

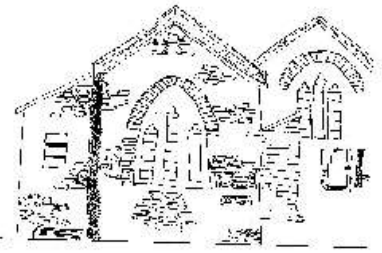
**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER 11 / 12 23**  
**Friday 9nd March 2012**



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



The Branscombe Waves



Dear Parents,

I had a lovely chat with the children yesterday about our proposed federation with Broadhembury CE Primary School. They identified lots of positive aspects of the partnership so far; for example that they can make friends across the two schools, we can share funds to buy resources for us all to enjoy, we can share exciting events and we can work on projects together. We talked about how working in partnership will mean that there will be a school in Branscombe for many years to come. The only downside that they identified was that they hadn't seen so much of me this year but we talked about the other support that they had in the school and that they could keep in touch with me through videoconferencing and email.

If you have any questions during the consultation period please don't hesitate to ask. You can do this by seeing myself or Amanda Bentley at school, emailing [chair@branscombe.devon.sch.uk](mailto:chair@branscombe.devon.sch.uk) or attending the meeting on Monday at 5.30pm.

The staff are busy preparing a very exciting Community Fortnight which will take place during the last two weeks of the term. Lots of important information about this is included below.

I will be at a Learning Community meeting next week and therefore will only be in school for a full day on Thursday, although I intend to pop in at other times too.

God bless and we hope you have a lovely weekend.

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

**Key Dates**

**Monday 19th March** - start of Community Fortnight - further details below

**Wednesday 21st March** - Easter Garden competition

**Thursday 29th March** - Church Service at St Winifred's Church at 2.45pm. All welcome.

**Friday 30th March** - Class 2 trip to St Nicholas Priory for Tudor Day

**Friday 30th March** - last day of term

**Monday 2nd April - Monday 16th April** - Easter Holidays

**Tuesday 17th April** - return to school after Easter Holidays

## Community Fortnight

The last two weeks of term will be focusing on being part of a community. The first week will be about our local community and the second week about the wider communities we are involved with.

A plan is included below, we are very keen to involve parents or friends of the school in any of the items written in bold italics. Please let us know if you'd like to join us.

You will see that on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March we will be putting together our plastic bottle greenhouse - we still need plastic bottles so please have another search at home to boost our collection. Also if you have anything we could plant around school or in the allotment we would be grateful for donations.

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>Walk Around Branscombe</b>  We will be sketching landmarks which will be printed onto a tea towel to sell around the village. <i>All parents welcome to join us for the walk.</i>	<b>Eco Day</b>  We will be building our plastic bottle Green House and doing general gardening jobs around the school - <i>all parental help welcome.</i>	<b>Church Links Day</b>	<b>Cookery Club Day</b>  Local chefs will be working with the children.  <i>Tea Party in the Afternoon - parents and friends of the school welcome</i>	<b>School Council Activity Day</b>
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Celebrating our links with Broadhembury</b>  This will include video conferencing between schools.	<b>Polish Day</b>  To celebrate our links with Poland	<b>Focus on Ghana</b>  To celebrate our links with Ghana and our sponsored child Grace.	<b>Parent Activity Day</b>  <i>We would like parents to join us for all or part of the day to help produce group collages of things we have achieved during the week.</i>	<b>TUDOR TRIP</b>

## Parking

We would like to remind parents not to park anywhere in school lane when dropping children off - even for 2 minutes. This is causing great inconvenience to our neighbours and other members of the village and is not good for our relationship with the community.

### **Internet safety event**

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm Honiton Learning Community is holding an Internet Safety Event for parents to help keep our children and young people safe online, and understand how they are using the technology available to them. The event is at Honiton Community College. Children are also welcome to attend. There will be Free refreshments, a free resource pack and a free prize draw with prizes including 'I Can Animate' Software packs, mouse mats, i-tunes voucher and activity voucher.

### **Tesco vouchers**

We have now received out Tesco voucher box so please remember to bring in all you vouchers (Tesco and Sainsburys) and ask friends and family to let you have their vouchers too!

### **PTFA**

**Cake stall** - The cake stall on Monday made over £22 so a big thanks to Emily and Tania for their help.

**Pub quiz** - The PTFA will be running a pub quiz at the Mason's Arms on Thursday 26th April at 8.30pm. The cost will be £2 per person with teams of up to 5 people. All money raised will go to PTFA funds to help provide activities, events, trips etc for the children.

**Easter Garden Competition** - The PTFA are running a competition for children to make an Easter Garden in a box no bigger than a shoebox. The gardens must be in school by 9am on the morning of Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March. The competition will be judged by Hilary our vicar.

### **Axe Vale Canoe Club**

The club are offering taster sessions in Canadian Canoeing for year 5 and 6 children. We would need a minimum of 10 children and we would need help to transport the children to and from Axmouth Harbour (arrival 9.30am and departure 3.30pm). Please complete the slip below if you are interested in your child attending. The cost would be £16 per child.

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### **Canoeing**

My child \_\_\_\_\_ would be interested in attending a canoeing taster session. I would be able to help to help transport children to / from (delete as appropriate) Axmouth Harbour and have \_\_\_\_\_ seats available in my car.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_