

**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July**

We hope that everyone has a really enjoyable well earned holiday. We wish all those children who are leaving next week every success in their new school.

I would like to express my thanks to all the staff for all their hard work over the last year and for all their creative ideas that make the children's days so interesting. Also to the governors for their support and to the parents for encouraging their children and for all the offers of help over the year. And finally a big thank you to the children who make Branscombe School the wonderful place it is.

**School Photos**

The whole school photo, and Year Six photo, will be available to buy from the office on Monday. They cost £8 each and cheques should be payable to Tempest Photography. Copies of the photos for you to see are attached to the notice board by the gate.

**School Meals**

On Tuesday there is a change to the menu for school meals. It will be a picnic lunch. The main option is a cheese and ham roll; snack is a sausage roll; the vegetarian option is a cheese and onion roll; and pudding is a gingerbread man. Please order as normal on Monday morning.

**Appeal for help at lunchtimes**

Next term we will be desperately short of lunchtime helpers, particularly on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. It is a lovely way to spend some time with the children. MTAs supervise the children having their lunch, help organise their play and occasionally stick on a plaster. Please speak to Mrs Gray (ASAP) if you are interested. If you yourself are unable to help maybe you have a family member who could spare just an hour a week.

**Non Electricity Day**

A big thank you from Eco Club's electricity group – Susannah, Hebe, Abby, Amy and Jasper – to all the children and staff for supporting their Non Electricity Day on Wednesday. The school used a quarter of the electricity it would normally use, and the children particularly enjoyed learning about renewable energy sources with Michael Horsnell from Kaieteur in Sidmouth.

**Appeal for the allotment**

During the summer a new compost bin will be built at the allotment. Does anyone have spare pallets and chicken wire that we could use? Please speak to Sarah Jones if you can help.

**Funday on Monday!**

Hopefully, weather permitting we will be holding our Fun Day on Monday. It will start at 1.30pm on the Village Hall field. Children should bring full PE kit to school. The children will be collected from school as usual at the end of the day.

### **Church Service**

We will be holding an end of term service at Church on Tuesday morning at 9.30am. Please do come and join us for this service. Refreshments will be served at the end and we hope Class 3 will be able to perform the composition they performed at the Music Festival.

### **An Eventful Term**

We have received many positive comments about all the exciting activities we have arranged for the children this term. The children have had so many opportunities – working with artists, gardening, sporting events, creating a sensory garden, boat trips, several visits to the beach, a visit to Bicton Park, working with the local community, attending the music festival to name but a few. The looks on the children's faces over the last few weeks have shown us how much fun they have had. We have received many comments from staff and parents from other schools who were at the Music Festival at St John's. They said the performance from our Class 3 children was exceptional. Well done to all the children in class 3 who were very brave to perform, sometimes as soloists, to over 1000 people.

Thank you to all the parents who have helped with the various trips and to everyone for supporting us throughout the term.

### **Back to School**

The children return to school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

### **Individual Photos**

The school photographer will be in school to take individual photos on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Topics for Next Term**

The topic for Class 1 next term will be Construction.

Class 2 and 3 will be studying The Celts and The Romans and the science topic will be forces.

### **Summer Fair**

A reminder that the Summer Fair is tomorrow from 11am until 3pm.

Please could stall holders and helpers arrive at about 9:30am? Ian and Andrew Westlake have kindly said that stallholders and parents involved in the fair who are arriving and leaving once during the day may use the field opposite the hall. This is not for public access and its use is entirely at owners' liability.

A reminder to please bring cakes, ice boxes etc to the fair as early as possible.