

BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Friday 14th September 2007

Harvest Festival

This year's harvest festival takes place at St Winifred's Church on Sunday 23rd September at 11.15am. We would be grateful if those children attending could bring a Harvest Gift to the service. Please fill in the form below and bring back to school on Monday 17th September.

Following the Service there will be a bring and share lunch in the Village Hall. All parents and children of Branscombe School are invited to attend this.

Parent Workshop Evening

On last week's newsletter we told you about an evening on the 25th September where we will hold three workshops to inform parents about Phonics Teaching, Numeracy Teaching and how we use the Interactive Whiteboards. The evening will start at 6pm. Following the presentations there will be refreshments provided by the PTFA and staff will be available to answer questions relating to the workshops. Please indicate on the form below if you will be attending the evening.

The evening is not suitable for children to attend, however, it may be possible to have a crèche running on the evening. Please indicate on the form below if this would be helpful.

PTFA

A reminder that the PTFA AGM will be held in school on 20th September at 7.15pm.

Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on Monday 17th September to take individual photos of the children. Please ensure the children come to school in full school uniform and they may wish to bring a hair brush too! If you would like to bring siblings please let Dawn know in the morning.

Lost Property

On Wednesday 19th September the contents of the lost property box will be on display at the end of the school day under the new shelter. Please have a look to see if anything belongs to you. After this date the clothes will either be thrown away or collected to sell at the next second hand uniform sale on the 3rd October.

East Devon Renewable Energy Awareness Day

Please see the note with this newsletter. The members of Eco Club will be involved with this day by making a display and also attending the stalls at lunch time.

Football Club with Andy Widger

Is anyone interested in attending football club for any age group ?

The club will start on Monday 24th September. Costs have not yet been confirmed but further details and forms will be available during next week.

Topic Outlines

You may have noticed that the **Class 3** topic outline was not complete! The additional information is given below.

Science

The children will investigate life process common to both plants and animals. They will study the human body and other animals, looking in depth at teeth, diet, the heart and circulation, the skeleton, muscles and movement, growth and reproduction. They will consider the need for a healthy lifestyle and carry out a range of experiments to prove their theories.

They will continually reinforce previous learning and have regular homework assignments.

ICT

The children will learn how to use object based graphics to produce images.

They will learn how to draw common geometrical shapes and to combine them to create more complex shapes. They will learn how to change the orientation and colour of the shapes and how to re-size them creating a flag depicting their family. They will learn how to make a multimedia presentation using text and images relating to “Keeping Healthy”.

PE

The children will participate in a range of playground games in order to practise and develop a range of skills to include throwing, catching, running and jumping. They will develop activities that encourage a healthy lifestyle.

SEAL

The theme for this term’s work on developing children’s social, emotional and behavioural skills is ‘Getting on and Falling out’. Over this half-term we will be helping the children to learn about and understand friendship and the best ways of learning together. Your child may bring home some activities linked to this. These will help your child tell you about what we have been doing, suggest some things to do together and provide some ideas for you to try out in your family.

We will be happy to talk about this with you if you would like to.

In connection with this please discuss with your child the Children’s Aims – Branscombe Waves and also highlight one of the main school aims ‘ We recognise the worth of all individuals and celebrate children’s endeavours and achievements’ as these are pertinent to this topic.



High 5 Netball Club

As part of our links with Kings School a visiting sports coach will be assisting Mhairi run a High 5 netball club each Tuesday after school starting from 25th September. We would appreciate parent help to walk the children to the hall. The sessions will finish at 4.15, please collect your child promptly from the Village Hall. In the first instance the club will run until October Half Term. **However there will be no session on the 2nd October. Please fill in the permission slip below if you wish your child to attend.**

Footpath

You will have noticed that The National Trust are making great progress with the path and we hope we will be able to begin using it in 2 – 3 weeks time.

Class 3 Residential

Please return forms on Monday or we may have to cancel the booking.

Contact Details

Please can you ensure that you let us know if any contact details have changed recently. We need to have 3 local contact numbers on the school records. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Class 1 and 2 Trip

Further details will be sent at the beginning of next week. Please look out for these in your children's book bag!

Jumble Sale

A reminder to keep collecting jumble for the sale which is taking place on Saturday 29th September between 2 and 4pm. This is being held to raise money for the Village Bonfire Night Celebrations. More details to follow. Please do not bring jumble into school at this stage. We will shortly select a date for collection.

Fish Club

Just a reminder that Fish Club has restarted and finishes at 4.15pm Please collect your child promptly at this time.

Autumn Poems

We would like to share with you some lovely Autumn poems that Class 2 have written this week. More of these will be on display shortly.



Autumn Thoughts

The crisp air, the warm bronze leaves. Conkers boomerang to the ground. In the breeze chestnuts slip to the silent grass. The pavement is a carpet of scratchy amber and golden leaves. A pond of colour splashes across the sky and birds fly over fields of honeyed corn.

Fred Board

A Cosmic Autumn

Trees sway gently in the strengthening breeze. Golden leaves fall through the air and make a carpet of orange and gold. Children kick through crunchy crackling paths. Bronze, red, yellow and orange.





Autumn

Autumn is a lovely time and fun. It is a colourful time with bronze and gold conkers landing on the ground like brown bombs falling from the sky. Children jumping through crisp, rustling leaves that make a warm carpet on the grass.

Oliver Moore-Jones

Branscombe Pre School

Preschool are collecting the Otter Nursery Vouchers for “free bulbs” and “free hyacinth jar” with every bulb” from the leaflets posted through your door. Any unused vouchers would be gratefully received.

Many thanks
Tracey and Catharine

Branscombe Village Hall

We have been asked to include the following information in this week’s newsletter by the Village Hall Committee

Branscombe Village Hall Committee Information Session Saturday 29 September 2007

As you are no doubt aware the people of Branscombe are being asked to vote in a Parish Poll being held in October.

If you support the Village Hall Committee’s application for a BIG Lottery Fund grant for the proposed redevelopment of the Hall, you must vote **NO.**

In view of the importance of this issue to the future of the Village Hall, the Hall committee would like to invite you to an informal coffee, tea and information session at the Village Hall on Saturday 29 September 2007 from 10 am through to the end of the jumble sale being held in the afternoon.

At this time there will be an opportunity to view a scale model of the proposed redeveloped Hall as well as architects drawings and other documents relating to the Stage Two BIG Lottery Fund application.

You will also be able to question not only members of the Hall committee about the project but also some of the professional people (their availability permitting) involved to date such as Paul FitzHenry, the Project Manager and representatives from the architects, Taylor-Wilkinson.

Additionally at least one member of the Parish Council will be on hand to discuss any queries regarding the conduct of the Parish Poll and the question being asked.

Hopefully, the day will give everyone the opportunity to better understand the project and the poll and gain answers to any questions they may have.

We look forward to seeing you there.
Branscombe Village Hall Committee.

HARVEST

My child / ren _____ will be attending the Harvest Festival.

PARENT WORKSHOP

I/We would like to attend the Parent Workshop on 25th September.

Name _____ Number of people attending _____

We would be interested in using a crèche facility for _____ children if one was available.

NETBALL

Child's name _____

I give permission for my child to attend Netball Club at Branscombe Village Hall on Tuesday evenings after school.

Signed _____