

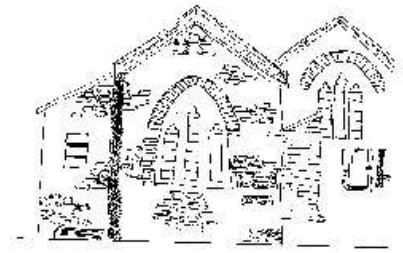
BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Branscombe C of E Primary School
Children's Aims
We will try to:



The Branscombe Waves



Dear Parents

We are now almost half way through our Autumn Term and such a lot is going on in both schools. I have been writing lots of press releases over the last couple of weeks for the local newspapers so that is a good indicator that there is a lot worth celebrating across The Jubilee Federation.

Branscombe had their annual Autumn Fun Day this week. Unfortunately it was too wet to hold on the field so the activities were adapted and a very enjoyable event took place in the Branoc Hall (the new name for the Village Hall). Reef Knot team won the event, with Figure of Eight coming a very close second. Thank you to all the children for being such good team players, to the parents for all their support, to the PTFA for providing the refreshments and to the staff, particularly Mrs Crawford, for arranging the event.

After school on Tuesday evening this week there was a lovely smell wafting around Branscombe School. Cookery club had made some soup and bread rolls and it looked and smelled delicious – I hope it tasted good too!

It would be lovely if families could join us at Broadhembury Church this Sunday, 14th October, at 11am for the monthly all ages service. The relationship between the school, church and village community is something we would all like to strengthen further.

I presented the Broadhembury children with their new team trophy this week. Each week the winning 'Bridge Team' will receive the trophy which has been made in the shape of a bridge. It is the creation of Mr Andrew Hall from Branscombe Forge who was also guest of honour at our May Day earlier in the year. A big thank you from us all for making it.

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

Key Dates –Mrs Gray will be in school on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday next week.

Sunday 14th October – Messy Church.

Monday 15th October – Parenting Course starts.

Tuesday 16th October to Sunday 21st October – Sidmouth Science Festival

Wednesday 24th October – 2.45 Church Service – all welcome. Please pick children up from Church.

Thursday 25th October - Last day of school before half term holiday.

Tuesday 30st October – Deadline for Year 6 to apply for senior school.

Sunday 11th November – Messy Church.

Second hand uniform and cake sale

The School Council will be selling second hand uniform at the cake sale on Monday 5th November. Please bring any items of uniform you can donate to the school office. All proceeds from the uniform sale will go to the Community Fund. We appreciate everyone who helps at our sales; there is a list of volunteers for the cake sale on the noticeboard.

Ethos committee

When it was decided to form The Jubilee Federation, and therefore have just one Governing Body, we said that each school would set up its own Ethos Committee. These will comprise of governors, staff, parents, members of the village community etc. A strong focus of the committee will be to consider the Christian Distinctiveness of the school and how that impacts on the children's social, moral, spiritual and cultural development. Discussions that take place at the Ethos Committee meetings will be reported back to the full governing body meetings and areas to develop will be included in the School Development Plan. If you would like to be a part of the ethos committee, or you would like more information about it please fill in the slip below.

Deadline for Year 6 children to apply for senior school

Please remember that applications for senior school must be made before Wednesday 31st October. Applications may be made online at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline or contacting My Devon, the customer service centre on 0845 155 1019 to request a Next Step 2013 application booklet which includes the application form which should be returned to the Admissions Team. We are advised that late applications will not be offered a place at a school at the expense of an application which was on time.

Tempest Photographs

The children's pictures have arrived and will be sent home in book bags. Please check that you receive all the products you ordered.

Parenting course

A new six week Parenting Course starts on Monday 15th October 2012 at 7:30pm in All Saints' Church, Sidmouth. This is an opportunity for mums and dads of young children to share strategies and learn new skills. This will be a practical, down to earth course. For more details please contact either Tracey Tipton, who is our Parent Support Adviser, on 07540668525 or Chris Lowden, who is also running the course, on 01395 516028.

Messy Church

Messy Church is for primary school children accompanied by their parents or carers. There are crafts, games, drama, songs and a talk with a Christian theme; followed by a simple meal. Messy Church takes place on the 2nd Sunday of every month between 4.00pm and 6.00pm at the Reece Strawbridge Youth Centre (Peace Memorial Playing Field, Colyton). All refreshments and activities are free! For more details about these fun events please contact Wendy Bowers on 01297 551177.

Sidmouth Science Festival

The first Sidmouth Science Festival takes place from 16th to 21st October 2012. There will be many hands-on activities taking place around Sidmouth including talks at Kennaway House and the Norman Lockyer Observatory. The main events take place on Saturday 20th October and most of them are free. Some will be particularly suited to children and families. For more details please visit www.sidmouthsciencefestival.org.

Childcare survey

Devon County Council are asking parents what are the ages of your children and how many hours of childcare you require each week, so they can make sure there are enough childcare places for everyone.

Please help by completing the simple 5 minute online survey even if you do not need any childcare. The survey can be found at www.devon.gov.uk/childcaresurvey2012.

If you have any queries please telephone the Early Years and Childcare team on 0800 056 36 66 or email childcareinfo@devon.gov.uk.

Half term soccer club

Exeter city football club are holding a soccer road show during the October half term week. Leaflets and booking forms will be sent home in book bags. For more information please visit www.exetercityfitctrust.org.uk.

Money brought into school

Please ensure that any money for school trips, lunches, uniform etc. is clearly labelled and placed in the box in the foyer. This is emptied every day. All families should have a coloured plastic wallet for sending money to the office, please let us know if you do not have one. Also, please bear in mind that we do not hold cash in the office; all cash received is banked immediately and as such we do not generally have change, so please ensure that if you are paying by cash you have the correct money. All school items can be paid for by cheque; in all circumstances cheques should be made payable to Devon County Council. Thank you.

Ethos Committee

I/We _____ are interested in the Ethos Committee

Signed _____ Date _____