

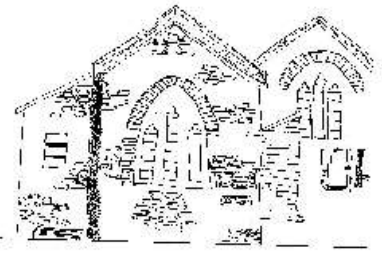
**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER 11 / 12 17**  
**Friday 20th January 2012**



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



The Branscombe Waves



Dear Parents,

There have been some lovely things going on in school this week. Class 1 have a brilliant role play scenario set up at the moment. In connection with their 'weather' topic they have thought about how wind can cause damage and they have some tree branches and tree surgeon tools and outfits in their outdoor area.

I really enjoyed observing Class two's maths target time this week. Several mornings a week the children spend about 15 minutes dedicated to their class targets. It was great to watch them getting so involved in solving problems using practical equipment.

The children's current targets are based around the following:

Literacy - building paragraphs, using adverbs to make paragraphs flow.

Numeracy - using drawings and jottings to help solve problems.

The netball team played brilliantly on Wednesday when they played with other Sidmouth schools. The team were really concentrating on putting the skills they have been learning into practice. Bethany scored a goal and Josh did really well against other older boys. Well done to you all!

There is information below about a Church School Cathedral service. This was lovely last year and we had good attendance from Branscombe. I do hope you will be able to join us again this year. Please fill in the slip below so we can have seats reserved. Class Two have a wonderful opportunity for a Tudor Experience. There is more information below; we hope you can support us with this.

God bless and we hope you have a very lovely weekend.

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

### **Key Dates**

Mrs Gray will be in school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next week.

**Friday 20th January** - Class 2 Swimming lesson

**Monday 23rd January** - Chinese New Year lunch

**Friday 27th January** - Class 2 Swimming lesson

**Wednesday 1st January** - Gymnastics festival at Honiton Community College for Class 2

**Thursday 2nd February at 2.45pm** - Parent forum meeting

**Friday 3rd February** - Class 2 Swimming lesson

**Thursday 9th February at 2.45pm** - Church service at St Winifred's Church all parents and friends welcome to attend.

**Friday 10th February** - Class 2 Swimming lesson

**Friday 10th February** - last day of this half term

**Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February** - half term holiday

**Monday 20th February** - return to school

### **Chinese Meal**

Please note that the school meal on Monday will be Chinese Sticky Chicken or Vegetable Spring Roll. Please bear this in mind when placing your meal orders for next week.

### **Celebration Service for Schools -Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February**

**Exeter Cathedral, 3-4.30 pm**

This is a Celebration Service for Schools and those who work with Children and Young People within the Diocese. The service takes place the Saturday before Education Sunday and will be led by the Bishop of Plymouth.

Following the success of last year's banner service, each school has been invited to bring along their banners depicting their church school. Children will be processing these banners in the Cathedral as part of the Service.

The service will begin at 3pm, however we need to be seated by 2.50pm. Children will need to wear school uniform. There will be light refreshments afterwards in the Chapter House.

We very much hope that you will be able to attend what is a wonderful event where we come together and celebrate our family of Church Schools. Please fill in the slip below if you can attend the service.

### **Gymnastics Festival**

Class 2 have been invited to a Gymnastics Festival at Honiton Community College on the morning of the 1st February. The session starts at 9.30am so children would need to be dropped at the College. We would be grateful of offers of parent transport to bring the children back to school. We would be leaving the college at 11am.

### **Car Parking**

It has been brought to our attention that there have been a large number of cars parked around the post office at the beginning and end of the day. Please remember that for the safety of the children we would appreciate you parking in the village hall and using the school footpath.

### **Class 2 Tudor Day trip**

As part of the Tudor topic that the children in KS2 are studying this term, we would very much like to take them to visit St Nicholas Priory in Exeter where they would be able to have firsthand experience of life during Tudor times. Over several weeks the children will be in role as they complete tasks set by the Priory in preparation for their visit. Dressed as Tudors, the children would have the chance to take part in a full day session run by the "Time Travellers" who would guide the children through aspects of Tudor architecture, costumes, meals, medicine and what it was like to live in a Tudor house. The Priory provides a wealth of resources for the children to complete both before and after their visit, including songs, dances and ideas for costumes. It is a completely interactive experience.

It would be an invaluable experience for the children but it does come at a cost, anticipated to be in the region of £16.00 per child to include entrance fee and transport. I appreciate that this exceeds the price of most of our school trips, so would appreciate you returning the slip below to show whether you are in favour of the trip and if you are willing to meet the voluntary contribution. Insufficient contributions will mean that the trip will not go ahead.

### **Class 2 Tudor Trip (Please return by Monday 23rd January)**

I \_\_\_\_\_ would / would not like my child (ren) \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the trip to St Nicholas Priory. I am willing / not willing to meet the anticipated cost of £16.

The maximum amount I would wish to pay for a school trip would be \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Gymnastics Festival**

I \_\_\_\_\_ would like my child to attend the Gymnastics Festival  
I can / cannot help with transport to return to school.

I have \_\_\_\_\_ seats (with full seat belts) available in my car.

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### **Cathedral Service**

We \_\_\_\_\_ will / will not be attending the Cathedral Service on Saturday 4th February.

No. of adults \_\_\_\_\_ No. of children \_\_\_\_\_