

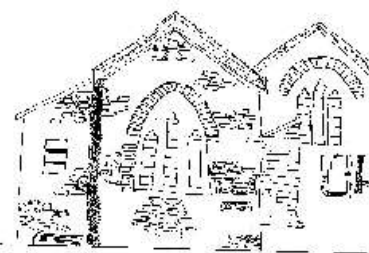
BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Friday 4th May 2012



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



The Branscombe Waves



Dear Parents,

It's been a very exciting week with the Governors of both the partnership schools voting for federation following the recent period of consultation. 'The Jubilee Federation' will take effect from September. It is, therefore, very fitting that the two schools are both taking children to the Fossil Festival today. They are hoping to be able to meet together for lunch.

The Family Service at Church was lovely last Sunday. The children were given lots of opportunities to take part in the service. Their percussion accompaniment to the final hymn was a real treat!

God bless and we hope you have a lovely bank holiday weekend.
Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School.

Key Dates - Mrs Gray will be in school on Wednesday and Friday.

Monday 7th May - Bank Holiday

Tuesday 8th June - deadline for Puffin book club orders

Monday 14th May - cake sale

Tuesday 29th May - return bags of clothes to school for PTFA fundraising

Wednesday 30th May - May Day Celebrations - everyone welcome at school from 1.30pm

Friday 1st June - last day before holidays

Monday 11th June - return to school

Friday 15th June - whole school photograph

Wednesday 27th June - Year 6 Woodroffe visit day

Monday 2nd July - Bikeability

Thursday 5th July - class 1 trip to Seaton Nature Reserve

Monday 9th July - Wednesday 11th July - Year 6 Sidmouth College Induction

Tuesday 10th July - Sidmouth College - parents' meeting

Friday 20th July - last day of term

Bikeability

For many years I have tried to arrange Bikeability training at the school. However, because the roads around the village don't include all the situations required for the award (e.g. roundabout, give way signs) we have never succeeded in providing this for children. Recently I have spoken with some people linked to Bikeability and we have talked about having a 'Cycling Promotion' week in school from the 2nd to 6th July. We hope to promote safe cycling by talking about road safety and inviting parents to have cycle maintenance checks. During the week we hope to take the Year 5 and 6 children to an area where the Bikeability award can be done, but also to teach them how to ride in the Branscombe lanes as we feel this is a very important part of the training as it's where many of the children are likely to ride.

The week is very much in the planning stages at the moment but it would be helpful to know how many Year 5 and Year 6 children would like to take part in the training. Even if they have done Bikeability as an outside school course they could still do the Branscombe village training. The children will need their own bike and helmet to take part. Please fill in the form below if your child is interested.

Puffin Book Club

The deadline for orders is Tuesday 8th May. There are some really good offers available and every order you place gives credit to the school to spend on books for the children. You can return orders to the office or place them online.

Smarties Money

The School Council has counted the money and it will be banked next week. If you do still have a Smarties tube at home then please send it into the office on Monday.

St Winifred's Church

On Saturday May 5th a service will take place at 3.30pm with Bishop Bob to celebrate/dedicate the new toilet! This will be followed by tea in the Village Hall.

Rogation Sunday service will take place on May 13th at the Village Hall at 3pm. Rogation Sunday is when we ask for God's blessing upon the gardens and farms of our parish. Everyone is welcome and there will be refreshments afterwards.

On Sunday June 3rd at 11.15 am there will be a service to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee.

It would be lovely to see lots of school families at these services.

Sainsbury's vouchers

The time has come to count the Sainsbury's vouchers and place our order. Class 1 will be helping to count the vouchers next week so please bring in any vouchers you may have on Monday.

School Meals

On Wednesday 23rd May the kitchen is doing a Spanish Lunch. The options on that day are chicken paella or vegetarian paella. Jacket potatoes and packed lunches will still be available.

Branscombe WI Craft Afternoon

Do something new...

Sat 12th May 2.30 - 4.30

A free afternoon of
crafting - felting, tassel-making, knitting scarves
Branscombe Village Hall

Tel: 01297 680231 or 01395 514767 for details.

Cookery available for children with an adult attending a craft session. Please book a place.

PTFA

The next cake sale will take place after school on Monday 14th May. Nikki has kindly volunteered but another volunteer is needed. Please speak to Caroline Reynolds or Nikki if you can help out.

Please find attached a bag to fill with second hand clothing, bedding etc. These will be collected from school on Tuesday 29th May. Due to the lack of storage space available at school it would be helpful if you could bring any bags back on Monday 28th May.

Bikeability - Year 5 or Year 6

I would like my child..... to take part in the proposed Bikeability Training. I confirm they have a bike and helmet which can be transported to school for the event. I understand more information will be received from school shortly.

Signed (parent)