

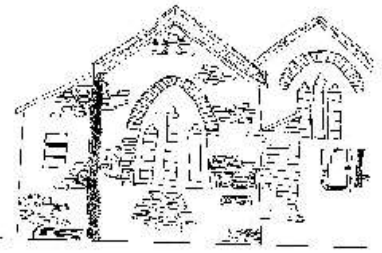
BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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The Branscombe Waves



Dear Parents

Welcome back to school, we hope you all had a lovely week's break. Congratulations to all the children who have participated in two sporting events this week. The netballers played a friendly match at St Nicholas Junior School and children in Class 2 joined the Cross Country event at Stockland School for the first time. They were very brave to take part in such huge events and we are very proud of them all. Thank you to all those parents who helped with organisation and assisted with transport. Well done to the children for all their sporty efforts!

You will notice that in the entrance hall we are putting up a display about our new Collective Worship theme - 'creativity'. We have put up some photographs showing aspects of God's Creation but if the children take some photographs of the world around them, for example sunsets, the coast line, autumn leaves etc we would love to print these off and add them to the display. Please email any such photographs to admin@branscombe.devon.sch.uk

A reminder that the children will be attending the Remembrance Day Service on Thursday at 10.45 at the War Memorial. It would be lovely if parents could join us for this. The children will be reading prayers and poems.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

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

Class 2

World War Two begins in Class 2 next week! On Monday it would be great if the children could come dressed as evacuees. We would also like them to make, over the weekend, a gas mask box (please don't bring in a real gas mask as they contain asbestos!) and bring that with them on Monday. This can be made out of a box about the size of a washing powder tablet box. If you know anyone who can support us with this topic please let Mrs Crawford know. Thank you for your support.

Safe Internet Training and Parent Forum

On Wednesday 24th November the children will all be receiving safe internet training (at age appropriate levels) from Tracey Tipton our Parent Support Adviser and Joel Smith our Extended Services Co-ordinator. At 3.15 they will be running a session for parents making you aware of the risks children face when on the internet and how you can help to keep them safe on line. This session will be followed by a Parent Forum. Please fill in the slip below if you will attend the training and forum and if you wish to raise any issues for the parent forum agenda please add these too.

Netball and Construction Club will still run on this evening and will be followed by a crèche if the meeting goes on longer than the clubs.

Governor Update

At the last Full Governor meeting Amanda Bentley was elected as Chair. Simon Maplesden agreed to be Vice Chair until the next meeting. Steve Speariett has now left the Governing Body having completed a number of year's service. He was presented with a gift from the governors and staff. His vacancy has been filled by Steve Griffin, who lives in the village and worked in a number of education roles, including management, before retiring. The governors were pleased to welcome Steve Griffin to the meeting. During the meeting the governors also proposed to elect Naomi Hayman as a Community Governor. Amanda Statham has resigned from the governing body, but she is still happy to work with the school on a link to a school in Kenya and through the Branscombe Project. To fill her position as Local Authority Governor another name was discussed at the meeting and has subsequently been put forward to the authority for approval.

Stone Picking

At 2pm on Saturday 13th November the Village Hall Committee are holding a "stonepicking" event to remove flints and stones to help the recovery of the field for safe use by children and for sports. Please bring your buckets and wheelbarrows. There will be a barbecue and the new Sports Club hut will be open for inspection. There will be a prize for the child with the best bucket of stones!

Harvest Lunch

As you know the school have invited the local community to join us for a Harvest Lunch on Friday. All the children will also eat the soup, roll and apple crumble but if you feel you would like to supplement this with a sandwich then please feel free to send this into school in their packed lunch box. Please note that there will be no school dinners on that day.

We will be catering for approximately 80 people so would be very grateful for any donations of root vegetables to use to make the soup. Please send these into school by Wednesday 10th November.

Shoeboxes

The Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes will be collected from school on Monday 15th November. Please bring your boxes into school next week. Please don't forget to add the donation into the box or donate on line. Further information is being sent home with this newsletter again today.

Fruit

As you are probably aware the government have provided free fruit for KS1 children for some years now. We have been told this week that the local distributors who have delivered our fruit since the scheme was set up have recently gone into administration and it will be at least a month before another company will be able to start a new contract. Unfortunately this means that the children will not be receiving fruit during this period. As always you are welcome to give your children some fruit for their snacks and of course you can put an additional piece into their bags to eat during the afternoon when the free fruit used to be given out. We will keep you informed about the situation as we hear any more.

Cake Stall

Thank you to Claire and Amanda for running the cake stall yesterday. They collected a brilliant £24.50.

Wet Play

With the winter months approaching we would be grateful for any donations of unwanted children's magazines or puzzle books that the children could use. Thank you.

Sidmouth Herald

The Sidmouth Herald and Exmouth Journal have launched a 'Vouchers for School' scheme which will run for the next two months. Each week a voucher will be printed in each paper. Please cut these vouchers out and bring them into school if you buy either of these papers as we can then exchange them for money to go into school funds. Please encourage friends and family to also collect them!

Christmas Cards

Please could you ensure that any Christmas Card orders are returned to the school office by **9am on Friday 12th November** at the latest as Nicola will be sending the order that morning.

Easter Eggs

The Real Easter Egg gives church schools their first ever 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. In order to take part we need to place an order before Christmas. If you are interested please return the slip below with £4 for each egg. Further details can be found at <http://www.realeasteregg.co.uk/>.

Sponsor Money

Please could you bring any remaining sponsor money from the welly walk into school by next Friday so that we can calculate our grand total and send the money to Farm Africa.

Chess

We have been approached by someone who is willing to run an afterschool chess class / club. This would be available to all children and is likely to be on a Thursday at a cost of approximately £3.50 per session. If your child is interested please return the attached slip in order that we can gauge whether to progress with this.

Dinners

With Nicola not working in the office everyday there is a risk of confusion over dinners. Can you please make sure that you order all dinners for the week on a Monday. If, in exceptional circumstances, you need to order a meal on the day, can you please make sure that you speak with a member of staff as well as filling in the dinner slip.

Chess

My child _____ is interested in attending chess club.

Safe internet

I _____ will be attending the safe internet meeting
at 3.15 pm on Wednesday 24th November .

Parent forum

I would like to identify the following items for the parent forum:
