

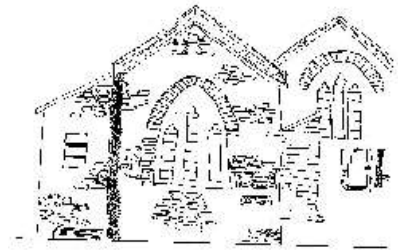
**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER 12 / 13 21**  
**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2013**



Branscombe C of E Primary School  
Children's Aims  
We will try to:



The Branscombe Waves



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school following our half term break. The children seemed to have had a really good time, they were telling me about lots of the exciting things they had been doing during their holiday in assembly on Monday.

Our Collective Worship theme for the next half term will be Perseverance. How often we say at school the phrase "If at first you don't succeed try, try and try again"! Why not try as a family the perseverance challenge at the bottom of the newsletter. Let us know how you get on!

God bless and 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 Tuesday next week.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March** – School Church service at St. Winifred's Church, 2.45pm, all welcome.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March** – Mothering Sunday Church Service, St. Winifred's, 11:15am

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March** – Mothering Sunday Messy Church, St. Andrew's Colyton, 4:00pm

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March** – Barn Dance at the Branoc Hall, 8:00pm – 11:30pm.

### **School Church Service**

This takes place next Monday at 2.45pm. It would be lovely if parents, siblings and other family members are able to join us.

### **World Book Day**

To celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March we are asking the children to make a simple hat to identify their favorite book. Anything from an illustrated headband to something more elaborate is perfectly acceptable. A book token will be awarded to the most convincing hat in each class.

We are having a focus on reading throughout the school at the moment and so on World Book Day we are also **going to launch a Readathon**. Reading is the UK's national sponsored reading event, encouraging children to read for pleasure, while raising money for seriously ill children. Reading for pure enjoyment is known to improve a child's chances in

life in all kinds of ways – plus our school will get free books worth 20% of the total money we raise!

Readathon supports three exceptional children's charities: ReadWell, which provides books and storytelling to children in hospital; CLIC Sargent, giving support to children and young people with cancer and their families; and Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity, which helps seriously ill and disabled children.

We will be helping the children to set their own reading challenge. They can read books, comics, poetry or just listen to stories. The children then get sponsored by family and friends to achieve their reading challenge. We hope you will support your children with this. Further information will be sent out on World Book Day.

### **Life and Landscape writing competition**

The East Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) team is holding a writing competition to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Prize providers include Sidmouth's Paragon books, Jurassic Coast team, The Donkey Sanctuary and BBC Spotlight's Simon Hall. Entries may be fact or fiction, prose or poetry and should have the title 'Life and Landscape'. The closing date is Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2013. For more information please visit [www.eastdevonaonb.org.uk](http://www.eastdevonaonb.org.uk)

### **Textile club; places are limited!**

Textile club starts again next Wednesday. Places for this popular club will be allocated on a first come first served basis so please return permission slips as soon as possible. This is an after school club that will finish at 4.15pm.

### **Football Club**

A 6 week football club is starting next Friday after school on the field behind the village hall. There will be 3 sessions this term and another 3 after Easter. Andy Widger the football coach, will bring forms in next week with full details but please complete the form below if your child would like to attend.

### **Netball Club**

Netball club starts again next Wednesday. Please complete the slip below for your child to attend this enjoyable activity.

### **Next netball match is on 13<sup>th</sup> March**

Please note the date of our next netball match has changed to Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Barn Dance featuring the Dartmoor Pixie Band**

Everyone is welcome to join in the fun on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March from 8:00pm to 11:30pm at the Branoc Hall. There will be a Bar and Raffle. Tickets are £9 for adults and £4.50 for children; this includes a ploughman's supper. Tickets can be purchased from Branscombe Post Office or by telephoning 01884 33571.



## FAMILY FOCUS

### The Perseverance Challenge

Ask each member of the family to write (on identical pieces of paper) a challenge that will require **perseverance** to complete. Fold the paper 4 times and place it in a bag with the others. Invite each person to place their hand into the bag (whilst looking the other way) and pick out a challenge which they have one week to complete. (Think carefully about the challenge you set and if possible make it a worthwhile and useful thing to do).

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#### Textile Club

I give permission for my child/children \_\_\_\_\_  
to attend textile club on Wednesday evenings. I will collect them from school at 4.15pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Netball Club

I give permission for my child/children \_\_\_\_\_  
to attend netball club on Wednesday evenings. I will collect them from school at 4.15 pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Football Club

I give permission for my child/children \_\_\_\_\_  
to attend football club on Friday evenings. I will collect them from the field behind the Village Hall.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_