



**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER 10/11 22**  
**Friday 11th March 2011**

**Achievements to Celebrate**  
**Branscombe Waves Award:**

**Nicole:** for being a hard worker.

**Daisy:** for being kind to others.

**Michal:** for good work in maths.

**Natasha:** for improving her times table knowledge.

**Curtis:** for improving his times table knowledge.

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



**The Branscombe Waves**

Dear Parents

Well done to the netball team who took part in a Sidmouth Learning Community tournament on Monday evening. It was great to be able to go and see them in action myself this time and I was very proud of them. Thanks too to Claire and Judie for all their brilliant coaching.

Thank you to everyone for supporting the pancake races. The children wouldn't have been able to enjoy the day without all the frying pans and pancakes that you provided! Thanks too to Mrs Crawford, Macerena, Tracey Warren and Class 2 for all the hard work that went into cooking the delicious pancakes that we all enjoyed after the races and to the PTFA for all their help.

We hope that you have a lovely weekend.

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

**COMIC  
RELIEF**

Next Friday (18<sup>th</sup> March) is Comic Relief Day. The children will need to come into school on that day dressed in suitable clothes for gardening as we will be making our Insect Hotel on that day with the National Trust. However, we still wanted to do something to raise money for Comic Relief. So, to continue our insect theme of the day, we would also like children to come to school wearing funny insect antennae in exchange for a donation to comic relief. The antennae can be as imaginative as you wish and certainly don't have to be based on actual insects!

### **Insect Hotel**

Please, please, please have a last look for pallets, old pipes, old books, phone directories, bricks, terracotta pots, logs etc that you could donate for the insect hotel. If you have anything please drop it into the field next to the playground anytime next week. At the moment we hardly have anything to construct the bug hotel with! Please talk to Mrs Gray or look at the photo below if you need any further ideas.



### **School meals**

We have had some feedback from the lunchtime assistants that some children don't appear to like the choice of meal that has been made for them. We are lucky to have three choices every day so please make sure you discuss the choices with your child in order that they are most likely to get something that they like to eat. If you need a copy of the menu or more order forms please see Nicola in the office or find them in the document rack in the foyer. An order form is also attached to this newsletter.

### **Real Easter Eggs**

For those people who ordered and paid for Easter Eggs before Christmas, we have now received them and they are awaiting collection in the school office. Please collect them as soon as possible to ensure that Nicola doesn't eat them! We do have some spare Easter Eggs, so you still have a chance to buy an Easter Egg that explains the Christian understanding of Easter on the box and gives money to charity and development projects. The project is endorsed by the Bishop of Exeter. If you would like to purchase any they are £4 each, please see Nicola with them money. They will be sold on a first come first served basis. Further details of the project can be found at <http://www.realeasteregg.co.uk/>.

### **PE T-shirts**

The PE shirts have now arrived in school. Please see Nicola if you would like to purchase one at a cost of £7.50.

### **Free Art Workshops**

Joel Smith our Extended Services Coordinator is running free art workshops on the 19th and 26th March at Sidmouth Youth Centre. There will be a local artist at the sessions and they will be part of a project called Jurassic Life. There are limited places so if you are interested please contact Joel as soon as possible on 07540 672246.

### **Free Books**

Today each child will come home with a free set of books. These books are written by Jo Marsden; the author of Chorlton and the Wheelies and Jamie and the Magic Torch. As a result of a publishing deal going wrong Jo ended up with a large number of books on her hands which she has now given away to local schools for free.

### **Church Service**

There will be a Church Service at St Winifred's Church next Thursday, the 17th March, starting at 2.45pm. Please do come and join the children for the service. Children will need to be picked up from the church at the end of the school day. Parents are welcome to come in for a cup of tea in the church at 3.15. Children attending clubs after the service will be walked back up to school with a member of staff.

### **Cake stall**

Thank you to Naomi and Louisa who ran the cake stall this week.

### **PTFA meeting**

There will be a PTFA meeting at the school on Friday 25th March. An agenda and time for the meeting will be sent shortly, but it would be great if as many people as possible could attend.

### **Live Music with Real World**

On Friday 29th April "Real World" will be performing at the Village Hall. The doors open at 8pm, the bar will be open and funds raised will go to the PTFA. Tickets are now on sale from the Masons Arms, the Fountain Head, Branscombe Post Office, Caroline and Lynley at a cost of only £10.

### **Future Newsletters**

The governors have been discussing the effectiveness of the current newsletter format. It has been suggested that in future we have a much shorter weekly newsletter just with key information and dates and then a more chatty newsletter about what the children have been doing every few weeks perhaps the first Friday of the month or at the end of each half term. Please send us your comments about these thoughts on the slip provided below.

### Newsletter Thoughts

I am happy/not happy with the proposals for a new style newsletter.

I have the following further thoughts / suggestions

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