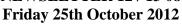
BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL **NEWSLETTER 12 / 13 08**







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



Dear Parents

As we come to the end of the first half term of this academic year we reflect back on what has been a very busy few weeks for both schools. We have launched The Jubilee Federation, had an inspection in both schools and become experts in the class topics of 'The Romans', 'The Great Fire of London' and 'People Like Me'! Thank you to everyone for all their support, and to the children for just being brilliant!

Please don't forget that tomorrow (Friday) is a non pupil day.

This week is 'Parents' Week' and I would like to share a prayer with you which The Bishop of Oxford, the Right Rev John Pritchard wrote especially for this special week. He said the prayer, entitled 'Make a Moment', reminds all of us, as we get older, more serious and less spontaneous, that children will be our teachers if we let them – they'll teach us how to play, to laugh and be a child again.

> Gracious God, Thank you for the privilege and pleasure of children Thank you for what they represent for both the present and the future and what they give us as they explore life and make their discoveries Help us to slow down, to pause and make a moment Help us to share their world and enjoy their wonder Help us to walk at their speed, and find that it's your speed And so lead us together into life and joy In the company of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord Amen

God bless and we hope you have a lovely half term holiday.

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

Friday 26th October – Fireworks Fundraising Events.

Saturday 27th October to Saturday 3rd November – Branscombe Project Autumn Exhibition.

Tuesday 30st October – Deadline for Year 6 to apply for senior school.

Sunday 4th November – Apple Pressing at The Old Bakery Orchard.

Monday 5th November – Second hand uniform and cake sale.

Thursday 8th November – Act of Remembrance at Church at 10.45am (silence at 11.00am).

Sunday 11th November – Messy Church.

Monday 12th November – Rugbytots taster session for Class 1.

Friday 16th November – Deadline for Puffin book club orders.

Apple Pressing at the Old Bakery Orchard

The National Trust will be celebrating autumn on Sunday 4th November from 2pm until 4pm. Come and have a go at pressing apples! For more details please visit http://nteastdevon.wordpress.com or call 01297 680507.

Rugbytots session for Class 1

There will be a one off free taster session of Rugbytots on Monday 12 November at the Village Hall from 3.30pm until 4.15pm. Children should be picked up from school as usual and taken to the hall. Please complete the form below if you would like your child/children to take part. For more information about Rugbytots please visit www.rugbytots.co.uk or call 0845 313 3248.

The Branscombe Project Autumn Exhibition

The Branscombe Project takes place from October 27th to November 3rd from 12 – 5pm. It will include an Exhibition of diaries, WW1 pewter tankards and prehistoric flit tools. There will be a Victorian tea party on Sunday October 28th and a replay of the "Visitors to Branscombe" drama documentary on Friday November 2nd at 7.30pm.

The children from Class 2 of Branscombe School have contributed a display linked to Family Trees. Please pay a visit if you can.

On Monday 19 November at 7.30pm the AGM will be followed by a talk entitled "Bodmin Moor – Past and Present" by Pete Herring from English Heritage.

They are also putting together a display about floods in the village; and would appreciate any photographs that people could lend to them.

New school jacket

We have a new school jacket. These are lightweight, shower-proof with soft fleece inner lining. The collar flap conceals a foldaway hood and there are two side pockets. They display both the school logo and a reflective safety strip. They are £11.95 each. They come in sizes 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14 years. Please pop into the office to see a sample jacket and complete the form below if you would like to place an order (we need at least 6 jackets to be ordered for the jackets to be made).

Deadline for Year 6 children to apply for senior school

Please remember that applications for senior school must be made before Wednesday 31st October. Applications may be made at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline or by contacting My Devon, customer service centre, on 0845 155 1019. We are advised that late applications will not be offered a place at a school at the expense of an application which was on time.

Puffin book club

Please take a look at the new Puffin Book Club magazine. The books are reasonably priced and postage is free. What's more every book ordered gains points for the School which helps us purchase books for our library. You can either order your books online (www.puffinbookclub.co.uk), or give your order to the School Office. **Please enter our school account number 0008620007** to all orders. If you order online please select 'free delivery to your school'; books will then arrive at school approximately 7 days later. The deadline for orders is Friday 16th November.

Fireworks events

On Friday 26th October at 3pm there is an opportunity to help make Guys in the Village Hall. This is held by the Youth Group and all children are welcome to come and help. Please bring any spare tights or newspapers for filling the Guys.

Branscombe Fireworks display will be on Saturday 3rd November at 6.30pm outside the Village Hall. Entrance is free! There will be fireworks, a barbeque, bar and tombola. For more information please talk to Nicky or Sheleen.

Second hand uniform and cake sale

The School Council will be selling second hand uniform at the cake sale on Monday 5th November. Please bring any items of uniform you can donate to the school office. All proceeds from the uniform sale will go to the Community Fund. We appreciate everyone who helps at our sales. There is a list of volunteers for the cake sale on the noticeboard; please tell the office if you can help, we need help for February.

Fireworks day dinner menu

On Monday 5th November we have the following special menu of Bangers (meat or vegetarian) and mash, accompanied by pasta, sweet corn and baked beans. The pudding options will include Chocolate Firework cake, milk drink, yogurt and fresh fruit salad. The usual jacket potatoes and pack lunches will also be available.

Bag2School

Bag2School will be collecting on Tuesday 6th November 2012. Please bring your bag (or bags) to the entrance hall, thank you.

Rugbytots My child/children will attend Rugbytots on Monday 12 th November. They will be picked up from school and taken to the Village Hall ready to start at 3.30pm.	
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