

**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER 07/08 09**  
**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2007**

**Christmas Cards**

Thank you for all the interest in the Personalised Christmas Cards. They will be sent off on Tuesday and the turn around should be quite prompt.

**Greek day**

A reminder that on Thursday of next week Class 2 and 3 will be having a Greek Day and that we would love them to dress up. In the afternoon they will need their PE kits for our Ancient Olympics! We would be grateful if parents could send in a voluntary contribution of £2.00 before the day.

**Class 1**

Whilst the older children are having a special Greek day we thought we'd also let the younger children do something important too. On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November the National Trust are going to work with Class 1 planting daffodils along the new footpath. Please could children bring in their wellies on that day and if they have little gardening gloves and a trowel that would be very useful too! If any parents would like to help please come to school at 10.00am

**Remembrance Day**

Thank you to those parents who attended the service on Wednesday. It was a very special occasion and I would like to congratulate the children on behaving so sensibly and being a real credit to the school. **Well done.**

**Village Hall events**

The Village Hall Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December. The school will be running a stall and we would be very grateful if some parents would be able to help on the day. Please fill in the form below if you would be able to help.

On 30<sup>th</sup> November there is Village Tea Party to celebrate the Diamond Wedding of The Queen and Prince Philip. Children, parents and staff have all been invited to attend and we hope that many of you will take your children at the end of the school day to join in with the celebrations. The party starts at 3pm.

There are various posters in the school notice board about the Village Events.

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**Village Hall Christmas Fayre**

I would be able to help at the Village Hall Christmas Fayre on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

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**Box to Afghanistan**

A reminder that we are putting a box together to send to Pauline's daughter who is currently serving in Afghanistan. We already have several 'goodies' in the box including some very tempting chocolates, nail files, and hand creams.

Please do continue to bring in small contributions to cheer her up and make her time out there more comfortable. Other ideas for the box are small items of shower gel, body lotion, biscuits, sweets, magazines puzzle books etc

**Walking bus**

On Tuesday I sent home a letter about a plan to set up a walking bus. Please consider becoming a volunteer to help with the bus - the more volunteers we have, the fewer days each person will be on the rota! Please return the slips from the letter to the school office.

**Footpath**

As I explained in the letter in the week, we are aware that some areas of the path are getting a bit slippery. The National Trust is looking into ways to improve this. Please ensure children are not kicking the banks of the footpath on the way to and from school. The grass needs a chance to grow back and the larger stones that fall down as a result of this can be tripped over easily.

**Tesco Vouchers**

Please dig around in your pockets and handbags for any more Tesco Vouchers. They have now stopped giving them out in store and so we hope to send them off shortly to get more equipment for playtimes.

**JAM JAR APPEAL:**

There are about 70 jam jars in circulation at the moment. Please could parents/family/friends return them back to school as soon as possible? It doesn't matter whether they're full of change or empty as we will recirculate them around Christmas time. Thank you very much for your help. You can leave them in the school reception area as usual.

**100 CLUB:**

Last plea to friends and family for the 100 club tickets. There are more application forms inside the PTFA box in the school office. If there is still only a small take-up by next week then the cheques/cash received so far will be returned.

**PTFA Christmas Fayre**

There will be a committee meeting to help arrange this on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. This will be at Hazel's house - Hillview, Branscombe. All are very welcome to attend.



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**16<sup>th</sup> November**