

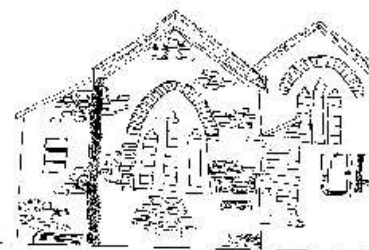
BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Friday 25th June 2010



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Children's Aims
We will try to:



The Branscombe Waves



Dear Parents/Carers

It seems such a shame that we have to be at school when the weather is so good, however, lots of exciting things have been happening and more are planned for the last few weeks of term. This week Class 1 have enjoyed a walk to the beach and preparations for the school play are well under way. Training for the Exe Valley Challenge is about to begin and everyone is welcome to support the children on the walk in Exeter on July 4th, Mrs Crawford will provide further details in next week's newsletter. Don't forget to make a note in your diary for next Thursday at 2 pm to visit Class 2's Space Race Museum.

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

Clubs

Please note that there will be no clubs next Wednesday (30th June). Modelling club will take place on Tuesday. The last Yoga club will take place on Wednesday 7th July.

Ticks

We have been given updated advice from the school nurse on how to deal with ticks. She suggests that you use tweezers and with an anti clockwise motion, close to their mouth, pull them out. Do this quickly to shock the tick!

Church Service

The monthly church service will take place at 2.45 on Tuesday 29th June. Parents and friends of the school are all invited to join us. **Please note children should be collected from church at 3.15 rather than at school.** Children attending modelling club will be escorted back to school for the club.

Museum

Class 2 will be opening their Space Race Museum to parents and the wider community on **Thursday 1st July** between 2.15pm and 3.15pm. The classroom will be transformed into a mini museum, with activities for all ages and samples of work that Class 2 have created this term as part of their "Earth and Beyond" topic. **We will be offering refreshments in the museum and would be grateful if as many children as possible from Class 2 could bring in cakes and biscuits on the Thursday morning, preferably decorated with stars and planets!**

Personal data forms

Please remember to return the personal data forms by the 2nd July in order that we can ensure all information is updated as soon as possible. If you have any queries please speak to Nicola in the office.

Scholastic Book Club Summer Sale

Attached to the newsletter you will find the Scholastic Book Club Summer Sale edition. Remember 20% of the sales go towards **FREE** books for the school library and Pre-school. Please

return completed order forms with payment to either Pre-school or Louisa Merritt. If you want to order online just go to their website and select either Branscombe Pre-school or Branscombe School. As always many thanks for your ongoing support.

Rag Bag Collection

We have the opportunity to raise some extra funds for the school through Rag Bags who recycle textiles. Good quality items are sent to Asia, Africa and Eastern Europe and lower grade textiles are recycled into mattress fillings and industrial cloths. You will find a black bag attached. Please fill it with any textiles of any quality; clothes, shoes (paired please), bags, hats, belts, towels, curtains or bed linen. If you need another bag please ask in the office. As we don't have a huge amount of storage we need any bags returned by Friday 2nd July. All children who return a bag will get a sticker.

From the PTFA

Branscombe Primary School Summer Fair - Saturday 17 July 11am-1pm

Another week has gone by, unbelievably the sun is still shining & yes only 3 weeks and counting until our summer fair. A big thank you to the offers of help we have received and to those mums who gave up their time to attend the PTFA meeting after school on Wednesday. In between listening to the radio (thanks Claire) and the England "WIN" we are now on the way to making the fair a fun day for all. Here's what we have so far. If you are not on the list and can help in any way, even if only for an hour or so please let us know. We need as many mums and dads as possible to make the day a success for our children.

Plans so far:

Refreshments/cake stall - Louisa, Carolyn, Catherine, Christine (and her mum!)

Ice-cream/lucky dip - Tanya/ Alice

BBQ - David, Richard

Jam Jar Tombola, Bottle Tombola, Raffle, Guess how many pebbles - Angie, Lynley, Caroline

Decorate a pot- Jo

Splat the rat - Judy & Peter

Face painting - Claire (& hopefully Nicky when we catch up with her)

Candle decorating/ jewellery-Judy and family

Book/ toy stall/ Hook a duck game-Vicky & Trevor

Can Target game - Claire & Scott (Judy)

Decorating gingerbread men -

Football Shoot Out - Gary & Andy

Stocks- volunteers needed!!!

Land the penny-

Year 6 game- Year 6 -George, Thomas, Fred we expect great things!

Any other ideas please see Lynley or Caroline ...all ideas welcome & appreciated. Also thank you to those of you who have brought in decorated jars (an extra special pat on the back to Christine who keeps adding to the collection!!!). At last count we had 16...so we still need a lot more. To clear up any confusion we need jars to be filled with objects e.g.sweets, mini soaps, bouncy balls, cotton wool, small toys, socks...hair clips...jewellery....need I go on...the jars then need to be decorated e.g. with sequins, shells, ribbon, buttons, anything 'stickable' to a jar or wrapped in colourful paper. These are for the tombola...so the more we have the more tickets we sell!!!! So have a great weekend (decorating jars!!!!???) and more details to come next week.

Feedback from Parent Forum held on the 24th May; from the Chair of Governors.

Many thanks to all those who came along to the Parent Forum - it was lovely to hear all the positive comments that parents made regarding the school. Everyone appears to be very content with all that is happening at Branscombe School.

Some discussion took place regarding the future of these meetings - we all agreed that they must continue as parents felt that this has been an important step forward with improving communication between them and the school. Jo suggested that some time could be devoted at future parent forums for staff to raise awareness amongst parents of any new curriculum issues, much like the Phonics, Numeracy and Interactive Whiteboard workshops that have been held in the past. Jo also emphasised that the parent forum meetings should not be considered as an opportunity to just air concerns or issues. Parents must feel free to give positive feedback to the school and to offer ideas regarding the children's education. It was also felt that formal minutes of these meetings were no longer necessary and that information could be given to parents via the weekly school newsletter.

Sport / PE: Mrs Crawford has entered 3 teams in the Exe Valley Challenge - due to take place in July. She is really hoping that there will be enough support for this to go ahead and will also look at organising a practice walk beforehand. Further details of this will be sent out to KS2 parents. Unfortunately the village hall field will not be ready for use in the summer term but Mrs Crawford volunteered to try and find an alternative venue so that a Sports Day event could be held or to hold it in September as happened this school year.

Play park: Linley provided some feedback from the Parish Hall meeting that she attended on behalf of the school. There is an issue regarding the play park and the suggestion that the school could help with this was discussed. This will be discussed at a staff meeting shortly.

Allotment: Mr Ford updated everyone on the allotment. The National Trust will help the school plant the saplings that had been donated. The preschool have planted potatoes and green beans in the allotment and Judy Lovell has planted carrots and beetroot - which we are hoping will be contenders for prizes in the Rotary Club's Primary Schools Garden Competition as long as we can keep the rabbits away from the carrots!

Eco Club: Mrs Gray spoke about the Eco club and how it would be good to get this up and running again - the children in particular really enjoyed being part of this in the past. An action plan has been drafted and the school were very close to obtaining the Green Flag award so if anyone is willing to help with this, or if anyone knows anyone within the local community who might like to take this on, could they please speak to Mrs Gray.

PTFA: Angie Reid confirmed that there is a sum of money that the PTFA have raised and invited staff to consider any items that the school needed. However, it was noted that the PTFA is much smaller in size than in the past and that some of this money needs to be kept to one side to pay for swimming lessons and trips in the future.

Mrs Gray and Mrs Crawford also confirmed that the school will continue to organise a residential trip every 2 years for years 5 and 6. The last trip was to Barton Hall in 2009 and so the next trip will take place in 2011.

Our next parent forum meeting will take place in the Autumn term after the summer holidays. The date will be confirmed in the newsletter. Enjoy the rest of the summer term - let's hope this lovely weather lasts through the summer holidays!