

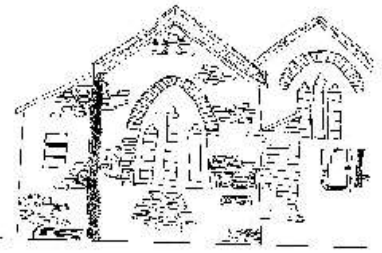
BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Branscombe C of E Primary School
Children's Aims
We will try to:



The Branscombe Waves



Dear Parents

It was lovely this week to see some of the children of Branscombe and Broadhembury meeting for the first time. The Class 2 visit to our partner school really demonstrated to me how both communities can benefit. Children were developing social skills and discussing the learning environments in both locations - it's amazing to watch how perceptive they can be. Staff were sharing good practice and making mental notes of things to do in their own classrooms! The children really seemed to enjoy the carnival experience that had been arranged over there - some photos are on our website. I would like to say a big thank you to all those parents who helped transport the children. I hope you enjoyed being able to have a look around the other school and meet some of their pupils, parents and staff.

Now that the children have met I have just made arrangements with an adviser to set up a video conferencing link so that the pupils will easily be able to communicate with one another and share their learning and experiences.

As you may have heard, Broadhembury had a visit from an inspector this week. Although this came as a bit of a shock, and is the reason you haven't seen much of me this week, it was actually a really positive and supportive experience. The inspector wished both schools every success in their time of partnership together.

The staff have worked really hard to celebrate Children's Book Week. The book swap has been very successful and the children seem to have really enjoyed choosing books from the exchanged collection. The 'poetree' is still growing - please do add your favourites on to it in the entrance hall. The 'Reading on the Railings' is a lovely idea and I have really enjoyed reading the short sections of children's literature that is hanging around the playground. In Collective Worship I read the children a story by this year's children's laureate - Julia Donaldson. It is called *The Smartest Giant in Town* and linked with our value of 'thankfulness' really well. It certainly seemed to be a favourite amongst the children.

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 on Monday and Wednesday next week. She will be attending the annual Devon Headteacher's conference at the end of the week.

Tuesday 18th October - Church service at St Winifred's Church at 2.45pm. Parents and friends welcome. Children to be collected from the church please. Children attending Spanish club will be escorted back to school.

Thursday 13th October - there will be no textile club.

Thursday 20th October - last day of this half term.

Monday 31st October - first day of next half term.

Wednesday 2nd November - 2.45pm Parent Forum meeting

Monday 14th November - Trip to Clip 'n' Climb for years 2,3,4,5,6. (Provisional; further details to follow.)

Monday 21st November - Class 2 Dental Hygiene session.

Monday 5th December - Christingle Service 6pm at St Winifred's Church.

Thursday 8th December - Christmas Play at Branscombe Village Hall at 6.30pm.

Friday 9th December - Christmas Theatre trip for the whole school. (Provisional; further details to follow.)

Monday 12th December - 2.45pm Parent Forum meeting

Wednesday 14th December - Children's Christmas Dinner at Branscombe Village Hall.

Friday 16th December - last day of the Autumn Term.

Thursday 5th January - return to school after Christmas.

PTFA cake sale

A big thank you to Ruth for making the cakes for the cake sale on Monday; over £25 was raised for PTFA funds. If you can help make cakes for an after school sale please make a note on the slip below or speak to Caroline Reynolds who will organise a rota.

Christmas Fayre

Our village Christmas Fayre will take place on Saturday 3rd December when it is hoped all organisations in the village will take part in running a stall in aid of village hall funds. This event is the only money raising effort held during the year where all profits made go to village hall funds. It is also a good excuse to get together as a community to have some fun to start the Christmas Festivity. If you have any suggestions for the stall or are willing to help man the stall for an hour or two then please complete the form below or speak to Caroline Reynolds. The best dressed Christmas Stall will win a prize.

Textile Club

There will be no textile club on October 13th.

Sponsor Money

If you have any outstanding sponsor money from the "Skipathon" please could you ensure that it is in the office on Monday in order that we can pass the money on to the British Heart Foundation. Thank you.

PTFA cake sale.

I, _____ would be able to make cakes for a cake sale.

Christmas Fayre

I, _____ will be able to help man the stall at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 3rd December.

Suggestions for the stall / theme: