

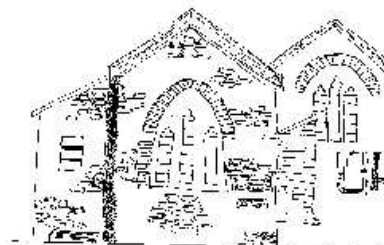


BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Branscombe C of E Primary School
Children's Aims
We will try to:



The Branscombe Waves



Dear Parents,

We enjoyed another day together as a Federation yesterday. The children are now beginning to put their gymnastics sequences together which are looking really super. The children in Class 2 are all working very hard on the new SPAG part of our curriculum (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) which the children are working on in mixed federation groups with one of the KS2 teachers. It is lovely watching the children working so well with their friends from Broadhembury. The 'Buddies' have now completed their training and have inspired the Broadhembury children to request that I buy them similar 'Buddy hoodies' to the ones we have at Branscombe!



I'm sorry I haven't been in school very much recently. It's the time of the term when I meet with the headteachers in both learning communities. Next week I will be out completing my two year update of safeguarding and child protection procedures. It is lovely though, when I do come back into the schools after a few days out, that I can see the impact of all the hard work that the children and staff have put in – there are always new displays to look at and talk about. If you do need to talk to me

when I'm not in school the staff will always be able to contact me to pass on a message - please don't hesitate to ask them.

I hope that you are enjoying our new sharing assemblies that take place at the end of the day each Friday.

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School

Key Dates:

Mrs Gray will be in school on Wednesday next week.

Monday 3rd February – PTFA meeting, 2.45pm

Friday 7th and Saturday 8th February – Branscombe Pantomime

Monday 10th February – Service at St Winifred's Church, 2.45pm parents and friends welcome.

Wednesday 12th and Friday 14th February - Changes to School Meals menu (see below)

Thursday 13th February – Gymnastics for the whole school
– Third Godly Play session

Friday 14th February – Last day of term

Monday 24th February – First day back after half term

Tuesday 5th March – Parents' Evening

Tuesday 11th March – Class 1 visit to Donkey Sanctuary

School Meals Policy

Please could everyone be aware that our school meals policy requires that payment is made **in advance** for school meals. Parents are welcome to pay for schools meals for half a term, a whole term or for a week at a time, but payment must be made by the Monday BEFORE the meals are taken. Where dinner money is outstanding but a debt of less than £20 accrued, the school may allow a meal to be provided where it is felt that this is a temporary situation, eg money lost on the way to school, minor domestic problem, etc. If a debt of more than £20 is accrued the parent will be asked for immediate payment of outstanding debt before further meals are ordered.

Orders should be given to the school office **by Monday morning** of each week, so that we can pass this on to the kitchen. If your order for the week is not made **by 9.30am** each Monday morning we cannot guarantee that your child will receive a school meal. Forms for ordering school meals can be found in the entrance hall on top of the cupboard just inside the front door. They must be completed and then placed in the cardboard box labelled "Money and notes for the office" also on the cupboard just inside the front door.

School Menu Changes

As you know the kitchen are providing a special Valentine's menu on Friday 14th February (heart shaped pizza). So that the children don't have pizza twice in one week, they will be providing salmon bites or vegetarian sausage wrap on Wednesday 12th February.



Reception Children's "Share it" Board

Mr Ford has recently changed the focus on the "Share it" board in the entrance hall. The new focus is "Observations about Places and Environments", and he would particularly like to see evidence where the children have noticed "how places differ", and where they have identified "characteristics of an environment which make it different from Branscombe".

Cake Sale Rota

Thanks to everyone who has signed up to make and sell cakes at the monthly PTFA cake sale. The next cake sale will be this coming Monday, 3rd February. For those who may not have taken part in monthly cake sale before, the people who have kindly signed up for each date will make a batch of cakes and sell them to the children (and parents) to raise funds for the PTFA. The current rota is now full of volunteers and is as follows:

Monday 3rd February – Louisa and Amanda D

Monday 3rd March – Jo and Jenny

Monday 1st May – Julie and Naomi

Monday 2nd June – Amanda B and Emily

Monday 7th July – Nikki, Claire and Jo

Half term Clubs

Both Arsenal soccer and Exeter City Football club are running holiday courses this February half term. Information regarding both will be sent out today.

Free Adult Maths Course

Devon Adult Learning Community are running a free "Improve Your Maths Course" for parents or carers who have a child under 5. It will take place at the Axe Valley Children's Centre in Seaton, on Monday 3rd February, 1-3pm. Childcare costs may be available to those on a low income. For more information please call 01395 223851 / 01297 20542, or email aclexmouth-mailbox@devon.gov.uk .