

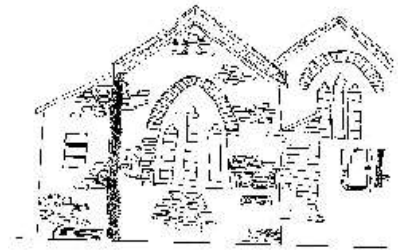
BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Branscombe C of E Primary School
Children's Aims
We will try to:



The Branscombe Waves



Dear Parents,

The children may have told you that we had a visitor in school this week. Mr Brad Murray, our Primary Phase Adviser, spent time in both classes on Wednesday morning. It was lovely to watch the children confidently and enthusiastically telling him about their learning.

During the Vicar's assembly this week she talked about Lent. She left in school some booklets called 'Love Life Live Lent' which many of the children have taken home. There are some lovely ideas in the booklet for things to do and think about for each day of Lent. We have already had some positive feedback from some of the children. Please let us know if you do any of the activities as a family – some photos or drawings would be great to see too!

God bless and have a lovely half term break.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School

Key Dates - Mrs Gray will be in school on Monday and Friday during the week following half term.

Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February – Half term.

Monday 4th March – School Church service at St. Winifred's Church, 2.45pm, all welcome.

Saturday 16th March – Barn Dance at the Branoc Hall, 8:00pm – 11:30pm.

Pancakes, pancakes and more pancakes

Thank you to everyone who joined us for pancakes on Tuesday; especially the PTFA for serving the delicious pancakes and tea.

Money received from Sidmouth Garden Centre

Thank you to everyone who purchased their Christmas trees from Sidmouth Garden Centre with our school tokens. The garden centre kindly doubled the amount of each token was worth and sent us £20 which will go towards school events. They also sent a £10 voucher which we will use this to purchase items for our gardening activities.

New lunch menu

There is a new menu for school lunches starting next half term. Children have the menus in their book bags today and there are copies in the foyer.



Class 2 learn about experiences in India

We are very grateful to Bindu who came in to school last Wednesday to talk about life in India. The children learnt a huge amount of interesting facts and had the opportunity to look at some real Indian costumes! This was a great enhancement to their India project.

Design a library for a chance to win tickets to Pecorama

Sidmouth library will be refurbished this year and they are asking young people how it could be improved. They are running a competition for children to submit their ideas in writing and drawings. The winner will receive a family ticket to Pecorama! Entry forms are available at the library or by visiting www.devon.gov.uk/sidmouthlibraryproject and clicking on 'competition form'. The competition closes on Saturday 2nd March.

Beam House Residential

Thank you to those Year 5 and 6 families who have sent in deposits for the trip. A parent meeting regarding more specific details about the trip will be organised after half term. Please feel free to speak to Mrs Crawford or Mrs Gray at any time if there are any queries regarding such things as facilities at the centre or about payment options.

Half Term at the Axe Valley Children's Centre

Axe Valley Children's Centre will be running a Stay & Play session for families with children under 5 on Tuesday 19th February from 10.00am to 11.30am. There will also be a clothes swap event during this session. It's a perfect opportunity to pass on your child's /children's outgrown clothes and leave with some (nearly) new ones. Entry is by donation, please contact the Children's Centre on 01297 20542 for further information.

Barn Dance featuring the Dartmoor Pixie Band

Everyone is welcome to join in the fun on Saturday 16th March from 8:00pm to 11:30pm at the Branoc Hall. There will be a Bar and Raffle. Tickets are £9 for adults and £4.50 for children; this includes a ploughman's supper. Tickets can be purchased from Branscombe Post Office or by telephoning 01884 33571.