# BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 08/09 16 Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2009

Welcome back to a new year and a new term. We hope everyone has had a lovely Christmas holiday.

It was very encouraging to see so many parents at the meeting on Wednesday. For those who were not able to attend please be assured that the door is always open and if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact anyone of us.

#### **NEW ACTING HEAD**

An Acting Headteacher has been appointed for our school. Clive Salmon, Headteacher at Musbury Primary School has agreed to undertake the role and will be in school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. You are invited to a brief meeting with Mr Salmon and Fr Nick Edwards at the end of school on Tuesday. Mr Salmon looks forward to meeting you.

#### PANCAKE DAY

**Pancake Day** will be celebrated on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February. Pancake races will be at 1.30pm followed by pancakes for everyone. Children will be collected from the village hall.

**PTFA**. After speaking with some parents on Wednesday we would like to invite everyone including staff to a meeting at the school on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm to discuss ways of developing this vitally important organisation.

### PE KITS AND COATS

Please can you ensure all PE kits are in school all the time and that every child brings a coat.

## MEAL TIME ASSISTANTS

We would like to say a big thank you to Kirsty who is our new meal time assistant and covers every lunchtime. We do really need two people everyday so anyone who would be willing to help would be most welcome. Please do consider helping if only for one day a week.

#### LOST PROPERTY

The lost property box is in the foyer is very full, please can you check to see if anything belongs to your child. The box will be in the playground next week. Anything remaining will be recycled on Friday.

## ANSWER MACHINE

We have added 1571 answer machine facility to the school telephone number which should be operational by Monday. It would be ideal if you could advise of any changes to collecting your children in the morning.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

The children produced a superb school calendar and there are still some available at the school priced £4.50. Please have a look at the copy in the foyer and do your best to promote them.

#### TOPIC OUTLINES

We will endeavour to send these out with the newsletter next week.

# SCHOOL MEALS

Please can you send school meal orders in each Monday with the correct money. If you have any problems with this please see Dawn.

**CLUBS** 

Recorders -A new club for recorders will start on Thursday next week between 12.30-1pm.

This is open to anyone in year 3, 4, 5 or 6 who has a recorder. Please see Mhairi at 12.30pm with your recorder in class 2

Knitting - This club in continuing from last term. Please meet in the library with Gynis after you

have eaten your lunch

Breakfast Club - There are spaces if anyone would like to make use of this very useful before school

club. The cost for each day is £2.00 please see either Pauline or Dawn

Fish Club - Everyone welcome to this afterschool club run by Rev Nick Edwards every Tuesday

during term time between 3.15 and 4.15pm. They play games, do drama and many more

interesting activities which includes refreshments.

Dear Parents and Colts Player

We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas.

As it has become too cold./dark to play outdoors at Branscombe, and as we have not been able to secure an indoor venue at Branscombe, we would like to invite all those interested to attend the indoor practice sessions at Colyton Grammar Sports Hall on Mondays – starting  $12^{th}$  January 2009 from 4-5.30pm

The cost of these sessions will be £1 as we are making use of the free Community use of the hall and therefore you only pay for the coach at the session.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible and please pass the message on to those who have not given us an email address.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year.

Kind regards John and Moira Wight

Term Dates for 2009			
	SPRING 2009	SUMMER 2009	AUTUMN 2009
First day of term	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September
Half term	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Friday23 –
(inclusive)	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October
Last day of term	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December

School events 2009	
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Pancake Celebrations - 1.30pm Branscombe Village Hall