

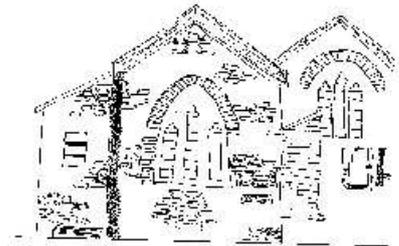
**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER 12 / 13 29**  
**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2013**



Branscombe C of E Primary School  
Children's Aims  
We will try to:



**The Branscombe Waves**



Dear Parents,

The school learning environment is looking really super! When you come to school at drop off or pick up time please have a look at your child's classroom. The displays are looking great and the children's enjoyment of their topics is clearly evident. I have spent time in Class 2 this week talking about what they think helps them to learn. We had a really in depth discussion about how they feel the displays, resources and teaching styles help them to learn and, probably more importantly, what doesn't help them! Please continue these conversations at home and rather than asking your children what they did at school, please ask them 'What did you learn today?' or even 'What questions did you ask today?'. We'd love to hear their responses!

Next week Class 2 will be sitting their annual assessment tests. Please help your children to do their best by encouraging early nights and good breakfasts!

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 on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next week

**Week Beg. 13<sup>th</sup> May** – Year 6 SATS Week

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May** – Pentecost Sunday service with The Bishop Of Crediton

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** – May Day Celebration in the afternoon

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May** – last day before half term

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 5 and Year 6 Residential Trip

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June** – School Photos

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July** – Summer Fair 11am – 2pm

**Netball and Construction Clubs will not run in the last week of term on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

### **Pentecost Sunday Service – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm**

A special service of celebration at Colyford Memorial Hall for the whole Mission Community with The Bishop of Crediton, and The Rt Revd Nick McKinnel. Everyone from Branscombe, Colyford, Colyton, Musbury and Southleigh is invited to come and meet Bishop Nick, and launch their new name, The Holyford Mission Community.

### **May Day**

We will be holding a May Day celebration on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May in the school grounds. Please bring along friends and family to join us for this event.

### **Summer Fair – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July**

The PTFA Summer Fair will be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July from 11am. A letter will be sent home with further information about this event.

### **Caps/Uniform**

With the sun finally putting in an appearance and the weather warming up we have caps (£3.60) with the school logo available from the office. We can also supply sweatshirts (£9), and sports shirts (£7.50) if needed.

### **Measles Situation in England and MMR Catch-Up Campaign**

Recent news stories have highlighted the levels of measles which have been increasing across England, in Devon and Cornwall however the number of cases is still low and we are told we are not in an outbreak situation.

However, an MMR catch-up campaign is going to be launched across our region. The MMR catch-up campaign is to prevent measles outbreaks by vaccinating as many unvaccinated 10-16 year olds as possible in time for the next school year. The catch-up campaign is to be delivered through GP practices, which will be identifying young people registered in their practice who are unvaccinated or undervaccinated and contacting them to offer them the MMR vaccination.

NHS Choices is a useful source for advice/queries about the measles and the catch-up campaign (<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/Pages/Introduction.aspx>). Additionally, you can contact the Screening and Immunisation Team via the NHS England Area Team on 01726 627863.

## Collective Worship Value



### FASCINATING FACTS



#### OBE Award

The OBE, Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, is an honour and medal awarded to people who have **served** their country or local community, often as volunteers.

- the first honours were awarded by George V in 1917 to people who had **served** their country in World War 1 but were not soldiers
- over 800 OBEs are now given each year
- OBEs are awarded for **service** such as:
  - o helping disabled children and their families
  - o working on nature conservation projects
  - o bringing relief to carers of very sick relatives
  - o protecting and caring for our country's important buildings
  - o providing animal welfare

