<sup>th</sup> September – KS2 Trip to Tiverton Museum  
17<sup>th</sup> September – Harvest Festival at Church 11.15am  
18<sup>th</sup> September – Sports Day (morning)  
22<sup>nd</sup> September - Individual School Photographs, 11am  
20<sup>th</sup> October – Last Day of Half Term  
30<sup>th</sup> October – Non Pupil Day  
31<sup>st</sup> October – First Day Back for Children  
14<sup>th</sup> November - Parents' Evening  
4<sup>th</sup> December – Christingle service (evening)  
12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch  
18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Play  
19<sup>th</sup> December- Carol singing and end of Term

### **Spring Term 2018**

3<sup>rd</sup> January - Non-Pupil Day  
4<sup>th</sup> January - Term Begins  
12<sup>th</sup> –16<sup>th</sup> - February Half Term  
21<sup>th</sup> March - Parents' Evening  
28<sup>th</sup> March- Easter Service (am)  
29<sup>th</sup> March - Last Day of Term

### **Summer Term 2018**

16<sup>th</sup> April - Term Begins  
7<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday  
24<sup>th</sup> May – May Day afternoon  
25<sup>th</sup> May - Non Pupil Day  
28<sup>th</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June - Half Term  
4<sup>th</sup> June - Children return to school  
12<sup>th</sup> July- Open Evening  
19<sup>th</sup> July- Summer Play  
23<sup>rd</sup> July- Federation Sports Day (pm)  
24<sup>th</sup> July - Last Day of Term and Leavers' Service (am)

### **Sports Day**

Our school sports' day will take place on the morning of Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September. All children will need to make sure that they have their full School Uniform PE kit in school for this day. All parents are welcome to come and join us for this event.

### **Data Collection Sheets**

Data Collection Sheets were sent home this week with every child please could you check all the details on the form are correct so we can contact you in case of an emergency. Please also ensure there is at least one local contact other than parents. Even if all the details are correct the form still needs signing and handing back to Alice in the office.

### Wellies and Waterproofs

All children in **both classes** should have a waterproof coat with them in school **EVERY DAY**. Please can every member of **Class 1** make sure that they have wellies and a waterproof coat in school with them at all times, **especially on Monday afternoons for outdoor activities**. It would be helpful for them to also bring waterproof trousers or a waterproof one piece suit if they have them. Thank you.

### Collective Worship Activity

This term we will be focussing in school on the value of Forgiveness. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together. If the children bring back something that you have done at home linked to the Collective Worship activity, or can talk about a discussion they've had at home linked to it, then Mrs Gray will award them with a new special sticker.

### Sidmouth Science Festival

The 6th Sidmouth Science Festival will take place from Tuesday 3rd until Sunday 15th October with lots of free events suitable for everyone. Please visit the website at [www.sidmouthsciencefestival.org](http://www.sidmouthsciencefestival.org) for the full programme, news about events, and details on how to reserve places for some events.

### Clubs

Textiles Club was due to start this week, but due to unforeseen circumstances it did not go ahead. It will go ahead on Wednesday next week, from 3.15-4pm. However, we only have 4 children due to attend and are wondering whether a different day might prove more popular. The permission slip is printed again at the bottom of this newsletter, and includes a question about which day would suit. If a different day proves more popular we will let you know next week. Netball club will not be happening this term as unfortunately we have nobody available to run it.



**HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE**

**Maze**

Design your own version of the maze tree in the story of Zacchaeus.

You can either draw it on paper or use other materials to create it.

It's up to you! Take it to school to display in the Challenge Gallery.

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Textiles Club – KS2

My Child ..... would like to take part in the KS2 Textiles club, which currently runs every Wednesday 3.15-4pm.

My child ..... would attend the KS2 Textiles Club if it took place on a Monday.

Signed..... (Parent/ Guardian).

**VACANCY FOR MEALTIME ASSISTANT  
AT  
BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**

We currently have a vacancy for a Mealttime Assistant, who will be responsible for supervising the children having lunches, sharing the supervision of the children in the playground, and supporting their play across the outdoor area.

"We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be required to have an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring check in line with the Government's safer recruitment guidelines. We are also fully committed to equal opportunities".

The vacancy is for 12pm - 1pm each day, although we are happy to employ people who can only offer some days of the week, if Monday to Friday is inconvenient. The rate of pay is £7.78 per hour.

An application form and further details are available by contacting the school administrator at [admin@branscombe.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@branscombe.devon.sch.uk), by calling 01297 680339 or by sending a large A4 SAE to the school. Please apply by noon on the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

Please show family, friends and neighbours this advert if you think they may be interested.



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**Open Morning**  
Wednesday 27th September  
**9:30am-11:00am**

**Open Evening**  
Wednesday 27th September  
**5:00pm-7:30pm**

- Please arrive at the College in time for Principal's welcome talks at 9:30am and 5pm or 6pm
- College tours and the opportunity to meet with staff and students
- Telephone: 01395 514823 for more information

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