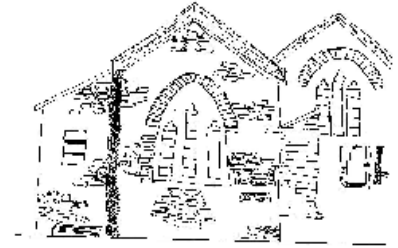




The Branscombe Waves



**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**  
**WITH LITTLE EXPLORERS' PRE-SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER 17/18 9**  
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017**



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**Poppy:** Demonstrating friendly and helpful behaviour, and looking out for ways to help her peers.

**Lily:** Demonstrating perseverance in Maths. Her hard work and determination helped her to succeed and improve.

**Jay:** A responsible and hardworking attitude.

**Sean:** Playing well with various friends in class 1 and 2, and for developing greater independence in writing.

Dear Parents,

This week the children in Class 1 have been thinking about the basic needs of humans for survival, the need for warmth and shelter, and additional needs for health and wellbeing. As part of their learning the children have identified simple differences, between living and non-living things, and have been introduced to the sequence of the human life cycle.

The children began by thinking about how they have changed since birth. They have been thinking about the needs of a human baby. They then researched further changes that happen as a human baby grows and develops, into a toddler and beyond. When comparing different stages of human life, the children considered growth, changes in physical appearance, movement, feeding and diet, self-care, and the move from dependency to independence.

The children learnt that people are not born with responsible actions, but rather a responsible character is formed over time, made up of our outlook and daily habits. They recognised that responsible children act the way they should, whether or not anyone is watching. They do so because they understand that it's right, and because they have the courage and self-control to act decently, even when tempted to do otherwise. They thought about how these characteristics apply to themselves; discussing what they were getting good at, and what needs more practise.

This week, Class 2 had their first look at this year's Christmas play, "The Little Match Girl's Christmas". In keeping with the class's current learning, the play has a Victorian theme. Details regarding roles and costumes will follow shortly, and we would be grateful for your help in this area.

Class 2 have enjoyed the challenge they were set earlier in the week, of designing a board game, based on their learning about the Victorians, many of them choosing to continue this task in their own time.

In Literacy, the children have explored a discussion text, linked to their topic work on the British Empire, and over the next few lessons they will be practising writing their own discussion texts,

using suitable words and phrases to present and balance different points of view about a question.

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 where you live so special?

**Class 2:** How can/ should our society make sure it is just, fair and inclusive of all different types of people? Can you think of issues of injustice in this country or around the world where certain groups of people are not included or are treated unfairly?

### **Key Dates**

#### **Autumn Term 2017**

4<sup>th</sup> December – Christingle service (evening)

5<sup>th</sup> December- Open Morning for prospective parents -9.45-11.45am

12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch

18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Play 6pm

19<sup>th</sup> December- Carol singing and end of Term

### **Class 1 Outdoor Learning Time**

On Mondays Class 1 will be doing outdoor learning time every Monday afternoon. Therefore ALL children in Class 1 MUST have the following in school on Mondays:

- A waterproof coat.
- Wellies.
- A change of clothes (non-uniform, suitable for working outside, and possibly getting dirty).
- Waterproof trousers or overalls if possible.

### **The School Library**

In order to give the children the opportunity to visit the school library with their parents, Rachel will be available to open the school library after school, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, until 3.45pm. Please feel free to visit the library with your child at these times if you would like to help them, choose a book to borrow.

### **Water Bottles**

Please could all children have a water bottle in school every day? We are increasingly finding that children are forgetting to bring one in, and this becomes a problem particularly when going out and about, around the village.

### **Branoc Hall Christmas Fair**

The annual Branoc Hall Christmas Fair, will take place on Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 2pm-4pm. The children will be opening the fair by singing some Christmas songs, so it would be great if as many children as possible could be there. The children will need to be at the hall from about 1.45pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

### **Collective Worship Activity**

This term we will be focussing in school on the value of Justice. 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.

## TALK ABOUT JUSTICE TOGETHER...

**Justice** means more than making things 'fair'.

In order for people to live together well in a **just** community, it is important to have rules or laws that everybody sticks to. Imagine if there were no rules for people driving cars on the road!

As a family you may want to talk about:

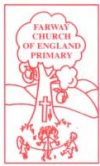
- why it is important to have rules and laws
- rules or laws that you don't think are **just** (or fair)
- family rules that you think are important

## Open Morning for Prospective Parents

Across the federation we are holding open mornings during December, to give prospective parents the chance to visit our schools. If you know of any families looking for a place at school, for next year, please encourage them to visit and pass the dates on to them. Thank you.



# Open Mornings



## Farway C of E Primary School

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December  
10.00-12.00

**01404 871239**

[admin@farway.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@farway.devon.sch.uk)



## Branscombe C of E Primary School

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December  
9.45-11.45

**01297 680339**

[admin@branscombe.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@branscombe.devon.sch.uk)



## Broadhembury C of E Primary School

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
10.00-12.00

**01404 841304**

[admin@broadhembury.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@broadhembury.devon.sch.uk)



**Please come and visit our schools to  
have a look round, coffee and chat.**

**Feel free just to pop in on the above dates. For  
more information, or to come in at another time,  
please contact the school.**