

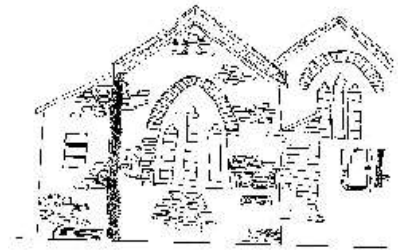
BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Branscombe C of E Primary School
Children's Aims
We will try to:



The Branscombe Waves



Dear Parents,

It has been a very special week at Branscombe. On Tuesday the Bishop of Crediton, The Right Reverend Nick Mckinnel, visited the school to present us with our certificate for achieving an Outstanding grade at our recent SIAS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools) inspection.

After a tour of the school he led an assembly based on lots of 'hats'! He talked about us being an Outstanding SIAS school and that one way of standing out was to wear hats, if people see you walking down the street in a hat then they look at you. He then gave a variety of hats out for the children to wear. He said each represented a different part of your life for example a cricket hat represented keeping a healthy lifestyle and keeping fit, a sombrero represented widening your horizons in life, a sun hat for enjoying the outdoors, a Bishop's mitre represented having a faith, a bowler hat for understanding money and business, an army hat to represent an understanding of discipline, a french beret for enjoying the finer things in life. He talked about how we all have different characteristics and should use these to the best we can.

The Bishop then presented me with the 'outstanding' certificate which is now on display in the entrance hall and after this Josie and Bertie gave the Bishop one of our school tea towels. He referred to this in the email he sent to me after the visit in which he said 'Thank you for your hospitality on my first SIAS presentation! It was fun to be with you and your delightful school, which I shall now remember on the rare occasions when I do the drying up!'.

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School

Key Dates - Mrs Gray has a number of meetings next week. She will be in school most of Tuesday and Thursday morning.

Thursday 28th March – PTFA Decorated Easter egg competition.

Thursday 28th March – Class 2 Indian themed 'bring and share' snacks.

Thursday 28th March – Fish and chips for school lunch instead of roast.

Thursday 28th March – Last day of spring term.

Friday 29th March – Rock pool ramble, Branscombe beach, 13:00 – 15:00.

Thursday 4th April – Sidmouth Golf Club Junior Open Day, 13:30 – 16:00.

Thursday 11th April – Beach clean and rock pooling, Branscombe beach, 10:30 – 12:30.

Monday 15th April – Summer term starts.

Monday 1st May – Netball tournament, Kings School, Ottery, parents arrive at 16:00.

Holiday activities with the National Trust

The National Trust is hosting the following exciting activities during the Easter Holiday:

Rock pool ramble on Branscombe Beach; Friday 29 March 1pm – 3pm

Join Kate, the National Trust Community Ranger, and discover the creatures that lurk beneath the waves at Branscombe. Meet at Branscombe Beach (map ref. SY 207 882) in front of the Sea Shanty. If you have a net and bucket please bring them along. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Family Beach Clean followed by a rock pooling; Thursday 11 April 10.30am – 12.30pm

Come and help the National Trust Rangers and volunteers tidy this beautiful beach as part of the Marine Conservation Society Adopt a Beach Scheme. All ages welcome, gloves and bags provided. Why not enjoy a picnic on the beach afterwards and then join the Rangers from 1.30pm for a rock pool ramble. Meet at Branscombe Beach (map ref. SY 207 882) in front of the Sea Shanty.

Class 2 share Indian themed snacks next Thursday

The children in Class 2 will continue their Indian theme with a 'bring and share' snack on Thursday afternoon. Please can the children bring an Indian snack to share with their class. Mrs. Crawford has lots of ideas for food to bring!

Fish and Chips for school lunch next Thursday

There will be fish and chips for the main meal next Thursday instead of the published roast dinner.

PTFA Easter Competition

The PTFA would like to invite all the children to take part in an Easter Competition. This year the children have been asked to decorate a **hard boiled** egg using paint, collage materials or dye. The decorated eggs will be judged on Thursday 28th March and the winners will receive a delicious Easter egg. All the children will receive a small gift for taking part.

Another new date for netball tournament

The High Five netball tournament is postponed yet again due to wet weather. This will now be played on Monday 1st May. The netball club leaders have organised transport for players to get to Kings School, Ottery St Mary where parents should arrive at 16.00. If our team gets through to the finals then parents can watch these games which will finish at 17.15 ready for presentations, otherwise, children may leave at 16.00.

School Meals will increase to £2.20

The price of school meals will increase to £2.20 per meal at the start of the Summer Term.

Junior Open Day at Sidmouth Golf Club - 4th April

Sidmouth Golf Club is eager to show girls and boys of all ages what fun golf can be. They are holding a free 'taster' afternoon with opportunities to practice putting, chipping and other golf activities with spot prizes. During this fun day the Club Professional will be available to advise and guide the children.

From 15.30 there will be free refreshments for children and adults in the Clubhouse with information on future junior golf coaching, playing and membership options.

There is free parking in their large Car park. For more information please telephone them on 01395 513451 or email secretary@sidmouthgolfclub.co.uk Their address is Sidmouth Golf Club, Cotmaton Road, SIDMOUTH, Devon, EX10 8SX

Amendment to Football Club Dates

Our children are enjoying their Football club on Friday evenings. Sorry, but the dates on the application form were incorrect. The club will meet on the following Fridays:

22nd March

19th April

26th April

3rd May

10th May

Please do not park at the Church on Thursday 28th March

There is a funeral at the Church on Thursday 28th March at 15:30. Please leave parking spaces near the Church free for the congregation. There are usually plenty of car parking spaces at the Village Hall.

Primary Times

Please find the latest edition of Primary Times in book bags today.

East Devon countryside events

There is also a booklet which lists Spring and Summer countryside events in book bags today.

Collective Worship Value – Perseverance

TALK ABOUT PERSEVERANCE TOGETHER...

Teachers often say that **perseverance** is something that many children find difficult.

Very little that is really worthwhile in life can be achieved without **perseverance**. An athlete may train for years before they are ready to compete at the highest level. A musician must practice every day, sometimes for hours at a time, if they are to really master their instrument.

- How would each family member rate themselves on a scale of 1 - 10 at **perseverance**?
- Can you give an example of something you have achieved by determined **perseverance**?
- Is there a skill that you think you could improve with **perseverance**?