

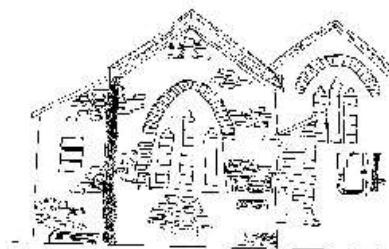


**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER 13 / 14 22**  
**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

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



**The Branscombe Waves**



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school. We all hope you had a super holiday. Over the last couple of weeks our builders worked really hard to ensure that class one was ready for us this week. Last summer we discovered that parts of the original floor were rotten and so it has been stripped right back to the soil underneath and rebuilt.

I would like to thank the children and staff of Class 2 for the super work they produced about World War 1 for the Branscombe Project Exhibition in the Branoc Hall over the holidays. When I visited the exhibition I received some lovely feedback about the children's display.

As some of you may know I accidentally set off the fire alarm before school one morning this week. Although this was completely unintentional, it did raise some interesting conversations. We realised that at 8.50 we were unaware of who would be in the building, other than those registered for Breakfast Club, as normal registration has not taken place by that time. I have discussed this with the Devon County Council Health and Safety team and we are going to review our early morning procedures as a staff. However, in the mean time please could you assist us by discouraging children from coming into the building before the bell is rung in the morning. The exceptions to this will be Breakfast Club children who have a separate register and those children in Reception who do come in early but are 'handed across' to Mr Ford. We will explain the reasons for this to the children as well.

We are attaching to this newsletter the topic outlines for your child's class this term. Do let us know if you can support us in any way.

Thank you for your continued support.

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

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

### Questions for the week

**Class 1:** Jack was very lucky that his magic beans grew. Can you explain why we are surprised by this? Try to include 3 reasons.

**Class 2:** Why was the Nile so important to the ancient Egyptians?

### Key Dates:

Mrs Gray will be in school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next week.

<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	First after-school Football club
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	First after-school Gardening club
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Netball and Construction clubs restart
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	African garden building day Textile Club restarts
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	May Day celebration
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Class 2 swimming starts (see details below)

### African Garden building day - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May

- Thanks to all who have agreed to provide materials for this. We are still in need of quite a few things so if you are able to provide anything, even if it is just the use of some tools for the day **or if you are able to help us on the day** let us know ASAP.

We are still in need of:

**Stones, bricks or wood for the walls**

**1.5m canes / sticks**

**Garden twine**

**Chicken wire or willow / hazel bendy twigs or to weave the central basket**

**Compost**

**Spare spades, forks or trowels to borrow just for the day**

- If you have already agreed to provide materials, please can you drop them off directly to the field, next **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April** (or as soon as possible after that date). For your convenience the gate between the field and the lane will be opened so that materials can be left at the end of the field.
- All children will need to come to school on Thursday wearing **appropriate gardening clothing and footwear** that can get dirty but that will keep them warm and dry.

### School Clubs

A reminder that most of our after school clubs will re-start next week. This includes Netball, Construction and Textiles Clubs. Football club is starting today, and will run for 6 weeks (finishing on 6<sup>th</sup> June). Gardening club is also starting next Tuesday, after school. If your child would like to take part please complete the attached slip and return it to the office on Monday next week.

### **Eco Club**

Thank you to Sasha who has started a lunchtime "Eco club", open to all children. The club started this Wednesday, and will continue on Wednesday lunchtimes for the summer term. The children will work towards an award, and the club is aimed at promoting eco-awareness and educating the children about how to help the environment.

### **Class 2 Swimming sessions**

These will take place after half term, at Seaton Primary Community swimming pool. The sessions will run for 6 weeks on Thursday afternoons starting on 5<sup>th</sup> June and finishing on 10<sup>th</sup> July. Further details to follow.

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### **Gardening Club**

I give my child(ren) .....

permission to attend Gardening club on **Tuesday** afternoons between 3.15 and 4.15pm

starting on Tuesday 29th April.

Signed .....