

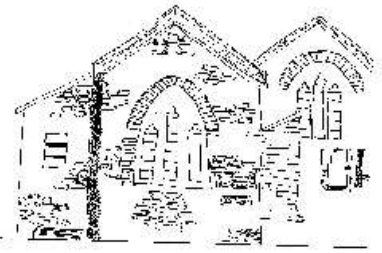
BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Branscombe C of E Primary School
Children's Aims
We will try to:



The Branscombe Waves



Dear Parents,

A parent forum meeting was held yesterday where we discussed the variety of extra curricular opportunities we provide and also how we can encourage more parents and friends of the school to attend events and volunteer in school. There was an appreciation of the extra clubs that are provided, particularly all the training Claire has attended to make this club more successful. Several suggestions were made about both topics and consultation forms are given below to gather your thoughts.

Thank you to all the parents who helped transport children to and from the Gymnastics festival. The children had a great time.

It's great to see the children in Class 1 still enjoying their daily PE sessions despite the cold weather. They are wrapping up warm and keeping really active whilst they are outside

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 and Friday next week.

Thursday 9th February at 2.45pm - Service in school. All parents and friends welcome to attend.

Friday 10th February - Class 2 Swimming lesson

Friday 10th February - last day of this half term

Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February - half term holiday

Monday 20th February - return to school

Tuesday 21st February - Pancake Day

Monday 5th March - 6-a-side football - small schools cup



Celebration Service for Schools - Saturday 4th February Exeter Cathedral, 3-4.30 pm

A reminder that there is a Celebration Service for Schools and those who work with Children and Young People within the Diocese. The service will be led by the Bishop of Plymouth. Following the success of last year's banner service, each school has been invited to bring along their banners depicting their church school. Children will be processing these banners in the Cathedral as part of the Service.

The service will begin at 3pm, however we need to be seated by 2.50pm. Children will need to wear school uniform. There will be light refreshments afterwards in the Chapter House. We have two pews saved for the school, but as yet we only have a couple of children intending to be there. We very much hope that you some of you will be able to attend what is a wonderful event where we come together and celebrate our family of Church Schools. Please come along if you can make it.

Class 2 Tudor Trip

Thank you to all the parents who returned the slip relating to the Tudor trip and we are pleased that many of you are willing to support the trip. We are very grateful to the PTFA who have agreed to pay for the cost of the coach. As soon as we have a date and final costs for this trip we will provide further information.

Easter Garden competition

The PTFA will be running an Easter Garden competition. On the 21st March all children should bring their own creation of an Easter Garden, no bigger than a shoebox please. The gardens will be judged and prizes awarded.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Over the next month or so we will be entering discussions with other organisations in the village regarding Jubilee celebrations and we will of course keep you informed. The PTFA have kindly offered to provide some funding towards memorabilia.

Sidmouth Garden Centre

Thank you to those of you who bought your Christmas trees from Sidmouth Garden Centre and used the vouchers that we sent out with the newsletter. We have received over £30 from the Garden Centre as a result.

E-safety evening at Sidmouth College

Attached you will find a letter from Sidmouth College that was sent to us earlier today, inviting you to an E-safety evening on Monday 6th February. If you are able to attend then please let Nicola know on Monday morning in order that she can let the college know.



Headline News

Class 2 are learning how to write newspaper reports and have been producing accounts of the unfortunate accident of Humpty Dumpty falling off the wall.

"Eggy Eggcident" by Ella

On Monday the 30th January local egg Humpty Dumpty had a shell breaking accident.

The incident took place on the London wall 'round about midday. It was said that Humpty was sitting having a quiet lunch with a couple of the palace soldiers when he slipped and landed in a big eggy mess on the city ground.

The police still aren't confident whether Humpty was murdered or if he slipped and fell. Sgt. Hedgehog quoted "every witness has explained a different story, which makes the crime extremely hard to investigate".

Humpty's wife said "The death was so heartbreaking. Humpty had so many friends; I can't see what kind of sick person would push a happy, caring man off a wall".

"Splat Went An Egg" by Hattie

On Saturday at 12 o'clock Humpty Dumpty was eating his lunch when suddenly he slipped on some butter and fell off the brick wall. He cracked his head. The King sent his men out but sadly, they couldn't put him together. His Dad was very sad about the terrible accident; "It will never be the same without Humpty", he said tearfully.

"Daredevil Humpty" by Isy

On the 29th of January, a simple relaxing holiday turned into a devastating disaster for the Dumpty family!

Humpty Dumpty and his wife Helen were walking along the Great Wall of China with their son Eggbert when Humpty climbed on to the high wall and asked Helen to take a photo. However Humpty's sneaky arch-enemies, Jack and Jill, were passing by and seized their chance to get rid of Humpty Dumpty once and for all.

Mrs Dumpty said "I am absolutely traumatised, those children have always been trouble; they just walked right up and pushed him."

The King said "When my guards told me he was dead I decided to do what Humpty would want and eat him. But I wasn't sure whether to have him fried or scrambled so we made him into an honorary cake and shared him with the village at his funeral".

People of the public are advised to keep their wits about them as Jack and Jill are still at large and inform the police if you see them.

Extra Curricular Activities

We have been approached by a company called Pro Coaching who will run independent after school activities (of a sporting nature). They will charge parents £3 a session (1hour 10 mins) and need at least ten pupils signed up for every course. If you are interested in this please indicate on the form below.

PTFA

At the PTFA meeting this morning elections were held for the new committee. Full details will be provided in the minutes soon.

The PTFA will run a cake stall after school on the first Monday of the month. This will start on Monday 6th February, with Louisa and Claire providing the cakes.

The PTFA have kindly agreed to pay for the coach for Class 2's trip to St Nicholas Priory for the Tudor Day (as detailed above) and they will also put aside funds to support a trip for Class 1.

Bad Weather arrangements

As the weather has turned colder we thought we would remind you of the arrangements for letting you know of any school closures that may be necessary if there is snow or ice. A member of staff will try to phone each family as soon as a decision is made about the school being closed - it is therefore vital that we have up to date phone numbers. Announcements will also be made on Radio Devon and Heart Radio. Once the school is closed updates will be posted on the school website.

During icy mornings we may have to cancel breakfast club, although school itself may still be open. This is so that the limited number of breakfast club staff don't feel rushed to get into school in difficult driving conditions. You will be informed of this the evening before if possible.

Volunteering

Please indicate below if you would be interested in volunteering at school if the following activities were taking place.

I _____ would be interested in volunteering to help with the following:

Activity	
A craft activity with an identified aim e.g. to produce item for village event	
Reading with children	
Helping in general with a particular class	
Library Assistant	
DIY jobs e.g. gardening, painting blackboard in playground, wood treating benches etc	

Extra Curricular Activities

My child (ren) _____ would like to take part in after school sporting activities run by Pro Coaching.

Signed _____ Date _____