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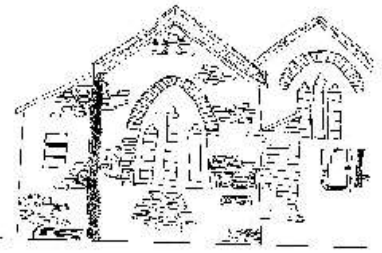


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Children's Aims
We will try to:



The Branscombe Waves



Dear Parents

It's been a really exciting week in school with two major 'healthy' things to celebrate. First, the Under 9's football team did brilliantly in the Co-Operative Cup Football Tournament in association with Exeter City Football Club. They got through to the final and brought home silver medals. We are really proud of them. Thank you to Mr Ford, Christine and Lynley for taking the children to Feniton for the tournament and for their support during the matches.

Our other success this week has been that we have been awarded the next Healthy School Award - Healthy Schools Plus. We have held Healthy School Status for many years and we are really pleased to now have this further award. Mrs Crawford worked very hard on our action plan and collation of evidence relating to the areas of healthy eating, active children, positive playtimes and emotional well being.

After I had written the newsletter last week I had a meeting with one of Devon's Lead Physical Educational Consultants regarding a number of PE based queries we currently have. He was very helpful and is working very hard on our behalf to ensure we can drive the Physical Education Curriculum forward at Branscombe. Regarding the netball club, which I know a lot of parents are hoping will be able to take place at the Village Hall Courts; he has given us a lot of positive advice. You will understand that with a PE activity we have to protect any staff and volunteers who run the club for any possible litigation if there was to be any sort of accident. The PE consultant has given us clear advice now about qualifications that need to be gained, dates of courses for these and possible avenues for funding. Please, please be patient with us. All these things take time to follow up and some grants are only available at certain times of year. Please be assured we are working hard to sort this out for the children. The netball team has another tournament on Monday 4th April and we thank Judie and Claire for their continued support with the club (see key dates below).

Following the PE consultant's visit he sent me an email, a section of which I would like to share with you below. We thought it was lovely that someone new to our school and

who visits lots of other schools as part of his job, had picked up the positive and happy atmosphere within our school and it had had such an impact that he took the time to write and say. 'It was very nice to meet you earlier today, I very much enjoyed the "happy" atmosphere that exists at Branscombe Primary School - clearly a reflection of the hard work and positive attitude of all the staff.'

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

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

Key Dates - (Important Temporary Changes to Clubs Included)

Saturday 26th March: free art workshop at Sidmouth Youth Centre - see below for details.

Monday 28th March: Kidz@Play Taster session - see details below.

Friday 1st April: PTFA meeting at school at 3.30pm - please see the agenda below.

Monday 4th April: Netball tournament at Sidmouth College - after school.

Monday 4th April: No cookery club - postponed until Wednesday 6th April.

Wednesday 6th April: Cookery Club (postponed from Monday 4th April.)

Wednesday 6th April: No netball club.

Wednesday 6th April: Insect hotel. We will be completing the construction work, please bring wellies and waterproofs if the weather is bad.

Thursday 7th April: Easter Service at St Winifred's Church at 9.15am - all parents and friends of the school are most welcome to attend.

Friday 8th April: Last day of term before the Easter Holidays.

Saturday 9th April: 12-5pm Archaeological Road Show at Branscombe Village Hall. Tom Cadbury, Curator from the Royal Albert Memorial Museum will be available to identify your finds.

Saturday 16th April: National Trust Teddy Bears Picnic - see below for further details.

Tuesday 26th April: Return to school after Easter holidays.

Wednesday 27th April: May Day celebrations will take place with May Pole dancing starting at 11am at the school, this will be followed by a picnic and the wedding of Prince Kevin and Miss Isobel will follow at 1.30pm.

Easter Holidays: Bikeability courses - full details were in last week's newsletter or go to <http://www.cycleexeter.org.uk/get-cycling/cycle-training/free-saturday-holiday-bikeability-courses/>

Friday 29th April: Bank Holiday & Real World perform live at the Village Hall.

Branscombe Royal Wedding Day / May Day

On Wednesday 27th April we are holding our 'Royal Wedding' in school. Class two's topic this term has been 'Planning a Royal Wedding' and already they have created commemorative plates, planned the tiers of a wedding cake and written formal invitations. The wedding celebrations will start at 1.30pm.

On the same day we will also be having our May Day celebrations. The May Pole dancing will begin at school at 11am and then we invite (weather permitting) parents to bring a picnic lunch and stay for the 'Wedding' in the afternoon.

Comic Relief

Thank you for all support last week, there were some fantastic bug antennae being worn around school and we raised £32.00 for Comic Relief.

Cross Country Tournament

We are planning to hold a cross country tournament within school, with teams made up from our 'Knot Teams'. Please see Mrs Crawford if you are able to provisionally offer help for this event (date not yet set). We will need to have marshals around the route. Thank you.

Free Art Workshops

Joel Smith our Extended Services Coordinator is running free art workshops on the 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.

Kidz@play

Kidz@play at Seaton Primary School will be holding a taster session on Monday 28th March from 3.20pm until 6pm for only £3.00 (normally £9.00). Anyone aged 4 -11 can attend. Kidz@play offers children an opportunity to make new friends, try new activities, and have fun with others after school and during the holidays. If you think you might be interested, either call into Kidz@play to see Faye or call 07875953144. Places are limited to 30 children so it's first come first served. There are a couple of leaflets in the document rack in the foyer if you would like any more information.

Gold earring

A gold earring has been found on school grounds please see Nicola in the office if you think it may be yours.

Change in office arrangements after the Easter holidays

After the Easter holidays Nicola will not be in the office until 9am on Monday mornings. This means that any dinner money, other payments or notes will need to be left in your plastic wallets. Please check now and if you need plastic wallets or money slips let Nicola know. We will ensure that dinner menus and ordering slips are available in the document holder and a cardboard box will be left on the cupboard in the entrance hall for you to leave your plastic wallets in. This system should work well if plastic wallets are used and dinner menus checked carefully and should mean that Pauline is not disturbed whilst managing the Breakfast Club.

Teddy Bears Picnic

On Saturday 16th April the National Trust are organising a Teddy Bears' Picnic to include an environmental art event and a sensory walk (of about $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile - please bring suitable footwear). The event will cost £4 per child, adults are free. All children must be accompanied by an adult. The event will be held at the Old Bakery Orchard and run from 11am until 2.30pm and will move to the Village Hall if the weather is bad. Please

bring your own teddy bears, rugs and picnics. Booking is essential, please call Sue Beegan on 01752 346 585.

Easter Eggs

We still have some Easter Eggs available from the Meaningful Chocolate Company, 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/>.

Easter CD-Roms

Each child has been provided with a CD-Rom from the JAM (Jesus and Me) Trust. There are various activities and stories on the CD's.

Holiday Football

Both Arsenal and Exeter City Football Clubs are providing local football courses in the holidays - each family will have been given a leaflet to bring home today.

Hoo Ha House Books

We have some sets of the Hoo Ha House books left. If anyone would like a set please see Nicola, they will be available on a first come first served basis.

Claire Graysmark completed the Grizzly

Claire who works in Pre-School completed the Grizzly. Many of you sponsored her as she was raising money for Branscombe Pre-School. If you owe Claire sponsor money please take it into pre-school on a Monday, Tuesday or Friday. Thank you.

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.

PTFA meeting

There will be a PTFA meeting on Friday 1st April at 3.30pm at the school. Please see the agenda below:

1. Fund raising
2. Easter plans - Easter Egg Hunt?
3. Links between School Development Plan & PTFA funds
4. Parish AGM - May
5. Parents' Forum Planning
6. School clubs / tournaments
7. Committee Membership
8. Any other business