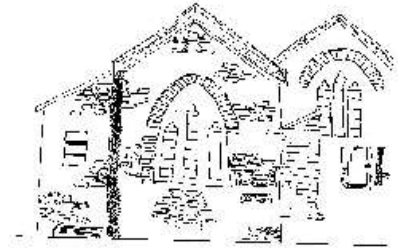


BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Branscombe C of E Primary School
Children's Aims
We will try to:



The Branscombe Waves

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the start of the new school year! I hope you all had a super holiday, I've enjoyed hearing from the children all the things they've been up to.

We must say a big welcome to our new children across the federation – Matthew, Bjorn, Jay, Tilly, Rachel, Kieron, Maisie, Bobbie-May, Peyton, Jack and Oliver. It's lovely having you with us and we hope you already feel part of The Jubilee Family!

We also welcome Miss Mary Bullard as a new Teaching Assistant at Branscombe. Please introduce yourselves to her. Mary will also be running Breakfast Club now on a Friday as Pauline has reduced her hours slightly.

We have some lovely topics planned for the Autumn Term. The Key Stage 2 classes in both the schools will be studying The Victorians and we are hoping to take the children on a trip to Coldharbour Mill. It would be great if the children could dress up for this in Victorian children's outfits. These do however need to be very warm with lots of layers as it is chilly there! The provisional date for this trip is Monday 7th October (further details to follow).

Class 1 at Branscombe will be studying 'Ourselves'. We look forward to welcoming a new baby to the class as part of the topic. The outdoor classroom currently has the role play area set up as a school with a 'headteacher's office'!

Class 1 at Broadhembury are studying The Carnival of the Animals. This week has been the 'elephant' week and I've really enjoyed looking at the paintings that our new children have created of big grey elephants! I also had lots of fun visiting their Class Zoo on Thursday!

The topic webs are included with this newsletter.

It won't be long until our Harvest Festival (further details below). Please, please fill in the attached slip to indicate whether or not you are able to join us so that we can plan what we will be doing within the service.

We are very sad that our caretaker Kevin Lucas decided to retire at the end of the Summer Holidays. Kevin has been super at looking after our school for several years and we miss him lots already. We have appointed a new caretaker called Mr Andrew Jarman who will be joining us very shortly – please make him feel very welcome! If you would like to contribute to a leaving present for Kevin please hand these into the office. We intend to invite him into school later this month to say a proper goodbye.

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School

Key Dates – Mrs Gray is due to be in school all day on Monday and Tuesday next week

Monday 23rd September – Sports Day – details coming soon

Tuesday 24th September – Parents Evening 3.30-5.30pm

Friday 27th September – Macmillan Coffee Morning 8.50am – 10.30am

Sunday 29th September – Harvest Service at St. Winifred's Church 11.15am, Branscombe. Everyone welcome.

Thursday 24th October – School Photos (morning)

Clubs

Our popular after school clubs will start again next week.

Netball and Construction on Wednesday 19th September, 3.15pm – 4.00pm. However, Construction Club will not be open to Reception children, at the moment.

Ukulele Club run by Mr Ford on Friday lunch times for pupils in Year 3-6.

Textile Club on Thursday 26th September, 3.15pm – 4.15pm.

Football Club on 27th September, 3.20pm – 4.20pm. Separate forms are coming home for this after school activity.

Please complete the permission slips below if wish your child to take part. These clubs are free!

School Meals

Lunch orders and monies should be left in the box outside the office on Mondays. If there are changes to a lunch order during the week then please tell a member of staff personally.

Sports Day – Monday 23rd September

Our annual Sports Day will take place on Monday 23rd September at 1.30pm. If it is looking likely that the field will be wet the event will take place inside the Village Hall where we will play alternative games. This is always a fun event and everyone is welcome to attend.

Those parents who do attend may take their children straight from the venue; otherwise, we will accompany children back to school for you to collect them as usual. Children should have their full P.E. kit including footwear and they can bring jogging bottoms.

Parents' Evening – Tuesday 24th September

We will be holding a parents' evening on Tuesday 24th September between 3.30pm and 5.30pm so that you can discuss your child's progress with their class teacher. Please complete the slip below to indicate whether you would like to attend and any times that you would not be able to make. We will then send a confirmation slip informing you of your appointment time.

Harvest Festival – Sunday 29th September

The Harvest Festival will take place at St Winifred's Church on Sunday 29th September at 11.15am. Please can you fill in the slip at the bottom of the newsletter confirming your child(s) attendance so that we can start putting together something really special for the service.

Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 27th September

Place: School foyer

Time: 8.50am – 10.30am



COFFEE AND CAKE – three beautiful little words everyone loves to hear.....

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is Macmillan Cancer Support's biggest fundraising event where donations on the day go directly to Macmillan.

It's very simple, all we ask is a donation for coffee and cake.

Helen is hosting one on behalf of Branscombe Primary School and would like to call all secret Great British Bake Off bakers for their donations of delicious cakes and biscuits. Broadhembury is also hosting one on the same day, and Mrs Gray has set both clerical assistants of each school the task to see who can make the most money for this fabulous charity. If you are able to whip up some treats please bring these in on the Friday morning ready for the event, and then why not treat yourself to some coffee and cake, (either your own or someone else's masterpiece!). Please fill in the slip at the bottom of the newsletter if you are able to assist us in baking some treats!

School Uniform.

Please encourage your children to attend school with a smart overall appearance. It would be lovely if for example the girls' hair clips are also blue and white. Girls should wear white

socks or navy or grey tights. Shoes should be of a traditional 'school shoe' style in navy or black with a flat / low heel. All children should have a pair of trainers or plimsolls in school for PE and Class 2 children need a full PE kit in school at all times. PE t-shirts with the school logo on are available in school if you wish to purchase these.

We would appreciate it if children did not come to school with nail polish on or tattoo transfers on their skin.

We can supply sweatshirts (£9), sports shirts (£7.50) and caps (£3.60) with the school logo. Please ask at the office.

Cake Stall

Claire and Nikki are running the stall on Monday. They are also asking for volunteers for the forthcoming months. Please reply on the slip at the end of the newsletter if you can offer assistance.

Junior Rangers After School Club at the Axe Estuary Wetlands near Seaton

Junior Rangers is a small friendly club for children who are interested in wildlife and spending time outdoors.

Activities will include:

- Exploring the wildlife
- Wildlife themed games and activities
- Practical conservation activities
- Craft using natural materials
- Campfire cooking

The club will run on Monday evenings from 4.00-6.00pm for 7 sessions (on 16th, 23rd, 30th September, 7th, 14th and 21st October and one dusk to dark session after half term on 4th November).

The cost for the 7 sessions will be £40 to include a drink, snack and all resources.

If you would like to book or have any further questions please contact Penny on pevans@eastdevon.gov.uk. Please note that numbers are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Also available - Wetlands Birthday Parties

Following the great success and positive feedback from our first 2 Wetlands birthday parties, we would like to offer them up to anyone else who is interested. The Parties can include a range of activities and games and finish with a celebration around the campfire. If you would like to book or have any further questions please contact Penny on pevans@eastdevon.gov.uk.

Primary Times

A free copy of the autumn issue of Primary Times will be accompanying this newsletter. It includes your family diary of what's on and when in Devon.

Netball Club

(Key Stage 2 only)

I give my permission for my Child _____ to
attend Netball Club on Wednesdays.

Signed _____ Date _____

Construction Club

(Available to all years but activities aimed at Key Stage 1, no reception pupils)

I give my permission for my Child _____ to
attend Construction Club on Wednesdays.

Signed _____ Date _____

Textile Club

I give my permission for my Child _____ to
attend Textile Club on Thursdays.

Signed _____ Date _____

Ukulele Club

(Year 3 - 6)

I give my permission for my Child _____ to
attend Ukulele Club on Friday lunchtimes.

Signed _____ Date _____

Harvest Festival

Name of child / children

will be attending the Harvest Festival service on Sunday 29th September.

Parents' Evening 24th September 3.30-5.30pm

Name of child / children

I wish to make an appointment to see my child's teacher on

Tuesday 24th September Yes / No

I / We **cannot** make the following times

3.30 - 4.00 ☐

4.00 - 4.30 ☐

4.30 - 5.00 ☐

5.00 - 5.30 ☐

Signed

Cake Stall

Name

will be able to volunteer for the cake stall in October/ November / December (please delete as appropriate).

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Name

I am happy to bake a cake all in the name of charity!