



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 / Carers

We would like to say a big thank you to Mr and Mrs Lovell who worked with the children this week to plant some beetroot and carrots. We are hoping to enter these into the Rotary Club of Sidmouth's garden competition. They are awarding prizes for the longest bean, the fattest carrot and the heaviest beetroot!

We would also like to thank Curtis who represented the school at a Kwik Cricket skills session this week at Sidmouth College.

We hope today's summer weather continues and that you all have a lovely weekend.

Parent Forum

We are looking forward to the next Parent Forum which will take place on Monday 24th May between 3.30 and 4.00pm. There will be a crèche available. If you would like to bring a topic up at the forum please indicate this on the form below.

Newsletter Attachments

Just a note to say that from time to time we receive pre-printed leaflets and flyers from external agencies that we include in the newsletter. If this is the case we are unable to add these to the website version of the newsletter. However, they will be sent home to all children and spare copies will be available from the office.

Sun Cream

Now that the sun is shining please could you apply sun cream to your child before they come to school. Please also send your child into school with some cream of their own (preferably the spray type as this is easier to apply) so that their protection can be topped up during the day. If it is a particularly hot day and your child does not have any sun cream on them we do have an emergency top up bottle in school. Please fill in the form below to give us permission to use this cream if needed on your child.

Ticks

There have been a couple of children bitten by Ticks recently. Now that the children are playing on the field more please check your children regularly. The advice from the school nurse is to cover the tick in Vaseline so that it suffocates and it will then fall out in its own time.

Tesco and Sainsbury Vouchers

Please continue to ask friends and family for the school vouchers. The collection boxes are in the main entrance.

Community Cohesion

To help us with the work we are planning to do in the future we would be grateful if you could read the attached information about Community Cohesion and spend some time filling in the questionnaire. Thank you for your support with this.

Allotments/Eco Club

If anybody is interested in helping out with these projects can they please speak to Mrs Gray.

Money

If you are sending any money into school please ensure it is sent in a named envelope or the re-usable plastic wallets. If you need a new plastic wallet please ask at the School office.

Plants for Sale

Vicki Goodman has various plants for sale - sweetpeas, sunflowers, tomatoes, various vegetables. Please see her in the playground if you are interested.

World Cup Lunch

On 11th June the school dinner will have a football theme:

Football pizzas (suitable for vegetarians)

Hot dogs

Ham rolls

American fries

Vegetable and Salad stick

World cup trophy or football shaped biscuit

Fresh fruit

Yoghurt

There are dinner slips attached if you wish to order this meal.

Best wishes, from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe Primary School

Sun Cream

I give permission for the school's sun cream to be used by my child if needed.

Name of Child..... Signature of Parent.....

Forum Topics

Community Cohesion Questionnaire

One of the areas we are currently focusing on in school is our duty to promote Community Cohesion. We are encouraged to consider a number of dimensions when planning this sort of work with the children; the school community, the community within which the school is located, the UK community and the Global Community.

The aim of this work is to help children to

- learn to understand and value others
- value diversity whilst also promoting shared values
- develop the skills of participation and responsible action.

The staff of the school will shortly be carrying out an audit of things we already do in school that link with the Community Cohesion Agenda. We will then be generating ideas for further opportunities. We would welcome your help in this work and ask that you spend a few minutes filling in the questionnaire below.

Area	Things we already do	Opportunities for the future
Within the school community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring all children feel included and supported and valued 	e.g. school waves award, school council	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring all adults in our school community feel valued and supported 	e.g. Parent forum, parenting classes, Access to Parent Support Adviser	
Working with the local village community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring the children help with community projects and organisations 	e.g. Branscombe History Project, Village Hall reopening, community fund,	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where the local community can help school 	e.g. National Trust allotment, local author	
Increasing children's understanding of life in wider Devon	e.g. Student voice conference	
Increasing children's understanding of life in other parts of the UK	e.g. Video conferencing	
Increasing children's understanding of the global community	e.g. Sponsoring child in Ghana, linking with school in Thailand	

Can you suggest ways in which we can work collaboratively with schools in the Sidmouth Learning Community - St Nicholas Sidmouth, Sidmouth infant School, All Saints Infant School, Sidbury, Newton Poppleford and Sidmouth College.	
Can you suggest ways in which we can work collaboratively with schools in the Axe Valley Learning Community e.g. Beer, Colyton, Seaton.	

As a link to this work, and to encourage visits into assembly, are there any parents or members of the local community you know who would be willing to come and talk to the children in assembly about an area of interest or about where they come from within the UK/Global community.

Name.....would be willing to come into a school assembly to talk about.....

Contact details

Thank you for completing our questionnaire.

Katie Gray