

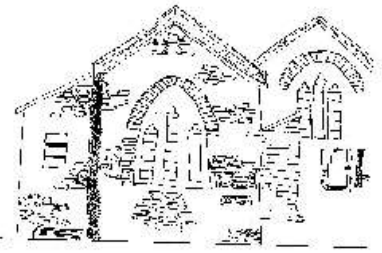
BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Friday 27th January 2012



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



The Branscombe Waves



Dear Parents,

We welcome a new member of staff to the school this week. Mr Nick Dade will be working in Class 1. He will also be reviving the school Eco Club which we are all really looking forward to.

Please note a slight change in the key dates. The church is not available now for our service on 9th February. However, the service will still take place with the vicar in school, at the same time. Please do come and join us.

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 Thursday and Friday next week.

Friday 27th January - Class 2 Swimming lesson

Sunday 29th January - Family Service at St Winifred's Church at 11.15am.

Wednesday 1st January - Gymnastics festival at Honiton Community College for Class 2

Thursday 2nd February at 2.45pm - Parent forum meeting

Friday 3rd February - 9.15am PTFA meeting

Friday 3rd February - Class 2 Swimming lesson

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

This is a Celebration Service for Schools and those who work with Children and Young People within the Diocese. The service takes place the Saturday before Education Sunday and 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 fill in the slip below if you can attend the service.

Gymnastics Festival

Class 2 have been invited to a Gymnastics Festival at Honiton Community College on the morning of the 1st February. Children have been sent home with an SOE3 from today. This will need to be returned on Monday.

PTFA

There will be a PTFA meeting at 9.15am on Friday 3rd February. As you will know from previous newsletters the last committee remained in name only in order that they did not have to officially disband the PTFA. We are now in a situation where there are new members willing to stand and part of the purpose of this meeting will be to elect the new members to the committee so it would be great if as many people as possible were able to attend. Please return the slip below if you are able to attend.

Family church service

On Sunday at 11.15am St Winifred's Church will hold its first Family Service. The focus will be Candlemas. This will be a shorter service than normal; everyone is welcome.

Packed lunches

We are very proud of our Outstanding award for the Healthy Schools' Plus scheme and the healthy lifestyles that we promote at school. Recently there has been some concern regarding the content of some packed lunches. We should like to remind parents that we have a healthy eating policy and as part of that we encourage children to bring a snack to eat at playtime which should only be pieces of fruit or vegetable or a healthy muesli bar. Packed lunches should be nutritious and not contain sweets or chocolate bars. Children are encouraged to bring a bottle of water (not juice) to drink throughout the day. Please could bottles be of the sports cap variety rather than a twist top that is more likely to cause spillages. Thank you for your on going assistance with this matter.

Colyton Grammar School - Secondary School Admissions

You may have heard that the Secretary of State will be laying a new School Admissions Code before Parliament at the end of the month. A major change proposed requires selective schools to test children and report results to parents before they submit the Common Application Form to Local Authorities at the end of October. The draft admission arrangements for entry for 2013 are on the Colyton Grammar School website at <http://www.colytongrammar.devon.sch.uk/admissions/index.htm>

The current plan is:

Deadline for application for testing	14th September 2012
Familiarisation morning	22nd September 2012
Test Day	6th October 2012
Results published	15th October 2012
Deadline for Common Application to LA	31st October 2012
National Allocation Day	1st March 2013

Cathedral Service

We _____ will / will not be attending the Cathedral Service on Saturday 4th February.

No. of adults _____ No. of children _____

PTFA meeting

I, _____ will be attending the PTFA meeting on Friday 3rd February at 9.15am.