



BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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**Achievements to Celebrate
Branscombe Waves Award:**

Finn for being a hard worker.
Mason for being a hard worker.
Hattie for being responsible and reliable.
Jake for confidently answering questions in Maths.

Branscombe C of E Primary School
Children's Aims
We will try to:



The Branscombe Waves

Dear Parents,

Despite the terrible weather the staff are busy with the children preparing all of the exciting end of term events. In the next few weeks the children in Class 2 will be getting ready for their end of term play. Your support with helping to learn lines is greatly valued as ever. There will also be our leavers' service in Church, our visit to The Mix and a Brass Performance to name but a few! Further details of all the end of year events will be sent out in the next few newsletters but the dates are all included below.

Mrs Crawford attended a very inspirational conference at Honiton Primary School on Monday. The key note speaker was Pie Corbett - educationalist and author. Pie is well-known for his books on teaching creative writing, as well as many other educational books, schemes and anthologies. He writes widely in the educational press, provides training nationally and works as a poet and storyteller in schools. The aim of the day was to share ways to raise the profile of writing in school and to encourage children to gain a love for writing, therefore raising standards. It was lovely to see the ideas from the day being put into practice in Class 2 yesterday.

God bless and we hope you have a lovely weekend.
Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School.

Walk with the National Trust

The postponed walk will take place on **Monday 25th June**. All children will need to wear sensible trousers (not jeans) and bring wellies, a waterproof coat and sun cream. The walk will start from school at 9.30am and parents are welcome to come along.

Eco Greenhouse

We need to have a final push to get the roof on the green house. Please bring any plastic bottles that you have into school so that we get it finished and put it to good use!

Key Dates - Mrs Gray is scheduled to be in school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next week, although she is involved in off-site meetings on Friday.

Monday 25th June - Walk (with Kate from the National Trust) 9.30am; All welcome.

Wednesday 27th June - Whole school trip to The Mix Music Festival

Wednesday 27th June - Year 6 Woodroffe visit day

Friday 29th June - No football club

Sunday 1st July - Exe Valley Challenge

Monday 2nd July - Monday to Friday cycling week.

Thursday 5th July - Class 1 trip to Seaton Nature Reserve

Monday 9th July - Wednesday 11th July - Year 6 Sidmouth College Induction

Monday 9th July - School open evening

Tuesday 10th July - Sidmouth College - parents' meeting

Saturday 14th July - School Summer Fete at Branscombe Village Hall from 2.30 - 4.30pm.

Tuesday 17th July - 9.15 Brass Performance - parents welcome

Wednesday 18th July - School Play

Friday 20th July - 9.15 Leavers service at St Winifred's Church - everyone welcome.

Friday 20th July - last day of term

The Mix

We sent a letter home earlier this week explaining that we needed to receive sufficient contributions by today in order to allow the trip to The Mix to go ahead. We should like to point out that, as stated in the letter, it was sent to all parents including those who had already paid. This was in order to ensure that everyone was aware that the trip may need to be cancelled.

The PTFA committee have contacted us this morning to say that they feel that with the funds that they will have from the upcoming Summer Fete they can pay for the trip for all children. We are extremely grateful to them for this offer and it will mean that the trip will go ahead. Full refunds will be given to all those parents who have paid, however this may take a little time as some of the money has already been banked, so please bear with us.

The Mix - arrangements

Children will need to arrive at school by 8.45am on Wednesday as the coach will be leaving at 9am. They will need to wear school uniform and bring a waterproof coat and sun cream. All children will need a packed lunch and plenty of water. It would be helpful to the children if they could bring a backpack as this is easier for them to carry. Children will need to be collected from the Village Hall car park at 4.30pm.

Notes and money for the office

If you have any notes or money for the office, please leave them in the box in the entrance hall. As Nicola does not work all day, every day, it is easy for things left on her desk to get bundled up with other things. Thank you for your cooperation.

Caps

Navy caps with the school logo are now available at a cost of £3.60 each. They come in two styles; a normal cap and the Legionnaires style with fabric at the back to protect the neck. Cash, or cheques payable to Devon County Council please.

School photographs

The whole school photo and the Year 6 leavers' photo are now available to purchase. There are copies in the entrance hall for you to view. The photos are £10.50 each and can be purchased from the office. Cash, or cheques payable to Devon County Council please.

Water Bottles

It has come to our attention again that some children are bringing squash and juice in their water bottles. If children bring a packed lunch they may bring a drink of squash or juice to have at lunch time but water bottles that they have access to all day must contain only water. Thank you for your support with this

Football Club

There will be no football club on Friday 29th June. The club will continue on Friday 6th July. At the last session Andy handed out some awards to Jed for Best Attitude and Finn for the Most Promising Player. Felix and Christian also received awards for good progress. Well done to them all.

Dinners - American Independence Day

On Wednesday 4th July the kitchen will be serving an Independence Day meal. This will consist of Hot dogs (or vegetarian hot dog), fries, baked beans and sweetcorn. Jacket potatoes and packed lunches will still be available. The meal will cost £2.10. If your child would like this meal then please return the slip below.

Cycling Week

Week commencing 2nd July we will be focussing on cycling. On the Monday morning we will have the police and road safety experts in talking to the children about cycling and keeping themselves safe. For the rest of the week the older children who have expressed interest will be involved in cycling practice that will help them learn the necessary skills to cycle in busier town situations but also around the lanes of Branscombe.

Colyton Mission Community Holiday Club

Please find attached details of the Holiday Club (for 5-11 year olds) organised by Colyton Mission Community. If you would like your child to attend please complete the form and return with payment to Miss P Rattray whose details are on the registration form.

PTFA Summer Fair

The Summer Fair will take place on Saturday 14th July at 2.30pm. The PTFA are now collecting for both the children's tombola and the bottle tombola. There will be boxes in the entrance hall and office for your donations. For safety reasons; please do not allow children to bring glass bottles and alcohol into school on their own, please bring these in yourself and hand them to a member of staff.

American Independence Dinner

My child _____ would like the American Independence

Meal. I enclose £2.10.

Please tick

Hot Dog

Vegetarian hot dog

Signed _____ Date _____