

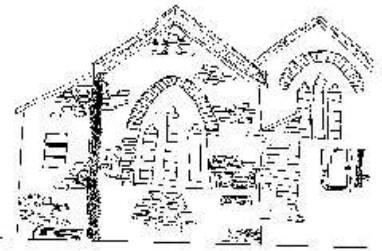
BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Branscombe C of E Primary School
Children's Aims
We will try to:



The Branscombe Waves



Dear Parents

We were delighted to welcome Mrs Tatiana Wilson, our Diocesan Education Adviser, to school yesterday. She was coming to see some of the work that Class 2 had been doing on the theme of Christian Signs and Symbols. If you look around school you will see that small groups of children have each designed a cross. These have now been placed in each of the rooms around the school. They have also made artefacts out of clay which are used during each Act of Collective Worship. The children showed Tatiana around the school and discussed with her how they designed their crosses.

The children in Class 2 have also been busy preparing their contribution for the Parish Flower Festival which is taking place over the weekend. The theme is 'Saints' and school were asked to create a display based on St Nicholas. The whole school has visited the festival today.

Just before half term the school governors came on a 'learning walk' around school focusing on aspects of ICT and PE. They were able to see the new 'Fizzbook' computers being used in connection with a PE lesson. In Class 1 they saw ICT used in role play, the way PE is taught using the Leap into Life scheme and also the new computer being used as a link to topic work. The governor responses were very positive and having spoken to the children the governors felt it was clear that children really enjoy their learning.

We hope you have a lovely week.
Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School.

Key Dates - please note some of these dates are only provisional at this stage.

Tuesday 14th June - Class 2 trip to the Donkey Sanctuary

Thursday 16th June - Parent activity morning - making scarecrows. Starts at 9am.

Thursday 16th June - Church Service at St. Winifred's Church at 2.45pm. Parents Welcome. Children to be collected from the Church.

Friday 17th June - Non School Uniform Day - see details below

Wednesday 22nd June - Whole school trip to The Mix, schools music festival.

Tuesday 28th June - Class 2 visit to Seaton Marshes (further details in due course).

Friday 1st July - whole school photo.

Saturday 2nd July - School Fete, 12 -3 at Branscombe Village Hall.

Monday 4th July and Tuesday 5th July - Year 6 pupils to Sidmouth College.

Wednesday 6th July (provisional date) - New Parent meeting at 3.30pm.

Wednesday 6th July - Class 2 Life Skills event (further details in due course).

Monday 11th July - Smugglers of Gold. Theatre event for whole school and local community at Branscombe Village Hall (further details in due course).

Tuesday 12th July - New Parent meeting at Sidmouth College for parents of those children moving to Sidmouth College next year.

Friday 15th July (provisional date) - End of year school play at Branscombe Village Hall.

Monday 18th July - Leavers' service at St Winifred's Church at 9.15am. All children to come to school first please. Parents Welcome.

Monday 18th July (provisional date) - 2.45pm. Transition meeting for parents of pupils in Year 2 who will be moving into Class 2 in September.

Monday 18th July (provisional date) - 3.15pm. Open evening for all parents.

Monday 22nd July - last day of summer term.

Class 2 trip to Donkey Sanctuary

Class 2 have been invited to the Donkey Sanctuary on the afternoon of Tuesday 14th June. We will need help to transport the children to the Donkey Sanctuary leaving school at 1pm. If you are able to help please complete the slip below or speak to Mrs Crawford. Children will need to be collected from the Donkey Sanctuary at 3pm. Please complete the enclosed SOE3 form to give permission for your child to attend.

Church Service

There is a church service on Thursday 16th June at 2.45pm. All parents and friends of the school are welcome to attend the service and there will be tea and coffee available afterwards. Children should be collected from the Church at the end of the day.

Parent Workshop Morning

We hope parents and governors will join to help the children make scarecrows for the allotment at 9am on Thursday 16th June. In preparation for this and other activities please could children bring in newspapers and an item of old clothing for the scarecrows. Please fill in the slip below if you think you will be able to join us on the activity morning.

Non School Uniform Day

Friday 17th June will be a non-school uniform day in aid of the PTFA summer fair. In exchange for wearing non school uniform. Families are asked to bring a bottle for the summer fair bottle raffle. This raffle raised a lot of money last year so we hope that you will be able to support this. We ask that children do not bring the bottles but that adults hand any bottles to a PTFA representative - there will be someone in the Village Hall car park and someone at the school gate. Thank you.

Collective Worship

This term's theme is Justice. We have talked this week about how many charities help to try to make the world fairer e.g. organisations that support Fair trade. Perhaps when you are shopping you could look out for items with a Fair trade logo and talk to your child about how the food is produced in a more ethical way.

The Mix

On 22nd June we have arranged for all the children to attend "The Mix" schools' music festival at WestPoint Arena, Exeter. This is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to participate in and enjoy a huge range of musical experiences. There are numerous drop-in workshops on a variety of instruments and musical styles from orchestra to beat box! The day culminates in a Big Sing, where over 5,000 children will have the chance to join in, be inspired, hear something new and have fun. We will transport the children by coach and ask parents for a voluntary contribution of £5.55 per child. Please note that if we do not receive enough voluntary contributions the trip may need to be cancelled. Please complete the slip below to indicate that you agree to your child participating in this event. Further details regarding the organisation of the day will be circulated later.

Class Targets

This half term Class One will be focussing on the value of numbers and number bonds as well as handwriting, presentation of work and writing sentences with interesting adjectives.

Class Two will be focusing on multiplication: learning times tables and understanding how multiplication is linked to division. In literacy the focus will be on punctuation, paying particular attention to the punctuation of speech and dialogue.

Tag Rugby

Class 2 children will benefit over the next two weeks with a couple of sessions of Tag Rugby lead by Exeter Chiefs Rugby Club. The first session will be on the afternoon of Monday 13th June and the second session on Monday 20th June. Please ensure that children have their PE kit with them.

Sidmouth Rugby Club

We have been contacted by Sidmouth Rugby Club who are looking to encourage more children to join them in the under 7's to under 11's and are particularly keen to try and start girls tag and contact teams. Here is the address for their website <http://www.sidmouthrfc.co.uk/> or you can contact Mark Williams on 07814 025 694 or msw-rjf@land-source.org

Devon Music Service

Devon Music Service would like to invite members of the school community to take part in an event organised by the BBC Concert Orchestra. Anyone over 7 can take part. To take part e mail bbcco@bbc.co.uk with your name and what you would like to play. If you have any questions you can call 020 8576 0333.

PTFA (Minutes)

27.5.11

1. Apologies: Tanya Reece, Lynley Doulton, Judie Lovell, Vicky Goodman, Louisa Merrit, Carolyn Pinnock,
2. Fund raising

First Friday back after half term meeting in the park so that parents can meet whilst football club is going on to discuss Summer Fayre. Minutes of meeting to be handed into school. Summer Fayre- hall booked and stalls discussed at previous meeting. If anyone is interested in booking a stall please contact Caroline/Lynley.

Cake rota to be set up for next term asap as it makes approx £25.00.

Pub quiz in Fountain Head was successful- another one to be booked for Sept.

Naomi has enquired whether anyone on PTFA would be interested in arranging a BBQ at the Rugby 7 event. Insurance would be through the airfield and/or PTFA. Food hygiene certificates would be required. Nicky said that it would be a good idea to contact council to get permission. Mrs Gray suggested that it would be a good idea to speak to Lorraine (School cook) to see if she would be interested in helping out. If anyone has a food hygiene certificate and would be interested in taking a slot for cooking please contact Caroline or Mrs Gray. Food stand will be near the rugby pitch.

It was suggested that school contact a major supermarket to see if they would donate food. Clare to contact Honiton Tesco to enquire.

Tesco, Sainsurys and COOP all donate to schools for FAIR TRADE week.

Mrs Gray stated that Keith Pocock has suggested organising a Pig Roast/dance. Caroline to discuss this further with him. It was suggested that September would be a good time to hold this.

3. School development Plan. This is reviewed and agreed annually based on data/feedback from parents, children, staff and County. This academic year County have a keen interest in raising reading levels and as a result school will be focusing on this over the next year, with a particular focus on developing reading comprehension.

Working with the community is another key area to develop and embed further.

Story Sacks- School would like to develop the use of story sacks as a way to inspire children to read with parents. Neil Griffiths has developed his company and may be commissioned to talk to parents/school on how to use them.

In each story sack is a copy of the book, puppets, games, non fiction materials etc.

Mrs Gray has spoken to the WI and they are keen to make some (this would support both of these areas on the School Development Plan). Mrs Gray would like the PTFA to provide a small fund from which materials may be purchased. Mrs Gray and Sarah will bring in some examples for WI/parents to look at.

Caroline suggested that a sponsored event to raise additional funds would be beneficial.

Nicky suggested a 'dress as a book character'. This will be discussed further.

It was agreed that some of the money from Summer Fayre could be allocated to help fund this.

4. Parent Forum. Year group representatives were discussed and agreed: Jo Hemery would like to be Year 3 representative. Amanda would be interested in being Year 4. Nicky has shown an interest in taking on Reception. Clare would like to be representative for Year 1. Julie would like to be representative for Year 2. A year 5 and 6 representative is required. Anyone interested please see Mrs Gray.
5. Lynley and Caroline (the PTFA chairs) and Angie (treasurer) handed in their resignation but are very keen to continue to be involved. Clare stated that she is willing to continue to be secretary if necessary. **It was agreed that it is vital that the PTFA continues as it brings in additional funding and provides a lot of support for the school. MUMS, DADS, FRIENDS, CARERS please, please if you are interested in taking on a role contact Mrs Gray. More information regarding this will be in the school newsletter.**
6. T-shirts: at the Governors' Performance and Standards Committee it was agreed that they were not happy that the PTFA t-shirts do not have the school logo or CE Primary School on it. It was acknowledged that this cost the PTFA lot of money and was as a result of a breakdown in communication re. it needing to go to Govs. A discussion was held re. what the t-shirts could now be used for eg each child on a residential being given one.
7. The school PTFA constitution needs reviewing. Guidance on this may be found on NCPTFA website. This will be discussed at the next meeting in preparation for the AGM.

8. Mrs Gray suggested that anything that requires ordering in the future should go through the school so that VAT could be claimed back.
9. It was agreed that in future communication between school and PTFA must be a focus so that any misunderstandings can be clarified. Times to hold PTFA meetings was discussed. It has been found that Friday after school has been successful because of football club.
10. Date for AGM to elect new committee – Friday 16th September 2011. PLEASE, PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THIS TEAM AND SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL!

Scarecrow Activity Morning

I _____ am able to help at the scarecrow activity morning on Thursday 16th June at 9am.

Class 2 trip to Donkey Sanctuary

I _____ am able to transport children from school to the Donkey Sanctuary on Tuesday 14th June at 1pm. I have _____ seats available in my car.

The Mix music festival

I give consent for my child (ren) _____ to attend the Mix schools' music festival at Westpoint on Wednesday 22nd June and enclose a voluntary contribution of £5.55 per child.

Amount enclosed _____

Signed _____