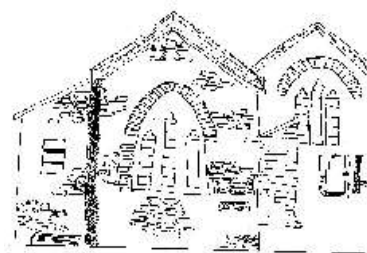


Branscombe C of E Primary School
Children's Aims
We will try to:



**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY
SCHOOL**
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**Achievements to Celebrate
Branscombe Waves Award:**

Felicity: being a hard worker and doing her best

Felix: upholding all the "Branscombe Waves"

Caleb: being a friendly, fun, kind and caring member of the class.

Dear Parents,

What a lovely first week back after Easter. The weather has been wonderful, perfect for our sponsored spring walk which took place on Wednesday this week. The children all did so well to complete the walks on such an unseasonably hot day, and I think they all enjoyed themselves. Ruby and Karen from the National Trust led them in some activities along the way, looking for spring plants and identifying the different trees – quite a challenge when many of them still have no leaves. As you know the walk was to raise money for our Community fund, please could we request that all sponsor money collected is handed in to the office by the end of next week. This term the National Trust sessions will continue to run, with the next one taking place on 20th May.



Also this term we are lucky to have been approached by the community team at Exeter Chiefs rugby club who will be running some sessions for class 2. This is part of a programme sponsored by Aviva which aims to improve young people's numeracy and financial literacy skills. The programme will take place over 6 weeks starting next Wednesday, with one hour based in the classroom, and a second hour out on the field doing a practical rugby session using the maths they have just learned in the classroom. On the sixth week there will be an opportunity for parents to get involved, we will give you further details of this nearer the time. There will also be a tag rugby festival at the end of term which all participating schools will be able to participate in. It should be a very positive experience for the children. Please make sure PE kits are in school on Wednesdays and Thursdays, including trainers suitable for use on the field, where the grass can sometimes be wet. All children must also bring a water bottle and a sunhat, and have sun-cream already applied.

This term's Collective Worship value is 'Friendship'. Please try out the activity at the end of the newsletter based on this value.

Topic webs are being sent out with this newsletter to inform you about the activities that have been planned for your children this term. If you can help in any way with the topics please let us know.

Thank you for all your continued support.

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School

Question for the week

Class 1: Are you a good shape detective? Which 2D shape can you find most of around your home?

Class 2: What skills does a super learner have?

Key Dates:

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

Tuesday 5th May

Balance due for Beam House residential

Wednesday 22nd April

First Exeter Chiefs session (KS2)

Monday 4th May

Bank Holiday

Friday 22nd May

May Day Celebrations (morning)

Last day before half term holiday

Message from the PTFA

The next PTFA meeting will take place on Friday 24th April at 3.30pm in the park.

Warmer Weather

Now that the weather is becoming warmer, it is very important that children are prepared suitably for outdoor PE and break times. Please could the children have a **water bottle** with them, they must have a suitable **sun hat**, and they must have **sun cream** already applied.

Class 1 do a short PE session daily, while for Class 2 this half term they will have sessions on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Menu Change Next Week

Due to problems at the kitchen with their gas ovens, there will be changes to the menu on Monday and Tuesday next week. On Monday the main meal will be a Chicken pasta bake/quorn pasta bake (the normal jacket potato and packed lunch options will still be available). On Tuesday a roast will be served but there will be mashed potato instead of roast potatoes.

Easter bonnet parade

The children had a great time hunting for Easter eggs and showing off their amazing bonnet creations before we broke up for Easter. £66.50 was raised from the raffle and refreshment sales, thanks to the PTFA for organising it all. Below are a few photos of the afternoon.



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Use your imagination to make the best **friendship** bracelet ever – using knotting, threading beads, twisting ribbon, whatever you can think of. The more original the better!

or, if you prefer...

make your own large version of the picture puzzle joining 5 or 6 words about **friendship**. Either draw pictures or cut them out of magazines.



QUIZ Picture puzzle

Take the first letter of each object to discover who helped the paralysed man.



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