

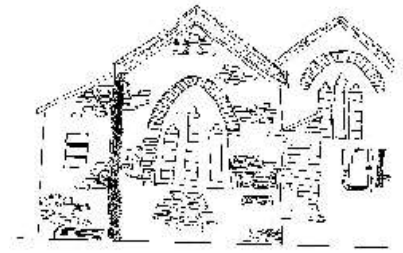
BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Friday 5th October 2012



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



The Branscombe Waves



Dear Parents

We had a brilliant day at Bickton College on Monday celebrating the launch of The Jubilee Federation. The children joined with their year group peers from their partner school to take part in the activities. The children were brilliant at supporting one another, caring for each other and encouraging their friends to overcome their fears. Thank you to all the parents and governors who joined us for the day. A display of photos will be put up in school soon and will also be on the website.

The governors have decided on a logo for The Jubilee Federation which will be used on correspondence that applies to both schools.



On Thursday Broadhembury School celebrated their Harvest Festival which was well supported by parents. The children performed The Little Red Hen in Church which Class 2 acted out and Class 1 had painted pictures for. In the afternoon the children made bread and created a collage of a farming scene which was displayed in Church for the Parish Harvest Festival last night.

When it was decided to form The Jubilee Federation, and therefore have just one Governing Body, we said that each school would set up its own **Ethos Committee**. These will comprise of governors, staff, parents, members of the village community etc. A strong focus of the committee will be to consider the Christian Distinctiveness of the school and how that impacts on the children's social, moral, spiritual and cultural development. Discussions that take place at the Ethos Committee meetings will be reported back to the full governing body meetings and areas to develop will be included in the School Development Plan. If you would like to be a part of the ethos committee, or you would like more information about it please fill in the slip below.

God bless and we hope you have a lovely weekend.
Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School.

Key Dates – Mrs Gray was due to be in school Thursday and Friday next week, however, she is attending a conference for Devon head teachers on these days and so will be popping in during the week and will definitely be in school Tuesday pm.

Monday 8th October - Sports Day, details below.

Monday 8th October – Cake sale and second hand uniform sale.

Tuesday 9th October – Deadline for Parent Governor nominations.

Wednesday 10th October 6pm – Visit from Principal at Sidmouth College for Year 5 & 6.

Sunday 14th October – Messy Church.

Monday 15th October – Parenting Course starts.

Wednesday 24th October – 2.45 Church Service – all welcome. Please pick children up from Church.

Thursday 25th October - Last day of school before half term holiday.

Sunday 11th November – Messy Church.

Sports Day

Our annual Sports Day will take place on Monday 8th October at 1.30pm. It is looking increasingly likely that the field will be wet and so the event will take place inside the Village Hall where we will play alternative games. This is always a fun event and everyone is welcome to attend. Those parents who do attend may take their children straight from the venue; otherwise, we will accompany children back to school for you to collect them as usual. Children should have their full P.E. kit including shoes and they can bring jogging bottoms.

Our Collective Worship Theme

This term's value for Collective Worship is 'Generosity'. There is a lovely display in the entrance about some of the themes the children have covered so far. Please spend some time looking at the display with your children and having a go at some of the suggestions that are made.

Second Hand Uniform and Cake Sale

The School Council will be selling second hand uniform at the cake sale on Monday 5th November. Please bring any items of uniform you can donate to the school office. All proceeds from the uniform sale will go to the Community Fund. We appreciate everyone who helps at our sales; there is a list of volunteers for the cake sale in the school foyer.

Visit from the Principal at Sidmouth College.

On Wednesday 10th October at 6.00pm the new principal from Sidmouth College, Kenny Duncan, will visit us to speak with year 5 and 6 parents. We need to know how many people are attending, please ensure you have completed the attendance slip below if you have not already done so.

Parent Governor

Please remember the deadline for parent governor nominations is next Tuesday 9th October.

Parenting Course

A new six week Parenting Course starts on Monday 15th October 2012 at 7:30pm in All Saints' Church, Sidmouth. This is an opportunity for mums and dads of young children to meet; share strategies that work for them and learn new skills. This will be a practical, down to earth course. For more details please contact either Tracey Tipton, who is our Parent Support Adviser, on 07540668525 or Chris Lowden on 01395 516028.

Messy Church

Messy Church is for primary school children accompanied by their parents or carers. There are crafts, games, drama, songs and a talk with a Christian theme; followed by a simple meal. Messy Church takes place on the 2nd Sunday of every month between 4.00pm and 6.00pm at the Reece Strawbridge Youth Centre (Peace Memorial Playing Field, Colyton). All refreshments and activities are free! For more details about these fun events please contact Wendy Bowers on 01297 551177.

Measuring the height and weight of children in Reception Year and Year 6

Staff from NHS Devon will be visiting to measure the weight and height of children in reception and year 6. Parents of children who are involved will receive a letter explaining this process. If you wish your child/children to **opt out** you may complete a form at the end of the letter.

Visit from Principal at Sidmouth College

I/We _____ plan to attend the talk here by Kenny Duncan on Wednesday 10th October at 6.00pm

Signed _____ Date _____

Ethos Committee

I/We _____ are interested in the Ethos Committee

Signed _____ Date _____
