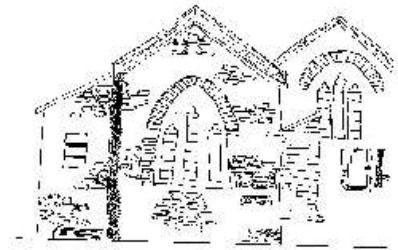


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Children's Aims
We will try to:



The Branscombe Waves

Dear Parents,

It was great to see so many children and families at the Summer Fair on Saturday. It was a really super event with lots of things to do for all age groups. Children and parents made the most of the sunshine with plenty of refreshing drinks, scrumptious cakes, splatting the rat and several good sports brave enough to have wet sponges thrown in their faces! We are very pleased that the grand total raised for this year was £ 1,029.94. A big thank you must go to all the members of the PTFA who have given up so much of their own time to organise and plan the event. A big sunny thank you to all our sponsors and supporters – we couldn't have done it without you.

The families at Broadhembury have been trialing a new reading resource over the last half term. The resource is called 'Bug Club' and is produced by Pearson Education. Each child receives a password and is able to log on at home to a selection of e-reading books chosen for them by their class teachers. The resource has proved really popular at our partner school and children who, in the past, have not been keen readers are now really enthusiastic about daily practice. The e-books also include short quizzes and tasks about the books and the children are able to collect rewards throughout the books.

I am pleased to inform you that this week the governing body approved the purchase of the Bug Club licence for both schools. We will also be purchasing real books of the same titles so that the children will also be able to borrow these from the library. Children who do not have access to a computer at home will be able to spend time at school using the e-books. Further details will be sent home in September. As a staff we have been having a focus on reading throughout this last academic year and the progress the children have made within this area of the curriculum has been very pleasing. We hope that this extra resource will further encourage children to read.

You should be receiving your child's annual report with this newsletter today. Inside the envelope there is a feedback form for you to tell us your thoughts about your child's year at school and the style of report. There will also be an opportunity for you to talk to your child's class teacher about the content of the report during the open day on Wednesday.

Children from Years 2 and 6 will also receive their SATS results today. We are delighted with the results the children have gained this year. 83% of Year 6 pupils gained Level 5 for Reading (national expectation is level 4). In Mathematics 100% of pupils gained Level 4 or above, with 83% gaining Level 5. In the new Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling test 83% gained Level 4 or above with 50% gaining Level 5. Well done to all the pupils in Year 6, you have made us very proud!

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School

Key Dates – Mrs Gray is due to be in school on Tuesday and Friday next week

Tuesday 16th July – Treasure Hunt 1pm

Wednesday 17th July – Open Evening 3.30pm

Monday 22nd July – Branscombe Play 1.15pm

Tuesday 23rd July – Last day of term

There will be no after school clubs on Wednesday 17th July because of the school's open evening.

Exe Valley Challenge Report

Over 70 teams of young walkers from across Exeter and Devon descended on Isca College on Sunday for the annual Exe Valley Challenge. The event challenges groups of students aged between 8 and 12 to walk up to 10 miles along the Riverside Valley Park, Flowerpot Playing Fields, and Exeter Quay. The students were responsible for navigating the route, ensuring that they stopped at every checkpoint along the way and that they adhered to the strict time limits for each leg. Under grueling conditions both the senior and junior teams completed the course admirably, however special congratulations go to Bertie, Bethany, Charly and Autumn who finished the course in an outstanding second place. Really well done everybody.

'Hosts Isca College came home first, with Branscombe Church of England Primary School hot on their heels'.





<http://www.iscacollege.com/news/exe-valley-challenge-2013-the-results>

Open Evening – Wednesday 17th July 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Please join us during the open evening on Wednesday to have a look through your child's work from this academic year and to have a look at the class displays. There are no appointments it will just work on a 'drop in' basis. Please raise any points from your child's annual report that you would like to discuss further. Also please feel free to talk to the teachers or Mrs Gray if you have any concerns about next year or any specific provision you would like to discuss about your individual child. We are also planning to hold an early parents' evening next term to enable you to raise any questions that you may have after the children have spent a couple of weeks in their new year groups.

We will not currently be sending home any of the children's work from this academic year. This is because we are due an Ofsted Inspection at any time. If the inspection takes place early in the autumn term we want to be able to show the inspection team the progress that children make over time and we will need to do this using the exercise books from this year, rather than empty books from the new school year! We hope you appreciate the reasons for this. We will let the children take their work home by Christmas and we will forward the current Year 6 pupils' books to them. Thank you for your understanding.

Library books

Please return all school library books by Monday 15th July so that we can do our annual stock take.

Change of Holiday Entitlement during School Time

We have recently been informed from our Education Welfare Officer that Mrs Gray will no longer be able to authorise any term time holidays. There is a letter explaining this change that the children will bring home today with this newsletter. If there is an exceptional circumstance which requires your child to be absent from school (other than illness) there is a new form (similar to the old holiday request form) to request permission. This will be available from the school office and on the school website under the 'parents, forms' section.

Treasure Hunt – Tuesday 16th July at 1pm

To complement the smuggling topic that Class 2 has studied this term, the whole school will be invited to their Treasure Hunt around Branscombe village. We are desperately short of parent helpers, so please do let us know if you are able to accompany the children on a hunt for treasure!

Primary Times

A free copy of the summer issue of Primary Times will be accompanying this newsletter. It includes your family diary of what's on and when in Devon.