

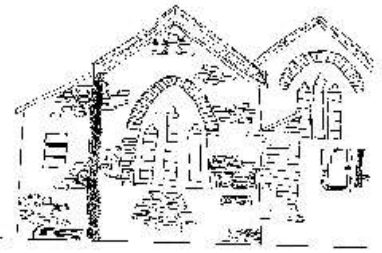
BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Children's Aims
We will try to:



The Branscombe Waves



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school, we hope you all had a lovely Easter break. The children are already very much back into the swing of things! Class One's topic this term will be 'Food' and Class Two will be focusing on The Diamond Jubilee and The Olympics. If you feel that you could help in anyway with these topics please have a chat with the teachers.

Class 2 had a really enjoyable time on Tuesday when they had the first of a series of 'Brass' lessons. The Sidmouth Learning Community is paying for the children to have these lessons for the whole of the Summer Term. This week they started by learning how to play a 'garden hose'!

I'm sure you will agree that the line markings that were completed on the playground over the holidays look super. The children have enjoyed inventing games to play on them and have also had fun recognising the knot symbol for the team they are in.

As I'm sure you're aware, we were slightly concerned that the surface that was laid in the quiet area over the summer was not acceptable as the surface was too bumpy and we were worried that if a child fell they would be badly grazed. The surface also had to be disturbed recently due to the installation of lightning protection. An alternative surface has therefore recently been laid at no cost to the school. We are aware that this is currently quite slippery and so the children have been told not to go on the area at the moment. I have met with the managing director of the surfacing company today and he assures me that the product used should give the same grip as normal tarmac. He is working with the school to resolve the situation as quickly as possible.

On Wednesday afternoon the whole school will be going on a walk around Branscombe with Kate from the National Trust. Parents are welcome to join us for this. We will be leaving school at 1pm. Please could children come to school dressed in clothes appropriate for a walk and bring wellies with them to change into.

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 was due to be in school for two days next week, however, she is completing child protection update training on Monday and will therefore only be in school on Tuesday.

Wednesday 25th April - walk with National Trust Community Ranger

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Wednesday 25th April - netball and construction club start

Thursday 26th April - Textile club starts - see below for details

Friday 27th April - football club starts

Tuesday 1st May - May Day activities

Monday 7th May - Bank Holiday

Friday 1st June - last day before holidays

May Day Celebrations

Parents are invited to join us for our Annual Mayday Celebrations taking place on Tuesday May 1st. Celebrations will start at 1.30pm in the school playground (or village hall if raining). Children and staff from Broadhembury School will be joining us for the day so that we can teach them about the May Day traditions.

Puffin Book Club

Attached you will find the latest Puffin Book Club catalogue. The deadline for orders is Tuesday 8th May. There are some really good offers available and every order you place gives credit to the school to spend on books for the children.



Textile Club

For the next half term the Textile Club will only be open to children in Years 4, 5 and 6. The aim of the club, will be to give children an opportunity to learn about using a sewing machine, and have a go. Numbers will be limited. It would be expected that these children would attend every session if possible. If your child would like to attend please complete and return the slip below. Sessions will start on Thursday 26th April. For any further information please speak to Glynis.

PTFA

The PTFA will be running a pub quiz at the Mason's Arms on Thursday 26th April at 8.30pm. The cost will be £2 per person with teams of up to 5 people. All money raised will go to PTFA funds to help provide activities, events, trips etc for the children.

School Meals

Please remember that school meals now cost £2.10. Monday 23rd April will be a St George's Day menu. There will be Dragon Pie (beef and vegetable) or vegetarian Dragon Pie (quorn and vegetables), with a dragon biscuit for dessert. The snack meals will still be available as an option

Smarties

Thank you to all those children who have returned their Smartie tubes full of coins already. If you still have your Smartie tube please return it next week. The school council will then count the money and let you know the total.

Cookery classes

We have been asked to make you aware of an organisation that is offering cookery classes in the local area for pre-school and school aged children. Their website is www.littlesidscookeryclub.co.uk

Headlice

There have been cases of headlice reported in school this week. Please ensure that you check your child's hair regularly and treat them accordingly. If you need any information regarding checking or treatment please ask in the office.

Textile Club

(Years 4, 5 and 6 only)

My child _____ would like to attend textile club. I understand my child will be using a sewing machine under adult supervision.

Signed _____ Date _____
