

BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Friday 29th September 2006

Pink Day – Thursday 19th October (the day we break up for half term)

Many of you will know that Mrs Gray likes all things pink! So when a leaflet came in the post about organising a 'Pink Day' to raise money for 'Breast Cancer Campaign' how could we refuse? We'd like all the children to come to school wearing 'pink'. Perhaps if the boys aren't so keen they could maybe wear a pink wig or red clothes (but no football kits please)! In return for not wearing uniform we would ask the children to bring in a donation for the charity. We will also be organising a variety of things in school e.g. selling 'pink cakes'. Hopefully the children will have a lot of fun raising money for such a worthwhile cause. So, please start thinking PINK!

Flowers and Herbs

On Wednesday 4th October (weather permitting) we will be re-planting the pots at the front of school. We would be very grateful for donations of winter pansies, cyclamen etc. and for small herbs so that we can create a herb garden. If you think you can help please bring any plants to the office by Tuesday evening. Thank you.

Walk to School Week

Next week, 2nd - 6th October, is **International Walk to School Week**! During this week we will be encouraging children to walk to school wherever possible. If you drive some distance to school please allow your child to walk from the village hall to school rather than being dropped off by the Post Office. We will be recording all journeys using feet on our 'Global Walking Chart'. We will also be collating data from the returned travel surveys to establish a picture of our school's travel habits; from this information the School Travel Action Group will produce an action plan which will set us on the way to achieving our Silver Travelwise Award. Thank you for returning the travel surveys.

In addition to this the Devon Road Safety and Travel Awareness team are running a competition for schools; they would like to hear about children's journeys to school during **International Walk to School Week** in the form of a diary (a recording stencil will be provided for Reception and KS1 children). Entries might include what you see, what you hear, who you meet and any dangers you encounter on the way! Prizes will be awarded to the winning entries and they will also be published on the Devon Schools website. So get walking and get writing - entries to Mrs Roberts by 13/10/06.

Did you know? 20% of traffic on our roads during term time is related to the 'school run'.

Young Philosophers' Club

This will begin again after half term – more details to follow.

Branscombe Pre-School

A big thank you to all the parents who have been approached recently regarding the pre-school and who have responded so magnificently by increasing their commitments or agreeing to come 'on board' either now, or in the immediate future.

Just to clarify - Helen and Gill, the pre-school team, currently offer the following sessions:

Monday: 08.55 – 12.00

Tuesday: 08.55 – 11.30 lunch 11.30 – 12.30 12.30 – 15.00

Friday: 08.55 – 11.30 lunch 11.30 – 12.30 12.30 – 15.00

Yes – that's right! Tuesdays and Fridays are full days.

The quality of care and learning is excellent, small group sizes ensure individual attention, the link with and support of the main school is unique, and the opportunities to experience our panoramic countryside is enviably on the 'door-step'. What more can you want?

Please support us.

In addition, if you need further information, know of anyone who would be interested or even know of any under 4s please give details to Denise or Jo. Thank you.

Car Seats

As you will be aware there are new regulations regarding the use of car seats. I have attached some information which you may find useful.

Netball Years 4, 5 & 6

Thank you and congratulations to everyone who took part in the tournament at Sidmouth College.

Next Tournament Oct 16th

Parents transporting other children to events must contact the school office to sign the appropriate forms.

**Netball practise will now be held after school each Monday at the village hall
3.30 – 4.15pm**

Please complete the permission form and return on Monday

Football Years 4, 5, & 6

Football club will be held at the village hall each Thursday 3.30 – 4.15pm.

I have one willing helper from the village but if anyone is able to help coach I would be extremely grateful.

Please contact Mrs Crawford and return the permission slip on Monday.

The Motor Vehicles (Wearing of Seat Belts by Children in Front Seats) (Amendment) Regulations 2006

There will be a number of important changes to the law in Britain on the use of child restraints in **cars**, **vans**, and **goods vehicles** from the 18th of September.

The New Law for Children up to 3 years old

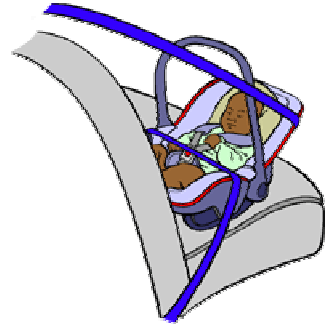
In the Front Seat

The child **MUST** use the correct child restraint.

In the Rear Seat

The child **MUST** use the correct child restraint.

In a licensed taxi or licensed hire car, if a child restraint is not available then the child may travel unrestrained in the rear. This is the only exemption, and has been introduced for practical rather than safety reasons. You should always think about ways to make sure that a child seat is available.



It is the driver's legal responsibility to ensure that the child is correctly restrained.

The New Law for Children over 3 and up to EITHER 1.35 metres in height, OR the age of 12



In the Front Seat

The child **MUST** use the correct child restraint.

In the Rear Seat

The child **MUST** use the correct restraint, where seat belts are fitted.

There are three exemptions, where a child in this category does not have to use a child restraint. In each case the child **MUST** use the adult belt instead.

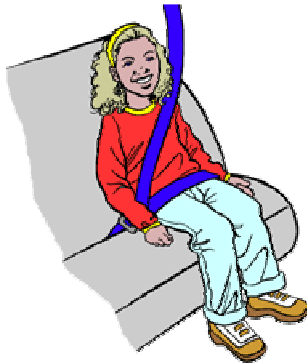
They are -

- 1) in a licensed taxi or private hire vehicle;
- 2) if the child is travelling on a short distance for reason of unexpected necessity;
- 3) if there are two occupied child restraints in the rear which prevent the fitment of a third.

In addition, a child 3 and over may travel unrestrained in the rear seat of a vehicle if seat belts are not available.

It is the driver's legal responsibility to ensure that the child is correctly restrained.

The New Law for Children over 1.35 metres in height, or who are 12 or 13 years old



In the Front Seat

The adult seat belt **MUST** be worn if available.

In the Rear Seat

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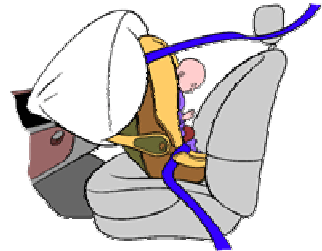
Other New Changes to the Law from September

Rear-ward Facing Child Seats

It will become illegal to use a rear-ward facing child restraint in a vehicle seat which is protected by an active front airbag.

Buses, Coaches, and Minibuses

Seated passengers aged 14 years and over **MUST** use seat belts where they are fitted.



Further information and for a list of FAQ's visit DfT's Think website here

www.thinkroadsafety.gov.uk/campaigns/childcarseats/childcarseats.htm

	Front Seat	Rear Seat	Who is responsible
Driver	Seat belt MUST be worn if available.		Driver
Child up to 3 years	Correct child restraint MUST be used.	Correct child restraint MUST be used If one is not available in a taxi, then the child may travel unrestrained in the rear	Driver
Child from 3rd birthday up to EITHER 1.35m in height, OR 12 years old	Correct child restraint MUST be used	Where seat belts fitted, correct child restraint MUST be used MUST use adult belt if the correct child restraint is not available in three scenarios: - in a in a licensed taxi or private hire vehicle ; - for a short distance for reason of unexpected necessity; - two occupied child restraints prevent fitment of a third. In addition, a child 3 and over may travel unrestrained in the rear seat of a vehicle if seat belts are not available	Driver
Child over 1.35 metres, or 12 to 13 years	Seat belt MUST be worn if available	Seat belt MUST be worn if available	Driver
Adult passengers (i.e. 14 years and over)	Seat belt MUST be worn if available	Seat belt MUST be worn if available	Passenger

Netball Years 4, 5 and 6

I give my permission for to attend netball practises each
Monday 3.30 – 4.15pm.

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