

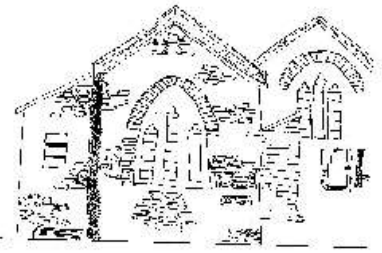
**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER 10/36**  
**Friday 2nd July 2010**



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



The Branscombe Waves



Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you so much to all those who visited Class Two's 'Space Race Museum' yesterday. I'm sure you will agree it was a real success and a great way to show all the work the class have been doing on their topic this term. I thought the children's ideas for the various activities were really imaginative and I would like to thank you all for your enthusiasm in taking part! Thanks must also go to Mrs Pedder who planned and organised the whole Space Race Museum, she had the initial idea, planned the activities, organised the trip to the Old Bakery for the children to gather ideas and helped the children to complete and display all the exhibits.

Mrs Pedder, who has worked with the children all term, will be leaving Branscombe next Wednesday. She has now completed her teacher training at Exeter University and I am pleased to say that she has been offered a job at Symondsburry Primary School, Dorset, to start in September. A big well done to Mrs Pedder and thanks for all her hard work with Class 2, they have really enjoyed having her in the class.

We all wish the three teams that are entered into Exe Valley Challenge on Sunday lots of luck. The children are walking between 7 and 10 miles along the Canal Basin in Exeter. The teams do this independently although they are shadowed. The children taking part need to be at ISCA College to meet Mrs Crawford at 8.15am. Everyone is welcome to come along to support the children.

Thank you to those parents who joined us for our Church Service on Tuesday, there will be one more service this academic year which will take place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

The last few weeks of term are really busy, with lots of exciting opportunities planned for the children. A summary of dates can be found at the end of the newsletter.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School.

### **Hives Save Lives**

This week Mr Richard Unwin who lives in the village visited the school to talk to the children in assembly about beekeeping and the charity he set up called Hives Save Lives. The charity was started to provide bee hives to people in Uganda. By introducing better equipment and training, beekeeping can provide a viable income for people who, in many areas, are living on less than 60p a day. For more information please see [www.hivessavelives.com](http://www.hivessavelives.com)

The children were really interested in Mr Unwin's talk. They asked some very thoughtful questions and we wanted to do something to help the charity. So, next Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> July, Class 2 will bake some scones in the morning and then the children will be able to give a donation of approximately £1 to eat some scones with honey for a mid afternoon treat. There will also be scones and honey available for parents to give a donation for at the end of the day. I do hope you feel you can help us to support this charity. Please give donations in an envelope to the school office on Thursday. Thank you.

### **Library Books**

Please could all school library books be returned to the library by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July. Thank you.

### **Dolls Clothes**

If you, or you know of anyone, who would be able to make some dolls' clothes for the role play area in Class 1 we would be very grateful.

### **Rag Bag Collection**

Thank you to everyone who brought in their Rag Bags. We will let you know how much we have raised and we will collect again next term, so make sure that you save any unwanted textiles.

### **Parent Governor Election**

We have received two nominations for the parent governor election; Mr A Hosking and Mr P Rees. Today we have sent home ballot papers and return envelopes - each parent is entitled to one vote - please return your completed ballot papers in the envelope provided to the school office by the end of Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July. The count will take place on the morning of Friday 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **'Spot the Difference Day'**

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July we will be holding our 'Spot the Difference Day'. In connection with BBC Breathing Spaces we will be walking to a number of different habitats near to school to look for different sorts of ladybirds. We will then submit the results of our findings to the Breathing Spaces survey website.

The children do not need to wear school uniform on this day. We would like them to dress in red and black spots if possible, but they must wear trousers and bring wellies as we will be walking through long grass. Please could children also have a waterproof coat with them on this day.

### **Sidmouth Duck Derby**

The Lions Club of Sidmouth Duck Derby is taking place on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July. There are Duck Picture Competitions and Duck and Spoon Races as well as the usual Duck Races. See the posters on the school notice board for more information.

**Dates for your diary**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July

Monday 5<sup>th</sup>/Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July

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Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September

Life Skills for Year 5 and 6 in the afternoon

Taster days for children starting Sidmouth College in September

Scones & Honey afternoon for Hives Save Lives

Rotary Club Allotment Competition Judging Day!

Induction meeting for children starting Reception next academic year 3.30pm

'Spot the Difference Day'

School Play at 2pm in the village hall - all welcome.

School Fayre

Open Evening - an opportunity to look at the classroom displays, children's work and discuss anything in your child's school report. 3.30pm to 5.30pm

Leavers' Service in Church - 2.45 pm

All break up for the holidays

Return to school for Autumn Term