

BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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School Office

You may have noticed a slight change to the staffing of the office. Dawn has changed her hours and will now be working Monday all day, Tuesday morning, Wednesday all day and Friday afternoon. On Tuesday afternoon and Thursday all day, Sarah Jones will be in the office and on Friday morning Pauline will be available.

Sunblock

Now that the sun seems to have started shining we have noticed that several children are bringing sunblock cream into school. Whilst it is great that the children are aware of the dangers of the sun, we would prefer it if you could apply sun block to your children before school. If you feel it is necessary for the children to have extra in school the spray versions may be easier to apply and be less messy if they leak in the book bags!

Sponsored Walk

We are doing really well so far with over £200 raised. We would like to say a particular well done to Bertie, Maddie, Harriet and Jake who have been really successful sponsor collectors! Please do keep collecting the money that was raised and send it into the school office. Cheques should be made payable to Devon County Council.

Year 5 Secondary School Choices

There is a letter for parents of **Year 5** children about Colyton Grammar School accompanying this newsletter.

PTFA

The PTFA held a meeting on Wednesday evening. The minutes will be circulated shortly. Unfortunately only 3 parents attended which made planning events difficult. There are exciting plans for the coming months including a School Fayre, September BBQ, Children's Disco and a Race Night. It would be really appreciated if parents and friends of the school could contact April to offer any help at all in the organisation of these events.

Mobile Phones / Ink Cartridges

A reminder that there is a collection box for old mobile phones in the entrance hall. In the school office there is also a box to recycle ink cartridges. Both these schemes raise money for the PTFA and school funds.

Tesco / Sainsbury Vouchers

Please keep sending the vouchers into school they are a really useful way of renewing our equipment. Thank you.

Measuring the Height and Weight of Children in Reception and Year 6

We have been asked to pass on the following letter to parents of children in Reception and Year 6. Please note **unless a form has been returned** the school nurse will weigh and measure your child.

Measuring the height and weight of children in Reception and Year 6

The NHS needs to have a good understanding of how children are growing across the country, so that the best possible health services can be provided for them. As a result, a National Child Measurement Programme has been set up to weigh and measure children in England in Reception and Year 6. This important programme is now in its third year.

Your child's class will take part in this year's measurement programme. The measurement will be supervised by trained healthcare staff from your local NHS Primary Care Trust (PCT). The measurements will be done in a private area away from other pupils. Children who take part will be asked to remove their shoes and any heavy outdoor clothing. They will be weighed in normal, light, indoor clothing.

Routine data, such as your child's sex, postcode, ethnicity, and date of birth will also be collected to help the NHS plan services for families. All data and results will be treated confidentially. No child's height or weight will be given to school staff or other children. The records of children's heights and weights will be made anonymous, so that it will not be possible to identify your child's height or weight. This anonymous information will then be used within the NHS to help us understand and plan interventions for weight-related problems in children across the country.

You will be able to request your child's measurements from the PCT up to one month after the date on this letter. If you would like to receive your child's height and weight, please fill in **form 1** and return the attached form to your PCT.

If you do not want your child to take part fill in **form 2**. If you are happy for your child to be weighed and measured you do not need to return this form. Children will not be made to participate if they don't want to.

A leaflet called '*Why your child's weight matters*' is available online at http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_073655 to provide more information about the National Child Measurement Programme and advice about healthy lifestyles.

Yours sincerely,

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Devon County Council

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Devon County Council

Requesting your child's height and weight results

If you would like to receive your child's height and weight, please fill in and return the attached form to the address below. If you are happy to receive your child's results by telephone, please provide your phone number.

Please note: the PCT must receive this form within one month of the date on this letter.

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FORM 1: Results request form

I would **like to request** my child's height and weight measurements.

Child's name: _____ Child's date of birth: _____

Child's school: _____ Parent / Carers name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____ Telephone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return to:

Weighing and Measuring, Public Health Department,
Devon PCT, Dean Clarke House,
Exeter, Devon, EX1 1PQ

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Opting your child out of being weighed and measured

Only return this form if you **do not** want you child to participate.

FORM 2: Opt-out slip

I do not wish my child to be weighed and measured for the National Child Measurement Programme.

Child's name: _____ Year: _____ Class: _____

Child's School: _____

Parent's / Carer's name: _____

Parent's / Carer's signature: