



BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Achievements to Celebrate
Branscombe Waves Award:

Jessica: for working so hard and consistently checking her work.
Charlotte: for helping others, being kind and working hard.
Jake: for working really hard and challenging himself every day.
Tim: for helping others, being kind and working hard

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



The Branscombe Waves

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to all those parents who attended the Parent Forum on Monday afternoon. There was a lovely atmosphere and it was great to hear all the positive feedback. Thank you too for all the ideas that were suggested, we have already begun to look into some of them.

Another thank you must go to the local National Trust team who worked with the children yesterday. They helped to plant a hedge of Hawthorn, Dog Rose, Dogwood and Holly that had been donated to the school from the Woodland Trust. One of our pupils, who is a member of their Nature Detective Club, took advantage of their offer for free trees for schools. The children also planted a crab apple tree that had been donated to school which will hopefully grow to provide shade in the field.

We hope you all have a lovely bank holiday weekend and enjoyable half term. We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 7th June.

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.

Fizzy Drink Bottles

To help with planting things on the new allotment please could you keep bringing in any used 2 litre fizzy drink bottles. Thank you.

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. If you can spend some time in school to help count the vouchers we would be really grateful.

Community Cohesion

Attached to the last two newsletters there has been some information about our requirement to consider Community Cohesion within the curriculum. There was also a questionnaire for parents. We would really appreciate it if you could spend some time filling in the questionnaire. If you need another copy please email or ask at the school office. 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.

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

To order please complete a normal dinner slip. There are dinner slips attached to this newsletter.

PTFA

There is some information attached to this newsletter about the Summer Fayre. The PTFA have also asked that if parents could donate a bottle of wine for a stall at the fayre could **parents** hand it to a member of the PTFA who will be collecting them on Friday 11th June at the school. **Children must not come to school with the bottles themselves!**

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.....

Things we already do column is so I can see what parents/governors notice is happening - we may be doing things but profile is not high enough

Ideas can be incorporated in our new topic planning we intend to start shortly

Some good ideas already, particularly like ideas of home visits before starting school which has been considered in the past and giving children a page in church mag - I'd already asked Nigel if children's work could be scanned into the magazine and he's checking, similarly children could make their own prospectus for new children from their point of view.

Collaborative working - wanted to gauge the type of response and interest parents had for the issues Jim Knight had raised

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.

Governor Audit

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 governors 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