

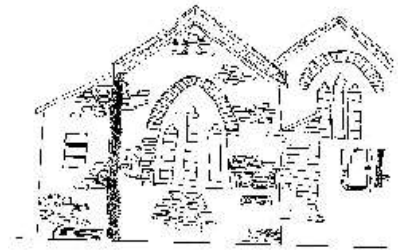
BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Children's Aims
We will try to:



The Branscombe Waves



Dear Parents,

It seems like summer is finally here! I hope that you all had a lovely half term holiday. There are some very excited, if not a little nervous, Year 5 and 6 pupils in school this morning. They are going on their residential visit to Beam House later today with the older pupils from Broadhembury School. We hope they have a super time and we look forward to hearing all about their activities and seeing their photographs.

We have updated the school website over half term with several more photos. Please have a look! Useful forms for parents e.g. absence notes, medicine administration forms, holiday request forms are under the parent tab.

This time of year is one of preparation in schools. The year 6 pupils are thinking about their transfer to secondary school and soon they will begin their transition visits and meet their tutors. The year 2 children are getting ready for their first change of class. Over the next few weeks they will spend regular time in Class 2 with Mrs Crawford getting them used to the new routines and the new classroom environment. We want to ensure that this change runs as smoothly as possible and we will arrange a meeting before the end of term but in the meantime if you have any queries or concerns, no matter how small, please contact myself or Mrs Crawford. Towards the end of term you will receive your child's school report and this will be followed by an open evening when you will have an opportunity to come and look around the school and see your child's books. You will also have the opportunity to talk to any of the teachers.

As a staff at this time of year we will be looking at the needs of specific pupils and thinking about the best ways to support groups of children with their learning from September. This year we have been able to use 'Pupil Premium' money to fund extra teachers to carry out intervention groups. These have proved very successful when measuring children's progress in academic subjects as well as with social and behaviour skills. This funding is generated by the number of pupils eligible for free school meals, so if you feel you may be eligible, even if you don't want to order school meals themselves, please apply. It makes a big difference to the school budget and this will be one way that we will continue to support the classes next year.

The school has recently received some very positive feedback from Brad Murray, our School Advisor. In his report he noted that;

- Group work has well differentiated activities for all groups. Most able pupils well challenged and made good progress
- Less able pupils made good progress
- Most pupils working effectively independently or in pairs;
- All pupils able to link the lesson to the overall 'learning journey';

These are all very pleasing comments and demonstrate that despite the range of year groups in each of our classes, all children are catered for and can relate to the learning that is taking place.

One of the privileges of being a headteacher is watching how children develop their independence as learners throughout their time with us. I believe the way children are nurtured at this school and encouraged to support and challenge each other within their learning enables this independence to develop, a skill which will be useful wherever life takes them.

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School

Key Dates – Mrs Gray is due to be in school on Monday and Tuesday next week

Tuesday 18th June – School Photos

Saturday 6th July – Summer Fair 11am – 2pm

Wednesday 17th July – Open Evening (provisional date to be confirmed)

After school clubs will restart this week

- Netball and Construction club will restart on **12 June**
- Textile club will restart on **13 June**
- Football club will restart on **14 June**

Internet Safety Session - Wednesday 12th June 7.30pm – 8.30pm at Sidmouth CE Primary School

Our children and young people are using technology more than ever to study and communicate. As Parents it is vital to keep up to date with the risks associated with the use of the internet, including social websites. Please come along to a presentation by PC Gary Gates, Youth Intervention Officer who will advise parents on safer internet use for our children and young people. No need to book – just turn up.

For further information please feel free to contact Tracey Tipton, Parent Support Adviser on 07540 668525

These parent sessions are really informative and very helpful. Even if you only have KS1 children the information is very relevant and thought provoking. Please attend if you possibly can.

Sidmouth College Science Mornings

As the visits are only for one year group we will need to rely on parent transport. Please let us know if you can help. Thank you.

Year 6 pupils have been invited to a Science skills morning at Sidmouth College on **Monday, 1st July 2013 from 9.30am -12pm**. The morning will include approximately 45

minutes of activities from each of the three disciplines. The students will experience different laboratories and meet a variety of the science staff.

Year 5 pupils have been asked to attend a similar Science morning at Sidmouth College on **Tuesday, 2nd July 2013 from 9.30am-12pm**. They will provide all equipment but ask that pupils bring a snack and drink (which they will not be able to eat in class). If they have long hair they will require a hairband for the practical work.

The 2 Steves at Sidmouth College

As the visits are only for one year group we will need to rely on parent transport. Please let us know if you can help. Thank you.

'The 2 Steves are Britain's most popular comedy writing and performing double act for young people'.

Year 6 pupils are invited to take part in this event at Sidmouth College's main hall on **Thursday 13th June 2013 from 1.45pm – 2.45pm.**

Steve Skidmore and Steve Barlow, Fantasy Book Review:

"Reading is vital to everyone. This is why we've always argued for literacy to be delivered right across the curriculum, in secondary schools as well as primary."

Preschool Committee Meeting – Wednesday 12 June from 7.30pm

This will be the last meeting of this academic year and with 5 of the children moving on to school we need to be thinking about the future success of the preschool and the make up of the committee. Please come along and show your support for the preschool, the meeting to be held at Naomi's house (Branscombe Airfield).

Composting Workshop – Thursday 13 June

Pupils will be attending a workshop run by Waste Education Officers who will be promoting the 3Rs message of Reduce Reuse Recycle. Please remember to bring in old clothes to change into and bring wellies.

Raffle Tickets – Summer Fair

These will be coming home with pupils and are £1.00 a ticket. Prizes include meal vouchers, cream teas, tickets to local attractions, plus much more. Please buy and/or sell as many as possible to make this event a huge success.

Sainsburys Vouchers

Please return any vouchers to school by **Monday 10th June.**

Junior Lifeskills Course - Monday 24th June

Year 5 and 6 are attending a Junior Lifeskills Course at Sidmouth Donkey Sanctuary on Monday 24th June from 12.30pm – 15.15pm. Please find attached SOE3 permission form for this trip, please sign and return the form to school as soon as possible. Please let us know if you can help with the transportation of the children. Thank you.

Ukulele club

Ukulele club will recommence in September. This half-term's Wednesday lunchtime sessions are now for 'Guitar Club'. Mr Ford is teaching guitar to a group of four of the more experienced ukulele players.

Ticks

As the weather is now better and the children are using the school field, please be aware of the risk of ticks and check your children regularly. More information is available on this website <http://www.tickbitepreventionweek.org/defencechild.html>

Multi-Skills Club

As last year, Mr Ford will run this club on Thursdays 3:15pm to 4:30pm for Class 1 children. This will give the attendees an opportunity to play bat and ball games. Weather permitting, the club will take place on the village hall playing field. Please bear in mind there may be a need for a sun hat and sun cream. Children will need to wear trainers or plimsolls and be collected at 4:30pm from the village hall playing field. Please complete the permission slip below if you would like your child to take part.

Multi- Skills Club

I give my permission for my Child _____ to attend the multi-skills club at Branscombe village hall playing field. I understand that I will have to pick up my child at 4.30pm from the village hall playing field.

Signed _____ Date _____