

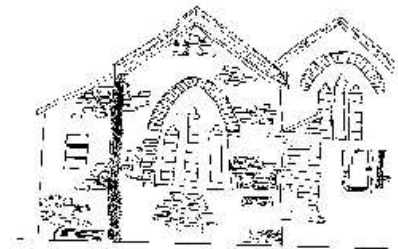
BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Friday 16th November 2012



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



The Branscombe Waves



Dear Parents

The children look great today in their pyjamas! We will let you know how much we raise for Children in Need.

Christmas preparations are really getting underway at both schools. We hope you love the Christmas Cards that were sent home this week, I thought they looked really super! There will be lots of information about various Christmas activities in the next few newsletters.

There has been quite a lot of sickness around both schools this week. I hope everyone is now recovered ready for an enjoyable weekend.

God bless and we hope you have a lovely weekend.
Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School.

Key Dates –Mrs Gray will be in school for the parents evening on Wednesday and for full days on Monday and Thursday next week

Saturday 17th November – Christmas lights in Sidmouth

Monday 19th November – Parenting taster sessions

Wednesday 21st November – Parents' evening

Wednesday 21st November – no after school clubs

Saturday 1st December – Branscombe Village Christmas Fair

Thursday 13th December – PTFA's Pub quiz

Thursday 20th December – PTFA's trip to Snail and Whale

Parents' Evenings

We are looking forward to meeting you on Wednesday 21st November so that we can discuss your child's progress with you. Your child should have a letter with your scheduled meeting time in their book bag.

No School Clubs next Wednesday

There will be no after school clubs on the day of the Parents' Evening.

Outstanding SIAS Report

Mrs Gray has received a letter from the Diocesan Director of Education Mr Philip Mantell congratulating us on our Outstanding SIAS report. Sections of the letter are copied below:

We are delighted to congratulate all the staff, pupils and governors of Branscombe CofE (VC) Primary School (part of the Jubilee Federation) on your recent achievement of an Outstanding SIAS report. It is truly an exceptional result, especially achieving an outstanding result for each area of the inspection.

We thank you for your continued commitment in keeping the Christian distinctiveness central to the ethos of your school, and really value the lasting impact this will have on the lives of those in the school and within the community it serves. We look forward to working with you further and continuing our support of your hard work and success and being able to share examples of good practice from your school with others.

Playground Safety

Please could we remind parents and children that the pupils should not bring their own balls to school. The playground is too small for the children to use hard balls and so balls we have purchased have been specifically selected. Children are not permitted to play ball games before and after school, this is because parents are walking through the playground, often with babies and toddlers. There have been a couple of incidents recently when children have been hit by hard balls and so we would appreciate parents supporting us with this. Please could you also help us to encourage children not to climb on the walls around the playground for safety reasons.

Snail and the Whale Theatre Trip

The PTFA have kindly suggested paying for the whole school to attend The Snail and the Whale at Northcott Theatre on Thursday 20th December. The trip would have cost approximately £13.00 for each child so we are very grateful to the PTFA for suggesting the visit and agreeing to pay. The PTFA are asking that if parents would like to make a contribution (a suggested amount being £5) then this would obviously help PTFA funds for supporting other events. Please give contributions to PTFA committee members or bring them into school in a **'labelled, sealed envelope, marked PTFA Theatre Trip Contribution'**, so that money doesn't get muddled with school funds. The envelopes can be placed in the box in the entrance hall. Please pay cheques to Branscombe School PTFA.

SOE3 Permission Forms for the trip will be sent out shortly.

Parenting Course

Our Parent Support Adviser, Tracey Tipton, will be holding the following series of Parenting Taster Sessions during November.:

For Parents and Carers of children aged 7 – 11 years

Monday November 19th 2 – 3pm at Sidmouth Primary School, Woolbrook Site

Wednesday November 21st 6 – 7pm at Sidmouth Primary School, Woolbrook Site

For Parents and Carers of children aged under 8 years

Tuesday November 27th 10.30-11.30am at All Saints Church, Sidmouth

Tuesday November 27th 7.30-8.30pm at All Saints Church, Sidmouth

These will be an opportunity for Parents and Carers to discover which subjects are covered and suggest others they would like included. Tracey is also interested to hear when and where people would like future courses to run.

If you would like to know more or book a place, please contact Tracey Tipton on 07540 668525 or tipton@sidmouth-primary.devon.sch.uk

Christmas lights in Sidmouth

Christmas lights are being switched on in Sidmouth market square tomorrow, 17th November, at 5.30pm. This will be a fun event with entertainers and a chance to win vouchers for local shops.

Village Christmas Fair

Branscombe Village Christmas Fair will take place on Saturday 1st December in the Village Hall.

Sickness Policy

Please remember if your child is sick they need to stay away from school for 48 hours from the last time they were sick. This helps to prevent bugs from spreading.

New School Jacket

We have a new school jacket. These are lightweight, shower-proof with soft fleece inner lining. The collar flap conceals a foldaway hood and there are two side pockets. They display both the school logo and a reflective safety strip. They are £11.95 each and come in sizes 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14 years. Please pop into the office to see a sample jacket and complete the form below if you would like to place an order (we need at least 6 jackets to be ordered for the jackets to be made).

PTFA's Pub Quiz

The PTFA will be running a Pub Quiz on Thursday 13 December at 8.00 pm at the Fountain Head. Teams may have up to 4 members. There will be a cost of £2.50 per person and there will be a raffle. Please contact Sarah Miller at sarahmiller88@btinternet.com for more information.

School Jacket

I would like to purchase _____ school jacket(s)

for my child/children _____

(please enter size)

Signed _____ Date _____
