

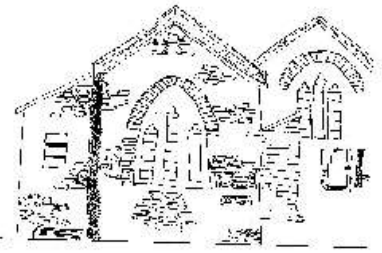
BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Children's Aims
We will try to:



The Branscombe Waves



Dear Parents,

This week in school we have had a focus on cycling and road safety. We began the week with PC Speariett talking to all the children about how to keep themselves safe on the roads. There was also a team from 'excel' carrying out bike maintenance checks which I know was valued by several parents. For the rest of the week a number of Year 5 and 6 pupils have taken part in Bikeability training as well as Branscombe specific training to help them to ride safely on country lanes. Those children who completed the course will receive certificates and a badge.

I would like to say a big thank you on behalf of all the staff and children who were on the Bikeability course this week to Mr Price who led the training and to the parents and Sheleen who transported them to and from Sidford. A big thank you too to Trevor Selway who transported the bikes to Sidford.

Class 1 went on a lovely trip to Seaton Nature Reserve yesterday which I have enjoyed hearing all about today.

Next week we will be printing out the children's attendance reports for the year. Please could you ensure that if you haven't confirmed any absences in writing you send these in on Monday so that the data we report is accurate. Thank you for your help with this.

Because of all the end of term events that are going on in both schools at the moment, my usual pattern of where I'm based is not currently being followed. If you need me at anytime when I'm not at Branscombe please don't hesitate to contact me at Broadhembury - 01404 841304.

God bless and we hope you have a lovely weekend.
Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School.

Key Dates -

Monday 9th July - Wednesday 11th July - Year 6 Sidmouth College Induction

Monday 9th July - School open evening from 3.15 until 5.30pm

Tuesday 10th July - Sidmouth College - Parents' meeting

Wednesday 11th July - Netball match at Sidmouth Primary School

Thursday 12th July - Olympic Day from 1pm - parents welcome

Thursday 12th July - last textile club session

Saturday 14th July - School Summer Fete at Branscombe Village Hall from 2.30 - 4.30pm.

Monday 16th July - 2.45pm PTFA meeting at School

Tuesday 17th July - 9.15 Brass Performance - parents welcome

Wednesday 18th July - School Play from 1.30pm at the Village Hall

Friday 20th July - 9.15 Leavers' service at St Winifred's Church - everyone welcome.

Friday 20th July - Last day of term

Library books

Glynis will be completing an annual stock take of all the school library books. Please ensure that your child returns any library books on Monday in order that she can make a start on this process. Thank you.

Open Evening

On Monday 9th July we will be holding an open evening for all parents. There are no appointments as it is a drop in event where you will be able to see the classroom displays and your child's work from this academic year. The evening also provides an opportunity, if you wish, to discuss your child's report with the class teacher. These will be sent out next week. We look forward to seeing you. The school will be open from 3.15pm until 5.30pm.

Olympic Day

On Thursday 12th July all parents are welcome to join us from 1pm for the torch procession from school to the Village Hall and around the field. This will be followed by games from Ancient Greece - weather permitting. We will keep you informed regarding the weather but please call if you are in doubt.

Brass Performance

On Tuesday 17th July at 9.15, class 2 children will be doing a performance to show what they have been learning during their brass lessons this term. Everyone is welcome.

Netball Club

There will be **no more netball club this term**. On Wednesday 11th July there will be a match at Sidmouth Primary School. Those who have received permission forms must return them to the office by Monday please.

PTFA - Summer Fair

The Summer Fair will take place on Saturday 14th July at 2.30pm. The PTFA are now collecting for both the children's tombola and the bottle tombola. There will be boxes in the entrance hall and office for your donations. **For safety reasons; please do not allow children to bring glass bottles and alcohol into school on their own, please bring these in yourself and hand them to a member of staff.**

Donations of good quality toys and books are now being taken too. Please leave them in the boxes in the entrance hall.

Eco Greenhouse

We need to have a final push to get the roof on the green house. Please continue to bring any plastic bottles that you have into school so that we get it finished and put it to good use!

School Photographs

If you should like to purchase a whole school or Year 6 photograph, please ensure that you pay for and collect your photograph on Monday. This will allow us to complete all the paperwork by the end of term. Thank you.

Capital Budget

For several years now schools have received an annual amount of money to address school ICT needs and building projects. Unlike our main school budget we have been able to carry the underspend from this 'capital' budget across financial years so that larger projects could be saved for.

The latest government has changed the way this 'capital' money is allocated. We now receive less money each year in individual schools. Instead, the county council are in control of a budget for backlog premises issues identified in school asset management plans e.g. improving the heating system at our partner school in Broadhembury. The other change is that we are no longer to save up across as many financial years.

Branscombe School has an asset management plan which is reviewed every year by the county council's surveying team NPS Southwest. The areas of most concern identified within this were considered a priority by governors.

Therefore, over the summer, improvements will be made to spend the remaining money we have saved over the last few years to ensure none of our allocation is taken back into the 'central pot'. These works will include internal decoration, repointing to the stone walls, flat roof works, installation of a storage shed for PE equipment and refurbishment to the school office.