



BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Wednesday 9th September 2009



Dear Parents / Carers

Achievements to Celebrate

At the end of last term we had our Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools. The inspector spoke very positively about the school and identified the following strengths:

- Branscombe provides a happy, lively and secure learning environment in which children are valued as individuals.
- The school has good links with the local church.
- The school promotes positive attitudes to learning and behaviour.
- The school provides an exciting curriculum for the children, with particular emphasis on personal development, creativity and ecological awareness.

Visit from Wild life photographer Nick Williams

As a special treat funded by the PTFA the children at both the School and Pre-school were visited by the wild life photographer Nick Williams. Nick delivered a fascinating talk entitled 'Planet Earth' that was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Nick was very impressed with the excellent knowledge that the pupils demonstrated about living things.

Tour of Britain Cycling Race

On Friday 18th September we are planning to take the whole school on a trip to see the Tour of Britain Cycling Race. A coach has been booked to take the children to Seaton for 10:00am and will then return them to school shortly after 2:00pm. As well as watching the cycle race the children will also have the opportunity to experience a wide range of entertainment on offer in the Street Fayre. A letter with further details will follow shortly.

Welcome

We would like to welcome Kayleigh who has just joined us in class 2. We hope that she will enjoy her time at Branscombe.

Save the Albatross

Natasha in Class 2 is currently working towards her Brownies badge 'Friend to animals' and in order to achieve this she needs to help a charity. She would like to support 'Save the Albatross' by collecting any used stamps. If you are able to save these and send them into school we can then pass them onto Natasha.

Sponsored walk

On Tuesday 15th September the children will be taking part in a sponsored walk around Branscombe to raise money for a local charity. We will be setting off from the school just after 1:00pm. The children will need to have sensible walking shoes / wellingtons and a waterproof coat. You are welcome to come along and support us. Fingers crossed for good weather!

Branscombe Church Harvest Service

Parents and children are very welcome to attend the Harvest Festival at the church on Sunday 20th September at 11:15am. This will be followed by a bring and share supper afterwards in the church. If you are able to attend and have a child that would be interested in doing a reading please could you let me know?

Governor Appointments

On behalf of the pupils, staff and governors at Branscombe Primary I would like to thank Nicholas Edwards for all of his help and support in his role as Chair of Governors and welcome our new joint Chairs of the Governing Body, Catherine Newman and Jo Hemery who took up their posts earlier this week. We are all very much looking forward to working with them in the future.

Wednesday Clubs

Clubs will be starting again next week on Wednesday 16th September. If you would like your child to attend please could you complete the form below and return it to the school office by Monday 14th September. Children can attend two clubs on a Wednesday. Please note the Guitar / Ukelele club and the Art and Craft club are open to KS2 pupils only this half term. We will be extending the invite to KS1 pupils later in the school year. We are also planning to offer a netball club at a later date.

Football Club

Mr Ford is currently arranging a football club that will run on a Friday between 3:30 and 4:30pm. The club will be run by Andy Widger and will cost £12:00 for 6 sessions. He is in the process of finalising dates and will inform you of these next week. If your child would be interested in attending this club please complete the football slip. A slip requesting payment will be sent out once dates have been confirmed.

Homework Club

Mrs Crawford will be running a homework club on a Monday and Thursday from 3:15 - 4:15pm. If your child would be interested in attending this club please complete the form.

Celebrating achievements outside of school

We know that pupils at Branscombe lead very active lives outside of school and regularly participate in a wide range of clubs and activities. We are very keen to hear about any of their achievements and would encourage children to bring in any awards such as badges, trophies, certificates and newspaper cuttings that can be shared with everyone. We are also happy to celebrate any recent achievements in the school newsletter.

Bereavement

Earlier this week, Mrs Ann White passed away. She served as a dedicated Governor of the school on two separate occasions and was a great influence in the growth of Branscombe Primary School. She will be sadly missed by the whole community.

Calendar of events

We have been busy working with a range of organisations including the local church, PTFA and the Pre-school in order to put together a shared calendar of events for the Autumn term. We hope you find this helpful.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns, ideas or suggestions.

Have a lovely weekend

Best wishes

Mr Swait

Branscombe C of E Primary School – Diary of events for the Autumn term 2009

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Date	Event	Time	Venue
Tues., 1 st September	School closed for Non pupil training day for staff		
Wed. 2 nd September	School closed for Non pupil training day for staff		
Thurs. 3 rd September	School opens to pupils for the Autumn term	8:50 for 9:00am	
Tues. 15 th September	Sponsored walk	1:30 – 3:00 pm	
Wed. 16 th September	Clubs start		School
Fri. 18 th September	Tour of Britain Cycling Race	10:00am – 2:00pm	Seaton
Sunday 20 th September	Harvest Festival Service followed by a bring and share lunch at Branscombe Church. Parents and children are invited to attend.	11:15am	Church
Tues. 22 nd September	Church Service	2:45 – 3:15pm	Church
Tues. 29 th September	Fun Day for Branscombe School and Pre-school	1:30 – 3:00 pm	Field / Hall
Fri. 2 nd October	PTFA cake stall	3:15pm	School
Tues. 6 th October	Harvest service at the church	2:45 – 3:15pm	Church
Wed. 14 th October	Parent / Teacher interviews	3:30 – 6:00pm	Class 1 / 2
Tues. 20 th October	Activity Action Afternoon	1:00 – 3:00pm	Class 1 / 2
Fri. 23 rd October	School closed for Non pupil training day for staff		
Sat. 24 th October	Church Coffee morning	10:30	Village Hall
October / November Date to be confirmed	Parents Forum – to include a presentation on tracking pupil progress at Branscombe	To be confirmed	Class 1
Mon. 26 th October	Half term		
Mon. 2 nd November	School reopens to pupils		
Fri. 6 th November	PTFA cake stall	3:15pm	School
Tues. 10 th November	Church Service	2:45 – 3:15pm	Church
Wed. 11 th November	Remembrance Day Service	10:50am	War memorial (Church)
December Date to be confirmed	Open afternoon for the local Community to include Christmas Carols and mince pies	To be confirmed	School
December Date to be confirmed	PTFA quiz night	To be confirmed	To be confirmed
Wed. 2 nd December	Final day for Wednesday clubs this term		
Fri. 4 th December	PTFA cake stall	3:15pm	School
Sun. 6 th December	Preschool Pub Quiz	8:00pm	New Inn Kilminster
Tues. 8 th December	Activity Action Afternoon	1:00 – 3:00pm	Class 1 / 2
Wed. 9 th December	Christmas Dinner	12:00 – 1:00pm	Village Hall
Wed. 9 th December	PTFA School Disco	3:30 – 4:30pm	Village Hall
Sat. 12 th December	Christmas Carol Party organised by the Church	6:00pm	Village Hall
Mon. 14 th December	Christmas Performance – dress rehearsal open to parents with small children	2:00 – 3:00pm	Village Hall
Tues. 15 th December	Christmas Performance	6:00 – 7:00pm	Village hall
Wed. 16 th December	Christingle service at the Church	6:30pm	Church
Fri. 18 th December	School closes for Christmas Holiday		

FORMS FOR CLUBS AT BRANSCOMBE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Wednesday Clubs - From 3:15 - 4:15pm

Name of child

The following clubs will be on offer this half term.

Computer Club (KS1 and KS2)	✓	Construction Club (KS1 and KS2)	✓
Guitar / Ukelele club (KS2 only)		Art and craft club (KS2 only)	

I give my permission for my child to participate in the after school clubs indicated above.

Signed(parent / carer) Date.....

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Friday Football Club 3:30 - 4:30pm

Name of child

I give my permission for my child to participate in the after school Football club on a Friday.

Signed(parent / carer) Date

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Homework Club 3:15 - 4:15pm Monday and Thursday

Name of child

I give my permission for my child to participate in the after school Homework club.

Signed(parent / carer) Date