

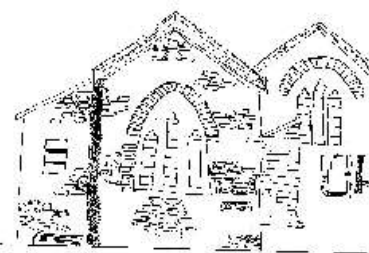
**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER 11 / 12 38**  
**Friday 13th July 2012**



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



The Branscombe Waves



Dear Parents,

Thank you to all those parents who visited the school on Monday for our open evening. We hope you found the evening useful. The children's attendance report for this year is attached to this newsletter.

You may recall that last year we kept the children's work in case we needed it for an Ofsted Inspection. We did not have an inspection and we have been informed that we won't have an Ofsted visit until at least the summer term. We will therefore be sending two year's worth of children's work home next week. Please could you send the children into school with a few bags to enable them to bring the books home throughout the week.

Next week will be a busy end to the school year. Please see the list of important dates below. I will be at the various events throughout the week. I would like to thank all the staff team for the time and energy they put into all these events. Despite the weather I know the children and staff really enjoyed the Olympic Day yesterday. I will be carrying the torch over to Broadhembury shortly!

God bless and we hope you have a lovely weekend.

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

**Key Dates -**

**Saturday 14th July** - School Summer Fete at Branscombe Village Hall from 2.30 - 4.30pm.

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July** - 2.45pm PTFA meeting at School

**Monday 16th July** - no athletics club. This will resume in September.

**Tuesday 17th July** - 9.15 Brass Performance - parents welcome

**Wednesday 18th July** - School Play from 1.30pm at the Village Hall

**Friday 20th July** - 9.15 Leavers' service at St Winifred's Church - everyone welcome.

**Friday 20th July** - PTFA Leavers' party and disco at Masons Arms - see below for details.

**Friday 20th July** - Last day of term

**Thursday 6th September** - Return to school



### **Library books - urgent**

Please ensure all school library books are returned by Monday morning. Children who have outstanding books have printed reminders in their bookbags - please check these.

### **School Leavers' end of year play**

This rip-roaring musical version of the Three Little Pigs will take place in the Village Hall on Wednesday 18th July at 1.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come along. Children to be collected from school as normal please.

### **Exe Valley Challenge**

Congratulations to Hattie, Max, Charly and Meggy, Ella, Lauren and Isy for successfully completing the Exe Valley Challenge. This is quite an achievement and we are very proud of the children. Many thanks to the parents who helped with transport and special thanks to Louisa for accompanying Mrs Crawford on the practice walk. Thank you too to Mrs Crawford who supported the children on the day and prepared them for the event.

### **Olympic torch**

This event which was originally scheduled for Thursday afternoon took place in school on Thursday morning. The children carried the torch and took part in space hopping chariot races.

### **Brass Performance**

On Tuesday 17th July at 9.15, class 2 children will be doing a performance to show what they have been learning during their brass lessons this term. Everyone is welcome. We know the children have gained a lot from this course of brass lessons. We wanted to be able to suggest a way they could carry on the experience. Some children may remember a few years ago that members of the Sidmouth Town Band came to play for the children and demonstrate their instruments. Sidmouth Town Band is a lively and busy brass band that has been an important part of the local community for 150 years. The band is made up of people of all ages who are brought together by their passion for music. Throughout the year the band performs concerts, takes part in friendly competitions and is involved in a variety of community events. One of the keys to the band's success has been the development of its beginners, with free tuition being provided on both an individual and group basis. Instruments can also be provided, so all it takes is lots of practice and enthusiasm! More information on the band and ways in which you can contact them can be found on their website - [www.sidmouthtownband.co.uk](http://www.sidmouthtownband.co.uk).

### **Community Fund Tea Towel**

During the Community Fortnight the children sketched some of the landmarks and buildings in Branscombe. We have reproduced a selection of these onto a tea towel. These will be on sale at a cost of £2.60 each or 2 for £5.00. All the money raised from the tea towels will be paid into the Children's Community Fund. We use the fund to sponsor a child in Ghana and also to support charities suggested by the children. Please support this venture by the children; the tea towels will be available at the fair on Saturday or from the school office from next week.

### **Term Dates for 2012 - 2013**

Autumn term starts - Thursday 6th September 2012.

Last day before half term - Thursday 25th October 2012

Half term - Friday 26th October 2012 - Friday 2nd November 2012 (inclusive)

Return to school after half term - Monday 5th November 2012

Last day of Autumn term - Friday 21st December

Christmas Holiday- Monday 24th December 2012 - Monday 7th January 2013 (inclusive)

Spring term starts - Tuesday 8th January 2013

Last day before half term - Friday 15th February 2013

Half term - Monday 18th February - Friday 22nd February 2013 (inclusive)

Return to school after half term - Monday 25th February 2013

Last day before Easter holiday - Thursday 28th March 2013

Easter holiday - Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April 2013

Summer term starts - Monday 15th April 2013

Bank Holiday - Monday 6th May 2013

Last day before half term - Friday 24th May 2013

Half term - Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May (inclusive)

Last day of Summer term - Tuesday 23rd July 2013

### **PTFA**

Thanks to all who supplied cakes for the cake stall - approximately £60 was raised.

Please support the fair in the Village Hall on Saturday from 2.30 until 4.30pm. If anyone has a gazebo please speak to Claire urgently. Bottles, plants and items for the children's tombola are still needed and if you can bring any cakes along for a cake stall on the day that would be appreciated. If everyone helping could be at the village hall for 1.30pm to help set up that would be great.

### **Leavers' party & disco**

Next Friday from 3.30pm there will be a leaver's party and disco at the Masons Arms from 3.30 until 5.30pm. PTFA will ensure that there are enough parents to walk the children to the Masons Arms. Please collect your child from the Masons Arms at 5.30pm. If your child is attending please complete and return the slip below,

Please could everyone contribute to the refreshments

Reception and Year 1 - crisps and savoury biscuits

Year 2 - sandwiches

Year 3 - cakes and biscuits

Year 4 - sausage rolls

Years 5 & 6 - drinks

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### **PTFA Leavers' party and disco**

My child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_ will be attending the PTFA leaver's party and disco on Friday 20th July. I understand that my child(ren) will be walked from school to the Masons Arms and that I need to collect them from the Masons Arms at 5.30pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_