

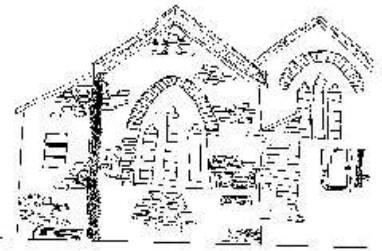
BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Branscombe C of E Primary School
Children's Aims
We will try to:



The Branscombe Waves



Dear Parents

Thank you to everyone for supporting Class Two last Friday for their performance of SuperKids. It was a really enjoyable afternoon, the children really showed off their talents whilst spreading an important environmental message. After the presentation the Year 6 children were presented with their Records of Achievement and a memory book gift from the PTFA. They enjoyed a cake presented by the staff too!

You are a great bunch of pupils, it has been a delight to see your confidence grow over recent months and see your individual characters really shine. We will miss you all and wish you lots of luck for the future.

As well as good attendance certificates I also presented two awards that we give out annually. Tabitha in Reception was given our school Citizenship award and Jessica was given the Devon County Council Spirit of Devon award for demonstrating the most engagement with, and enjoyment in learning.

The Year 6 children and their parents gave a very generous gift of a Roberts CD player so that the pupils can continue to enjoy aerobic activities and other musical activities outside. We are very grateful for such a thoughtful present.

On Monday we held our Leavers' service in church. The Year 6 children who are leaving chose the hymns and read from the bible. The new vicar presented the Year 6 children with Bibles from the school and PCC. She talked to them about how important the Bible she was given at primary school has been to her. We presented Nigel Freathy with a small gift from the school to thank him for the time he has given to the school during the last 18 months or so.

During the summer holidays we are having some exciting building improvements. Using the school capital budget we are having the exterior of the school repainted and some damp areas of the school treated. Following a successful grant application by the governors, the school playground is being re-laid, so that it will be more level. Once the tarmac has settled new line markings will be painted in September to include a mini netball court.

After the holidays our management partnership with Broadhembury will commence. Please be assured I am fully committed to the leadership of our school and, along with the governors, I believe that this partnership will secure the future of our small school in difficult financial times. Through my current salary being shared between schools we will be able to focus more of this year's budget on the provision for the children in our care and, although leading two schools will undoubtedly mean increased responsibility, it will also bring many more opportunities for quality professional dialogue for all members of staff, which in turn will improve the quality of educational experience for the children.

I intend to work at each school on a rota basis to ensure that I am not always absent from one school on any particular day of the week - this will enable me to make myself available to all members of staff and all parents, including those who only pick-up on one or two days a week. Following the first week of term I will work 3 days in Branscombe then 3 days (crossing the weekend) at Broadhembury. This will continue, and although sounds complicated, seems to be the fairest way to spread my time. I will write in each week's newsletter when I will be in school for each day of the following week and of course you will be able to contact me at Broadhembury School (01404 841304) if you need to. During the first week back I will spend half a day at each school on the Monday and Tuesday then I will be at Broadhembury on Wednesday, Branscombe on Thursday and Broadhembury on Friday.

I would like to formally thank the PTFA, particularly the committee members, for all their hard work this year. The fundraising this year has been very successful and we are all really grateful for how this enables us to provide additional experiences and resources for the children. In September several of the committee members will be standing down. Over the summer please consider whether you would like to put yourself forward for one of the roles (or as Lynley and Caroline have done this year - a shared role). We really can't provide all the opportunities for the children without the PTFA funds; it is a vital part of our school.

God bless and on behalf of all the staff I would like to wish you all a really enjoyable summer holiday. We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 5th September.

Clubs

There will be no after school clubs in the first week of the Autumn term. We will put details of any clubs to be offered in the first newsletter of the new year.

Library Books

A big thank you to everyone for returning their library books.

Exeter Chiefs Open Day

On Sunday 7th August Exeter Chiefs will be holding an Open Day at Sandy Park from 11am until 2pm. Just go along if you are interested. Gates close at 1.30pm.

National Trust events

Please find attached, details of the National Trust events that are taking place during the summer holidays.

School Meals

Please find attached, the new school meal menus. You will notice that there are 4 menus which will run on a rota basis. The snack option is a jacket potato; if you select this option please make a note of the filling that you would like. Also attached to this newsletter are ordering forms. Please remember to place your order on a Monday morning, using the slips attached and place your money in a plastic wallet in the box in the entrance hall.

Parish News Article from Amanda

Thank you to those of you who have given me quotes for the Parish Newsletter article. If anyone else would like to provide me with a quote stating what you like about the school please feel free to e-mail me on bentleycarr@hotmail.com.