

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,

Thank you so much for all your support this week. I know it's difficult for everyone when we feel we need to close the school and we are grateful for your understanding.

Before we closed on Wednesday the children were having a great time in the snow and we thought we would share the picture below with you!



Next week both classes will be out of school at some point. Class 2 will start their swimming lessons (more information below) and Class 1 will be going on a trip to Powderham Castle on Friday. Information about this was sent out earlier in the week. Please return your SOE3 forms for both of these trips as soon as possible.

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 Monday, Tuesday and Thursday next week.
Thursday 31st January – Class 2 start swimming lessons.
Friday 1st February – Class 1 visit Powderham Castle
Tuesday 12th February – Shrove Tuesday, pancake races in the Branoc Hall, 2pm

School Survey

We would love to hear how much your children enjoy our school; and find out if there is anything we can do to improve. We would appreciate it if you would complete our very own School Survey which can be found at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/T3J88GF>. If you do not have access to a computer please let us know and you can use one at school; or we can provide you with a printed survey. The survey closes at the end of February. We look forward to viewing your comments.

Fantastic Netball Tournament

On the evening of 15th January our netball team scored 20 goals in an exciting tournament. Despite the freezing weather our team played brilliantly, winning 4 games, drawing 1 and losing just 2. Well done Bertie, Charley, Daisy, Daisy, Finn, Josie, Nicole and Reuben; they receive 3 team points each.

Swimming lessons for Class 2

Next Thursday 31st January our Class 2 children will begin a series of weekly swimming lessons at Sidmouth Leisure Centre. They will have 6 lessons, 3 before half term and 3 after. We are very grateful to our PTFA for subsidising these lessons meaning that we are asking for voluntary contributions of just £17 per child. Please bring your money to school in a marked envelope together with the completed SOE3 form and leave it in the white box outside the office. Cheques should be made payable to DCC.

The children will travel by coach to the leisure centre and will return to school before the end of the school day. If your child has gained a specific swimming level please note this on the SOE3 form so that grouping the children is easier. Children will need to bring a swimming costume and towel. Those with long hair need to have it tied back securely. Children may bring goggles and a swimming hat if they need them. They should **not** bring talcum powder and it is advisable that they do not wear tights.

Waitrose donates money to Branscombe Preschool

Waitrose have chosen the preschool as one of their charities for January. Please drop your green tokens into their box at the checkouts and spread the word to all your friends and family. The more green tokens the more money received from Waitrose donations. But please be quick as the charity will change at the end of January.

Shrove Tuesday

Parents are welcome to join us at the pancake races that take place at the Branoc Hall from 2pm on Tuesday 12th February. All children require a light frying pan and one pancake for tossing brought in to school in the morning. In addition, this year, we would be grateful if each family could provide 6 pancakes for the tea afterwards in the Branoc Hall.

Launch events for Support2gether

Support2gether is a group for parents of children with additional needs. The following events offer an opportunity for parents to share experiences and meet others in a similar position who understand the challenges faced. Parents and carers with children of any age are welcome. There will be a play worker at the groups to help entertain any children who attend with their parents:

- WestExe Children's centre Tuesday 5th February 9.30-11.30
- Sidmouth Children's centre Wednesday 6th February 10-12
- Whipton Children's centre Thursday 14th February 1-2.30

There will also be representatives from other organisations who support parents and carers; a free raffle and the opportunity to be pampered!

For more information please contact Bel McDonald who is a Face2Face co-ordinator on 07825 739171.

Orienteering in Sidmouth

The Devon Orienteering Club is holding an event starting at Peak Hill car park this Sunday. There are courses suitable for beginners, families and those that want a longer challenge; coaching will be available. Whistles and full leg cover are compulsory; waterproof jackets are advised in bad weather. Competitors take part at their own risk. Registration is between 10am and 12:30pm and the course closes at 2.30pm.

In the event of severe weather conditions the event may be cancelled. The cost is £6 for adults and £1.50 for children. For more information please telephone Liz Bramley on 01395 519799 (before 9.30pm) or email her at lizbramley@btinternet.com. The Devon Orienteering Club website is found at <http://www.devonorienteering.co.uk/>.

Social group for babies and toddlers

Branscombe Village Toddler Group has started again in the Branoc Hall. The next meeting is on Wednesday 30th January and then every other Wednesday between 2pm and 3pm. All toddlers and their parents or carers are very welcome to come and join the fun. For more information please contact Trisha at Branscombe Preschool on 01297 680339.

Our Value This Term - Wisdom

In Collective Worship this term the children are thinking about Wisdom. There is a display in the entrance hall about this. Please encourage your children to write some 'words of wisdom' on the apple templates which can then hang on 'The Wisdom Tree'. It would also be lovely if we could display some of the responses to the question below.

THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"It's no good shutting the stable door after the horse has bolted."

Anon

This is a well-known proverb.
Can you think of a time when you did the right thing but too late?

