



# BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER 10/29

### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2010



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



The Branscombe Waves

Dear Parents / Carers

We hope you all enjoyed the long weekend. It was lovely to see so many of you at the Village Hall celebrations on Saturday. We have received numerous messages of appreciation from villagers who enjoyed the May Pole dancing. A big thank you to children, parents, staff and governors for all the effort that went into making our part of the day such a success.

The children had a really exciting time last Friday at the Fossil Festival. They uncovered fossils, sang songs, solved fossil puzzles and worked with a team from the Natural History Museum of London.

Fred said 'It was a brilliant day, I learnt lots about dinosaurs and enjoyed working with the Natural History Museum to find shark teeth'.

Tim said 'I enjoyed making a dinosaur out of straw and sellotape'.

Daisy said 'I enjoyed being a fossil hunter in the sand'.

George said 'I liked talking to an historian who said I was very knowledgeable about dinosaur bones'.

Photographs of recent activities will soon be posted on our website.

#### **NUT and NAHT Boycott of Key Stage 2 SATS in 2010**

You may have seen in the news recently that two of the teaching unions are asking their members to boycott the Key Stage 2 SATS which are taking place next week. At Branscombe the tests **will** take place as usual. This decision was made in consultation with other schools in the Sidmouth Learning Community. Whilst the local headteachers all fully support the reasons behind the NUT and NAHT's boycott we recognise all the hard work that teachers and children have put into the preparation for the tests as well as the expectations of parents and children that the tests should go ahead this year.

#### **Church Service**

Please note the date for the next Church Service has changed slightly. It will now take place on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 2.45pm. Children attending clubs after the service will be walked back to school to get changed.

### **Term Dates**

I have detailed below the term dates for the next academic year. If these have been sent out during my maternity leave please note there is now an extra non pupil day on June 6<sup>th</sup>. We have been advised to add this date in by the Local Authority so that teachers can plan for the new National Curriculum that is currently being revised.

September 6, 2010	Start of Autumn term
October 22, 2010	Non pupil day
October 25 - 29, 2010	Half term
December 17, 2010	Last day of Autumn term
January 5, 2011	Start of Spring term
February 21 - 25, 2011	Half term
April 8, 2011	Last day of Spring term
April 26, 2011	Start of Summer term
May 2, 2011	Bank holiday
May 30 - June 3, 2011	Half term
June 6, 2011	Non pupil day
July 22, 2011	Last day of Summer term

### **PTFA meeting**

A PTFA meeting will be held at 9am on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May. The main agenda item will be thinking of ideas for a summer event. If you cannot attend please pass on any of your thoughts to a member of the PTFA.

### **PTFA Cake Stall**

The PTFA are hoping to restart the monthly cake stalls. Please fill in the slip below if you are happy to go on the rota for baking cakes! Thank you.

### **Daily Physical Activity Survey**

We have attached to this newsletter a letter from the East Devon School Sport Partnership about a survey we have been asked to complete about the activity levels of children in our school. We would be very grateful if you could complete the activity log for a one week period using the template attached. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

### **School Dinners**

A reminder that as from May 4<sup>th</sup> 2010 school dinners have increased in cost to £2.00.

### **Ultimate Frisbee**

A reminder that Ultimate Frisbee will be taking place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Children who expressed an interest will receive further information from Mrs Crawford shortly.

### **School Clubs**

Several parents have approached us over the last couple of weeks with suggestions to make the current selection of after school clubs work better. After much discussion there have been a couple of slight changes which are detailed in the new club plan below. I hope that these help parents, children and club organisers.

**Netball** - This will now take place on Friday afternoons on the school playground between 3.15 and 4.30. **This club is for children in years 2 to 6 only.**

**Football** - Andy Widger is offering after school football club on Friday afternoons on the village hall tennis courts this term on Friday afternoons between 3.15 and 4.30.

**Yoga** - This will continue on Wednesday afternoons between 3.15. and 4.15

**Modelling** - Mr Ford will be holding a modelling club on Tuesday afternoons between 3.15 and 4.15. **This club is for children in years 2 to 6 only.**

If you haven't yet signed up for a club and wish to do so please use the form attached. If you have already signed a netball form there is no need to do another for the change of day.

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

### Clubs Permission Return Slip

Name of child .....

Netball	✓
Football	
Yoga	
Modelling	

I give my permission for my child to participate in the after school clubs indicated above.

Signed .....(parent / carer ) Date.....

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### PTFA Cake Stall

I am happy to help bake cakes for the PTFA.

Name.....

Date.....