

BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Knot Day

A reminder that next Friday we will be holding our 'Knot Day' to raise money for the school Community Fund. This is a fund which we use to sponsor Grace in Ghana and to support other charity appeals. We also use the fund to send flowers to people in the school community who are poorly. The children all decide together when the fund will be used.

Please could children collect loose change to bring into school next Friday and we will then place the coins in a trail along the 'knot shapes' painted on the playground. The children will be involved in counting the money and paying it in at the post office.

Holiday Dates

We break up next Friday 4th April and return to school on Monday 21st April.

We are not in school on Monday 5th May as this is a Bank Holiday. The half term holiday is the week commencing Monday 26th May with children returning to school on Monday 2nd June.

Community Tudor Day

As a conclusion to the Tudor topic which Class 2 and 3 have been working on this term we will be holding a Tudor Day on Tuesday 1st April. Please could the key stage 2 children wear their Tudors costumes on this day? Parents and friends of the school are all welcome to join us on the day which the children and staff have worked very enthusiastically to prepare. There will be Tudor stalls run by the children, extracts from Shakespeare and Tudor dancing, to name just a few of the delights we have on offer!

Please do join us in the Village Hall from 10.30 to 12.00 in the morning or 1 to 3pm in the afternoon.

We would be very grateful to any parents who could stay to help tidy up at the end of the afternoon. **All children will be collected from school at 3.15pm as usual.**

School Meals

After the holidays there will be a price increase for school dinners. The new cost will be £1.85 per day. A new school meal booking form for the next term will be sent out with next week's newsletter.

Feet of Green

Well done to all the children in Class 2 and 3 who worked so well with the BBC to prepare a news item about the Feet of Green expedition. The item was broadcast last night but I'm told it should be available on the BBC Spotlight website today. We will continue to follow the expedition over the next few months and hope to speak to Peter Herbert via satellite phone when he is on the ice.

PTFA

- **Easter Egg Hunt** – Thank you to the PTFA for organising an Easter Egg Hunt for the children this week. They thoroughly enjoyed the activity and the eating of the eggs afterwards!
- **A Note from April about the Grizzly Run** - A heartfelt thank you to all those parents and friends who sponsored me for this year's Grizzly Run on March 9th. Thanks also to all smiley but wind-blasted Mums/Dads/kids who cheered me on at various stages of the race - and a special mention to the Pre-school water-station who fed me handfuls of Jelly Babies to revive me over the last 5 miles! So far, £299.50 has been paid into the PTFA fund - and the final total should make about £330. I'll keep you posted. Any further sponsorship money can still be left with Dawn and/or Pauline in the school Office. Thanks again.
- **Serious Fund raising "without lifting a finger"** - To all working Mums, Dads, Aunts, Uncles, and Grandparents etc... Many Companies operate a "Match-Funding" Policy. Basically, this means that if you helped raise money for the PTFA (however you do it) - your company may well match the money you raise pound for pound. So if you raise £200 at an event - your company would match that with a further £200 without you having to put in any extra effort. For those of you who wouldn't mind taking the time to identify if your company operates a Match Funding Policy, it would be lovely if you could let April know (in confidence if you'd prefer) so that we can tap into all the extra resources available to us at future events. You can contact April on 07973 202441. Most supermarkets, banks and many medium/large companies do operate these schemes. A handful of Parents could genuinely earn us £1,000's of extra pounds a year with no extra effort. Your Personnel department should be able to help you find out.