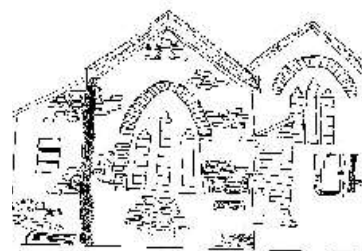


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Children's Aims  
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**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER 14/15 30**  
**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2015**



Dear Parents,

I do hope you had a good half term break. The children have come back to school refreshed and ready to learn. This week Class 1 enjoyed their first yoga session with Abi McKnight. They learned a number of different yoga poses and had great fun making animal noises with each position, this helped them with their yoga breathing. They also enjoyed a trip to Bickton Park Botanical Gardens, as part of their Global Gardens topic. They were able to see a wide range of plants and trees from all around the world.



On Tuesday I had the pleasure of working with pupils in our school's newly formed ethos team along with pupils from the other church schools within the Sidmouth Learning Community (as well as partner church schools from their federations and academy chains). We all met at Branscombe Church. The schools involved were Branscombe, Broadhembury, Sampford Peverell, Sidmouth Primary and Sidbury.



The day had a focus on the Christian value of 'Trust'. The vicar of Branscombe Rev. Hilary Dawson, opened the day with an act of worship relating to the value of trust. The children then worked in groups to take part in a rotation of activities which involved trust games, creative design and drama.

The morning closed with another act of worship based on Jesus as our lighthouse led by Kirsty Hammond the youth worker from All Saints Church Sidmouth. Freya,

Taliesin, Sid and Marlon were Branscombe's representatives, and they had a very productive morning.

Next week Class 2 will be joining the other KS2 classes from across the Federation to take part in the Stone Age 'Musical-in-a-Day' which is taking place in Branoc Hall on Monday. Please remember that all KS2 children will need a snack, a drink and a packed lunch and they should come to school in their trainers. It would be fantastic if you were able to support their hard work by coming to see the performance from 2pm.

Thank you for all your continued support.

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

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

Key Dates:	
<b>Mrs Gray</b> will be in school on Thursday and Friday next week. <b>Miss Prince</b> will be spending her Head of Teaching & Learning day (Wednesday) at Branscombe next week.	
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Federation KS2 Stone Age 'Musical in a Day', at Branscombe.
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	KS2 swimming
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	National Trust Session (note date change)
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	KS2 swimming
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Whole School Photo (morning)
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Over the Hill and Farway 10K run – Please ask in the office if you need any further adult or child entry forms
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	Junior Lifeskills at the Donkey Sanctuary for Year 6 <b>No</b> KS2 swimming
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Exe Valley Challenge
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Years 5 and 6 to Beam House residential

### Question for the week

**Class 1:** You have learned about N S E W, the points of the compass this year. Do you know where the sun rises and where it sets? Look out from your room or your garden. Can you investigate where the rising and the setting happen?

**Class 2:** How do we know what life was like thousands of years ago?

### **A Request from Class 2**

Miss Moss would be grateful if you could you bring any old newspapers in to class 2 next week to restock their art supplies.

### **Ticks**

As ever at this time of year there is a risk of picking up ticks. Please can you make sure that you check your child on a regular basis and if you have any concerns please contact your GP.

### **Second Hand Uniform and Cake Sale**

This will now be taking place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June, so please do bring any donations of uniform in for this date. Amanda Bentley will very kindly be supplying the cakes.

### **Messy Church**

The next session is taking place at Reece Strawbridge Youth Centre in Colyton on Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup>, 4-6pm. Bring along the family for crafts games, songs, worship time and a meal. All activities and food are free, although donations are appreciated.

### **Literary Festival**

Sidmouth's first literary festival *Sun, Sea & Books* will be running three children's events on 20<sup>th</sup> June. The festival is a collaboration between Kennaway House and Winstone's Independent Booksellers, and hopes to add to the literary life of Sidmouth and encourage a love of reading in the community.

AMANDA MITCHISON creative writing workshop (Ages 9-12), 11am and 2pm

SARAH LEAN talks about her latest book *Harry and Hope* (Age 9+), 1.15pm

BABS HORTON creative writing workshop (Ages 11-16), 3pm

Tickets can be bought from Winstone books or Kennaway House. Tickets £2.50 (Adult tickets for Sarah Lean £6).

### **Sidmouth Vikings Football Trials**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 6-7.30pm at Long Park, Woolbrook, Sidmouth.

Sidmouth Vikings are looking for some new players to join their Under 10's team (children must be in Y4 at present). Email [keithandjoanna1995@btinternet.com](mailto:keithandjoanna1995@btinternet.com) for more information.

These are open trials but there are only limited spaces and not all players will be selected. Please contact Keith prior to trials to confirm attendance.



## Collective Worship Activity

This half term's Worship Value is Hope. Please read the story below and talk about it with your family. If you carry out these activities at home please do send us any photos or written pieces that you do together, so that we can put them on our worship display.



### READ TOGETHER...

#### God's Special Promise

The world that God had made was a beautiful, colourful place – brimming with life and bursting with good things. It was his precious gift given with all his love. God **hoped** that people would care for it and care for each other but now they were doing just the opposite! They were quarrelling, fighting, and spoiling everything. God saw that there was only one thing to do; to begin all over again.

But God also saw that not everyone on the earth was wicked. There was one man and his family trying to do their best to look after the world and to look after each other and to listen to him. The man's name was Noah. God told Noah to build an ark – a huge, magnificent boat. Noah was mystified because he lived miles from the ocean and was not sure why he would ever need a boat. As word got around about the enormous boat Noah's neighbours made his life miserable with their taunts and jibes. Sometimes Noah was tempted to lose **hope**, but he knew from experience that he could trust God for the future, so he and his family kept on building.

When the work was finally finished God told Noah to gather two of every kind of creature as well as all his family together and set up home in the ark. It took a long time but Noah had to just keep on trusting God. And then the first raindrops began to fall, followed by showers, then torrents and finally floods. On and on it rained for forty days and forty nights. When Noah was beginning to lose **hope** of ever seeing the sun again, the rain suddenly stopped. Noah sent out a dove and when it did not return he knew that the bird had found dry land on which to build a nest. They were safe at last!

And then a wonderful thing happened. God sent a rainbow - a beautiful, colourful bow in the sky. It was a sign of **hope** and promise. The world had been washed clean, and was all ready for a new beginning.

Bible story based on Genesis 6:1-9:11

