



BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER 10/30
Friday 14th May 2010



Achievements to Celebrate
Branscombe Waves Award:

Class 1: for working really hard and being very sensible whilst Mr Ford has been poorly.

Class 2: for working really hard and being sensible during 'test week'.

Curtis: for enthusiastic participation at sporting events.

Nicole: for working hard on her shape picture.

Isy: for enthusiastic participation at sporting events.

James: for very good behaviour

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



The Branscombe Waves

Dear Parents / Carers

I would like to say a really big 'well done' to all the children in Class 2 who have been completing various assessment tests this week. They've coped very well and kept smiling throughout!

We had a visit on Monday from Councillor Jim Knight, County Councillor for Seaton Coastal. Unfortunately most of the children were sitting their tests at the time but it was good to show Councillor Knight around the school and to talk about some of the projects that we are involved in at the moment. Councillor Knight said how much he had enjoyed the May Pole dancing at the Village Hall re-opening.

Ultimate Frisbee

Mrs Crawford took a group of five children to Ultimate Frisbee last night. They had great fun learning a new skill. Thank you to the parents for their support with this activity.



Parent Forum

We are looking forward to the next Parent Forum which will take place on Monday 24th May between 3.30 and 4.00pm. There will be a crèche available. If you would like to bring a topic up at the forum please indicate this on the form below.

The notes from the last forum are attached to this newsletter.

Parent Support

There are two flyers with this newsletter about a Parenting Skills course and an Internet Safety Course. Please do consider attending these courses.

Church Service

Please note the date for the next Church Service has changed.. It will now take place on Friday 21st May at 2.45pm. Children attending clubs after the service will be walked back to school to get changed.

PTFA

The PTFA held a meeting this week, the minutes of which are attached.

A date has been set for the Summer Fayre. This will take place on the morning of Saturday 17th July. If you can offer any help with the organisation of this or know anyone who would like to run a trade stall on the day please speak to a member of the PTFA.

PTFA Cake Stall

The PTFA cake stall will take place on the first Monday of every month. The new rota, set up by the PTFA, is as follows

June - Julie and Tanya

July - Lynley and Carolyn

September - Christine and Mrs Drake

October - Louisa and Jo

November - Judie and Angie

December - Clare and Amanda

Tesco and Sainsbury Vouchers

Please continue to ask friends and family for the school vouchers. The collection boxes are in the main entrance.

Allotments / Eco Club

If anybody is interested in helping out with these projects can they please speak to Mrs Gray.

Money

If you are sending any money into school please ensure it is sent in a named envelope or the re-usable plastic wallets. If you need a new plastic wallet please ask at the School office.

School Administrator

Our new administrator, Miss Nicola Bullock, starts working in school next week. We look forward to welcoming her to the staff team at Branscombe. We would also like to thank Mr Mark Tyler who has helped us on a temporary basis. We are sorry to see him go.

After School Clubs

We must first apologise for the continuous changing of arrangements for the clubs this term. We have been responding to parents' comments but still don't seem to have it quite right. Some parents liked the idea of all the clubs on one night, some didn't like this because it meant the children could only choose one activity. Due to the work and family commitments of the staff and volunteers some clubs are only able to happen on certain nights. Following the PTFA meeting on Wednesday we have planned what we hope will be the 'final' plan for the summer term. Please note that some clubs are only suitable for specific age groups. Children are also aware that there are some clubs running during lunch times e.g. Cross Country and Textiles.

Netball - This will return to its original day of Wednesday afternoons on the school playground between 3.15 and 4.30. **This club is for children in years 2 to 6 only.**

Football - Andy Widger is offering after school football club on Friday afternoons on the village hall tennis courts this term on Friday afternoons between 3.15 and 4.30.

Yoga - This will continue on Wednesday afternoons between 3.15. and 4.15. **This club is for children in years 2 to 6 only.**

Modelling - Mr Ford will be holding a modelling club on Tuesday afternoons between 3.15 and 4.15. **This club is for children in years 2 to 6 only.**

Fun Club - Catharine Willerton will be running a fun club for **Year Reception and Year 1** on a Wednesday evening from 3.15 until 4.15. Thank you Catharine for volunteering to do this.

If you haven't yet signed up for a club and wish to do so please use the form attached.

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

Clubs Permission Return Slip

Name of child

Netball	✓
Football	
Yoga	
Modelling	
Fun Club	

I give my permission for my child to participate in the after school clubs indicated above.

Signed(parent / carer) Date.....

Forum Topics

Community Cohesion Questionnaire

One of the areas we are currently focusing on in school is our duty to promote *Community Cohesion*. We are encouraged to consider a number of dimensions when planning this sort of work with the children; the school community, the community within which the school is located, the UK community and the *Global Community*.

The aim of this work is to help children to

- learn to understand and value others
- value diversity whilst also promoting shared values
- develop the skills of participation and responsible action.

The staff of the school will shortly be carrying out an audit of things we already do in school that link with the *Community Cohesion Agenda*. We will then be generating ideas for further opportunities. We would welcome your help in this work and ask that you spend a few minutes filling in the questionnaire below.

Area	Things we already do	Opportunities for the future
Within the school community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring all children feel included and supported and valued 	e.g. school waves award, school council	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring all adults in our school community feel valued and supported 	e.g. Parent forum, parenting classes, Access to Parent Support Adviser	
Working with the local village community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring the children help with community projects and organisations 	e.g. Branscombe History Project, Village Hall reopening, community fund,	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where the local community can help school 	e.g. National Trust allotment, local author	
Increasing children's understanding of life in wider Devon	e.g. Student voice conference	
Increasing children's understanding of life in other parts of the UK	e.g. Video conferencing	
Increasing children's understanding of the global community	e.g. Sponsoring child in Ghana, linking with school in Thailand	

Can you suggest ways in which we can work collaboratively with schools in the Sidmouth Learning Community - St Nicholas Sidmouth, Sidmouth infant School, All Saints Infant School, Sidbury, Newton Poppleford and Sidmouth College.

Can you suggest ways in which we can work collaboratively with schools in the Axe Valley Learning Community e.g. Beer, Colyton, Seaton.

As a link to this work, and to encourage visits into assembly, are there any parents or members of the local community you know who would be willing to come and talk to the children in assembly about an area of interest or about where they come from within the UK/Global community.

Name.....would be willing to come into a school assembly to talk about.....

Contact details

Thank you for completing our questionnaire.

Katie Gray