

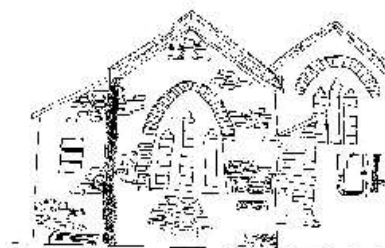
BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Branscombe C of E Primary School
Children's Aims
We will try to:



The Branscombe Waves



Dear Parents,

The governors of The Jubilee Federation visited Broadhembury School this week to look at the learning environment and to talk to the children about their learning. Several governors have contacted me since the visit to say how much they enjoyed their time at the school and how much they enjoyed talking to the children. The pupils were very enthusiastic and confident when talking to the governors. A repeat visit will take place at Branscombe School after half term.

We are grateful to one of our governors, Mr Steve Griffin, who is helping us out as a volunteer meal time assistant for a few weeks. The children seem to be really enjoying the playtime games which he is organising. He is also enjoying spending time listening to children read during some afternoons.

The Key Stage 1 children from both our schools had a lovely time at Powderham Castle last week. The pupils have produced some lovely follow up work which is displayed in the cloakroom area and we hope that the visit will be reported in The Sidmouth Herald shortly.

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School

Key Dates –Mrs Gray will only be in school on Wednesday next week as she is attending headteacher briefings on her other 'Branscombe' days. If you need to talk to her on other days please don't hesitate to try Broadhembury School 01404 841304 or ask in the school office and a message can be given to Mrs Gray if she is at a meeting.

Tuesday 12th February – Shrove Tuesday, pancake races in the Branoc Hall, 2.00pm.

Wednesday 13th February – Area Finals netball tournament, Kings School, start 2:20pm, pickup at 4.00pm.

Wednesday 13th February – Chinese School lunch.

Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February – Half term.

Bags2school raise £40

Thank you to everyone who supported Bags2school last term; we raised £40; this will go in the PTFA funds which enable the children to partake in many exciting activities.

Our Netball Team qualify for Area Finals

Congratulations to our netball team, this excellent achievement is gained through great team work! The Area Finals take place next Wednesday at King's School in Ottery St Mary. The matches start at 2.20 so players will leave school during the afternoon and will be taken to Kings in parent volunteers cars. Parents should arrive at 4.00pm after the group games; this will enable them to watch the finals if our team get through (these finish in time for presentations at 5:15pm). Teams that do not make the finals can leave at 4:00pm. The players have SOE3 forms in their book bags; please ensure these are completed and returned to school on Monday.

Class 1: Toys from home

Toys and things from home are beginning to have too big an impact on classroom arrival and departure times.

For this reason we have asked the children not to bring toys from now on. Each half term we shall have one day where each child may share and show something from home. If your child has been presented with a trophy etc. please see Mr Ford and we shall arrange a chance for them to celebrate their achievement by showing it.

New lunch menu

There is a new menu for school lunches starting next half term. We will provide copies of the menu in the school foyer next week.

Primary Times

Please find the latest edition of Primary Times in book bags with ideas for places to visit and things to do.

Exeter City Football in the Community

Exeter City Football is running half term courses for children aged 3 – 14 years. For more information see the leaflet in book bags.

Shrove Tuesday

Parents are welcome to join us at the pancake races that take place at the Branoc Hall from 2pm on Tuesday 12th February. All children require a light frying pan and one pancake for tossing brought in to school in the morning. In addition, this year, we would be grateful if each family could provide 6 pancakes for the tea afterwards in the Branoc Hall. All pancakes can be delivered to school. Donations of lemons and golden syrup would also be greatly appreciated.

School lunch celebrates the Chinese New Year

On Wednesday 13th February the School lunch will be sticky Chinese chicken or vegetarian sticky quorn fillets, with vegetable rice or noodles accompanied by peas and sweetcorn. For dessert there will be dim sum (similar to custard tart) plus fruit salad and yoghurts. Jacket potatoes and packed lunches are also available. This is to celebrate the Chinese New Year of the Snake which is on Sunday 10th February.

School Survey

We would love to hear how much your children enjoy our school; and find out if there is anything we can do to improve. We would appreciate it if you would complete our very own School Survey which can be found at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/T3J88GF>. If you do not have access to a computer please let us know and you can use one at school; or we can provide you with a printed survey. The survey closes at the end of February. We look forward to viewing your comments.

Half Term at the Axe Valley Children's Centre

Axe Valley Children's Centre will be running a Stay & Play session for families with children under 5 on Tuesday 19th February from 10.00am to 11.30am. There will also be a clothes swap event during this session. It's a perfect opportunity to pass on your child's /children's outgrown clothes and leave with some (nearly) new ones. Entry is by donation, please contact the Children's Centre on 01297 20542 for further information.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Sainsbury's have restarted their Active Kids campaign to help encourage young people to lead healthier more active lifestyles. Please collect vouchers from Sainsbury stores, petrol stations and grocery online shopping and put them in the box in the school entrance. The more vouchers we receive the more sports equipment we can claim so ask your friends and family to give you their vouchers too.

Poetry Competition and a chance to win Chocolate

Divine Chocolate in partnership with Christian aid are running a children's Poetry Competition with opportunities to win chocolate, book vouchers, mugs and have your poem read out on film by guest judge Geraldine McCaughrean. Divine Chocolate is a 100% Fairtrade company. More details about the competition can be found at www.divinechocolate.com/poetry

Our Value This Term - Wisdom



READ TOGETHER...

The wise and foolish builders

Jesus told a story about two men. The first man was **wise** and decided to build his house on a rock. This house was hard to build. He had to stand on the rock and dig foundations deep down into that hard rock to make his house strong. He worked for many, many days before his new house was finished. It was a long time before he and his family could move in.

The other man built his house on the sand. This house was easy to build. The sand was soft, easy to stand on, and easy to dig into. He built his house very quickly and soon his family was living happily in their new house.

But then, one day it started to rain. It didn't rain gently. It didn't rain for just a few minutes. It poured. The wind blew and blew. All round new streams began to flow, making their own tracks across the rock and sands. The rainwater washed around the house on the rock and ran down the roads. But the house stood firm, it didn't move, and everyone inside was safe.

The family in the house on the sand looked out at the raging storm. Their house was creaking, it was moving. The water gushed all around. And then crash! As the sands shifted the house tumbled to the ground.

Jesus said, "The man who built his house on rock is like someone who listens to my **wise** teaching and builds their life upon it. When storms and troubles come, they will stand firm."

Bible story based on Matthew 7:24-27