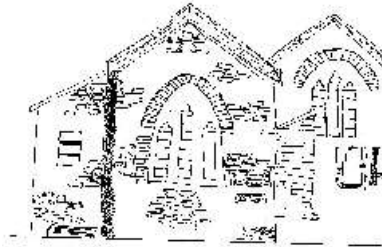


BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Branscombe C of E Primary School
Children's Aims
We will try to:



The Branscombe Waves

Dear Parents,

It's been a super week across the federation. Class 1 pupils went on a really enjoyable trip to West Town Farm. They went on a tractor ride, went to see the crops growing in the fields and made pumpkin soup round an open fire. The follow up work they have been doing shows that they were really inspired by the day.



The new governing body for The Jubilee Federation met last week. The members of the governing body are as follows:

Amanda Bentley – Parent Governor (Chair)
Andrew Hurford – Parent Governor
Kate Prince – Staff Governor
Nicola Bullock – Co-opted
Steve Griffin – Co-opted
Rev. Peter Walker – Ex Officio
James Rees – Ex Officio
Netta Keitch – Foundation
Tim Bucknall – Foundation (Vice Chair)
George Koopman – Foundation

Clara Rose – Parent Governor
Katie Gray – Staff Governor
Alan Johnson – Co-opted
Angela Potter – Co-opted
Steve Miller-Ratcliffe – LA
Rev. Hilary Dawson – Ex Officio
Susan Wilkinson – Foundation
Stefanie Kastner – Foundation
Richard Hare – Foundation

Please remember you can always contact me at any of the schools if you need to. The phone number for Broadhembury is 01404 841304 and Farway is 01404 871239. The staff at the others schools know that I am happy to talk to parents from across the federation at all times. The days that I am at Branscombe are always in the newsletter. The two days before Branscombe I will usually be at Farway and the two days after Branscombe I will usually be at Broadhembury. The teacher in charge at Branscombe when I'm not on site is Glenn Ford, however, your child's class teacher is usually the most appropriate person to talk to relating to your child's welfare or learning.

If you aren't able to come into school because of work commitments etc then please feel free to email me on headteacher@branscombe.devon.sch.uk. I check these regularly throughout the evening too so I can pass messages onto staff before the start of the new day if needed.

Next week Class 2 are also going to be going on a trip to Farway on Friday related to their WW1 work – further information below.

Thank you for all your continued support.

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School

Key Dates:

Mrs Gray will be at a Learning Community meeting on Wednesday next week, but will be in school all day on Thursday.

Friday 19th to Sunday 21st September	Branscombe flower festival, St Winifred's Church
Sunday 21st September	Harvest Festival service, St Winifred's Church, 11.15am.
Thursday 25th September	Sports Day (details below)
Friday 26th September	KS2 trip to Farway, Musical in a Day (details below)
Tuesday 30th September	Bag 2 School collection (please leave bags in Classroom 3 but not before this date)
Monday 20th October	Parents Evening
Friday 24th October	Class 2 trip to Castle Drogo (details to follow) Last day of term
Tuesday 4th Nov	Children return from half-term
Friday 21st Nov	School Photographs

Questions for the week

Class 1: Think again about your favourite meal. What foods is it made up from? Which of them come from plants? Which of them come from animals?

Class 2: Would you have volunteered for the Army at the start of WW1?

Message from the Governors

The Governing Body for the Jubilee Federation met on Thursday 11th September for the first meeting of the academic year. The Governing Body is made up of Governors from all three schools in the Federation. At the start of the Meeting Governors elected in Mrs Amanda Bentley as Chair and Mr Tim Bucknall as Vice Chair. We are all looking forward to working together for the good of all three schools in our Federation. Should you have any queries regarding the Governance of the schools please feel free to ask.

Harvest Festival

This will take place on this Sunday, 21st September at St Winifred's Church from 11.15am.

Many of our children will be taking part, and it would be lovely to see as many families there as possible.



Sports Day

Sports Day will be organised by Arsenal Soccer Schools this year and will take place on the Village Playing Fields from 10 – 11.30 am on Thursday 25th September. Parents are welcome to come and support their children. Children must bring their PE kit (blue shorts, white shirts, trainers/plimsolls.) If the grass is too wet it may take place on the tennis courts, if pouring, it will take place in the Village Hall.

Musical in A Day – KS2 Activity

On Friday 26th September, Class 2 will be joining the other KS2 classes within the Jubilee Federation at Farway School for '*A Musical in a Day. 1914: No Man's Land*'. This whole day activity is an opportunity for the children to become really immersed in this half term's topic about World War 1 through music and language. They will also benefit from renewing their friendships with the children from Broadhembury and to meet and get to know the KS2 class and teachers from Farway School. There will be a performance of their work at the end of the afternoon. If you would like to come to watch this you are very welcome to come over to Farway School at 2.15.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £6.50 towards the cost of the activity. (Please note that the cost of the coach will be met by the school.) Should we receive insufficient contributions this activity may have to be cancelled. All children will need to take a packed lunch, drink and break-time snack. Pupil Premium children should order a packed lunch with Alice in the office on Monday, 22nd September. All details are attached on the SOE3 form. Please make a note of the date of the trip and return the SOE3 form and payment for the trip before WEDNESDAY 24th September so that we have time to check all details before Friday.

We are looking forward to a very exciting day!

Sharing Assembly

Due to the KS2 visit to Farway next week Sharing Assemblies will begin this year on Friday 3rd October, and will take place weekly thereafter at 2.45pm. This is an opportunity for the children to share with parents what they have been busy doing in school during the week, and to show some of their work. We hope you can join us.

Office Hours Next Week

Next week, Nicola will be out of the office all day on Monday and on Wednesday morning. She will be working with the administrative staff at Farway, to get to know how their school administrative systems work. This means that on Monday the office will only be manned from 9-12pm, and on Wednesday only from 1pm.

School Meals: Jacket Potatoes

The kitchen have informed us that they will now be able to provide "beans and cheese" as a jacket potato filling option. Therefore if your child would like a jacket potato with beans **and** cheese, please write "BC" on the order form. Thank you.

Sidmouth College open day

Sidmouth College will be holding an open day for prospective students and their parents on Thursday 2nd October 2014 from 9.30am – 12.30pm and 5pm-6.30pm.

Principal's welcome talks will take place at 9.30am, 10.30am, 5pm and 6pm. There will be college tours and the opportunity to talk to students and staff.

For further information call 01395 514823.