

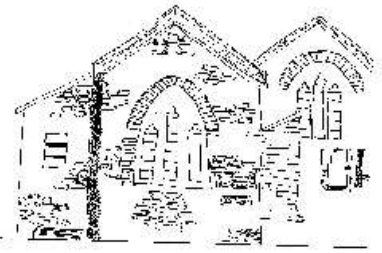
BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Branscombe C of E Primary School
Children's Aims
We will try to:



The Branscombe Waves



Dear Parents,

It's been an absolutely brilliant week in school this week. The children have worked really hard and coped very well with a rather unstructured timetable! I would like to pass on my thanks for all the support parents have given and a special thank you to all the staff who have put so much time and effort in preparing the activities. The Sidmouth Herald have been really supportive of our activities and we are hoping for some good publicity in the next few weeks.

On Monday the children went for a walk around the village and produced some lovely sketches of some of the features of the village. We are going to choose some of the pictures to produce a tea towel to sell.

On Tuesday the children did lots of activities outside. They worked with Judie Lovell and Trevor Selway to tidy up the allotment. Nick Dade and the children spent the day starting to construct our fantastic bottle greenhouse helped by the National Trust's new Community Warden; Kate.

Wednesday was spent learning about the church and producing rubbings of the gravestones. The vicar also came to judge the Easter Garden competition (more about that later!).

Thursday was cooking day! The children worked with a number of volunteers from the community producing food for the tea party which was held in the afternoon. It was lovely that the children could offer their sausage rolls, pizzas and cakes to so many guests!

Today the school council are launching their fund raising activity - see below. Our community fortnight continues next week with a focus on the wider community. On Thursday we would really like parents to come at some part of the day to help the children create collages of the activities that they have enjoyed. If children have anything they have collected over the week, or thoughts that they have written down please bring them in.

Thank you once again to everyone who has supported the activities and especially members of the local community.

We are pleased to inform you that Ofsted have carried out a remote interim assessment of Branscombe School. They have judged that our performance has been sustained since our previous inspection and so they have informed us that we will not receive another full inspection until at least the Summer of 2013. A copy of the letter to parents regarding this, which is on the Ofsted website, is included with this newsletter.

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 Holiday

Community Fortnight - Week 2

Monday 26 th	Tuesday 27 th	Wednesday 28 th	Thursday 29 th	Friday 30 th
Celebrating our links with Broadhembury This will include video conferencing between schools.	Polish Day To celebrate our links with Poland	Focus on Ghana To celebrate our links with Ghana and our sponsored child Grace.	Parent Activity Day <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> <i>Easter Service at 2.45pm at St Winifred's. Children to be collected from the Church.</i>	TUDOR TRIP

School Council Fund Raising

You may be aware that the children hold a Community Fund account at the Post Office. This fund is used to sponsor a child in Ghana, to give to good causes that the children want to support e.g. donations to shelter box after the earthquake last year and also to buy small gifts for children or villagers who are poorly. The fund is in desperate need of income! The School Council were tasked with thinking of an idea to raise funds - Smartie Day!

The children have come to school today dressed in the colour of a Smartie! Tonight every child will be given a tube of Smarties to enjoy (thank you to Max's parents for donating the Smarties). Once the Smarties are eaten we would ask that the children fill the tube with coins and bring it back to school (with sellotape over the lid!) after the Easter Holidays.

Please support the School Council's idea. They have worked really hard to get the launch organised and have produced posters and an assembly to explain the activity to the rest of the children.

Class 2 Tudor Trip

Please find attached and SOE 3 form for the Tudor Trip. Please ensure that it is completed and returned at the beginning of the week. As previously mentioned the PTFA is subsidising the trip so the cost per child is £11.36. Please make cheques payable to Devon County Council.

The day will be packed full of activities including making butter and marchpane and taking part in a Tudor Masque. The children are asked to attend dressed as Tudors so we have included a sheet with simple ideas for costumes but should you need any help please do not hesitate to ask. All children will require a Tudor style packed lunch. For a traditional Tudor Lunch we suggest any of the following:

MEAT: chicken or ham

CHEESE: Hard or soft

BREAD: Roll, preferably crusty but not essential

EGG: Hardboiled

FRUIT: Apple, Pear, Cherry, Plum, Strawberry, dried fruit

BISCUITS: Oatmeal,

Apple juice or water for the children to drink from traditional Tudor cups and jugs. Please do not pack crisps, chocolate or yoghurt. If possible, packed lunches should be brought in a cloth bag. This can simply be a circle of cloth, approximately 35cm. in diameter, which can be gathered at the top and tied with a piece of wool.

PTFA Easter Garden Competition

Thank you so much for all the brilliant entries to the Easter Garden Competition. The standard was really high and I'm sure our vicar had a really difficult job choosing the winners. Mason, Jessica, Hope and Christian were given prizes for their gardens and their photo should appear in the newspaper soon.

Easter Church Service

Please join us for an Easter Service in Church on Thursday at 2.45pm. Children will need to be collected from church at the end of the day. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Brass Lessons

The Learning Community has been able to use some music funding to provide brass lessons to Class 2 children. The lessons will take place every Tuesday morning next term.

School Meals - Lucky Easter Cookie

On Friday March 30th children who have booked a school meal will be given a lucky cookie. If the cookie has a lucky number on it then that child will win a Cadbury's Cream Egg. School meals are £2.05 per meal, payable in advance.

More plastic bottles please

The children have worked really hard with Nick and Kate this week constructing the greenhouse. We need more bottles to complete the project so please could you send in any 2 litre plastic bottles as soon as possible.

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.