BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL **NEWSLETTER 12 / 13 31** Friday 24th May 2013











Thank you so much to all the parents, grandparents and friends of the school who joined us for May Day yesterday. As always it was a lovely afternoon, despite the breezy conditions, and the children danced superbly. The May King and May Oueen led the dancing brilliantly and the floral arbour had been very well decorated by their parents! It was lovely to welcome Mr Steve Reid as our guest of honour. A big thank you must also go to Mrs Crawford and Pauline for preparing the children so well for the event.

There are lots of trips coming up for specific year groups. Please fill in any appropriate SOE3 forms for these.

God bless and have a lovely half term holiday.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School

Key Dates – Mrs Gray is due to be in school on Monday and Friday after half term Monday 3rd June – Return to school

Friday 7th June – Monday 10th June – Year 5 and Year 6 Residential Trip Saturday 6th July – Summer Fair 11am – 2pm

After school clubs will start again after half term

- Netball and Construction club will restart on 12 June
- Textile club will restart on 13 June
- Football club we are currently awaiting confirmation of dates from Andy and will update you in the next newsletter.

Internet Safety Session - Tuesday 4th June

Year 5 and 6 will be attending an internet safety session run by Devon and Cornwall Constabulary. They will also be running an additional parent session from 3.15pm. If parents are unable to make this session, they are also running an evening meeting at Sidmouth Primary School on Wednesday 12th June from 7.30pm – 8.30pm.

These parent sessions are really informative and very helpful. Even if you only have KS1 children the information is very relevant and thought provoking. Please attend one if you possibly can.

Sidmouth College Science Mornings

Year 6 pupils have been invited to a Science skills morning at Sidmouth College on **Monday**, 1st July 2013 from 9.30am -12pm. The morning will include approximately 45 minutes of activities from each of the three disciplines. The students will experience different laboratories and meet a variety of the science staff.

Year 5 pupils have been asked to attend a similar Science morning at Sidmouth College on **Tuesday, 2nd July 2013 from 9.30am-12pm**. They will provide all equipment but ask that pupils bring a snack and drink (which they will not be able to eat in class). If they have long hair they will require a hairband for the practical work. As the visits are only for one year group we will need to rely on parent transport. Please let us know if you can help. Thank you.

The 2 Steves at Sidmouth College

'The 2 Steves are Britain's most popular comedy writing and performing double act for young people'.

Year 6 pupils are invited to take part in this event at Sidmouth College's main hall on **Thursday** 13th June 2013 from 1.45pm – 2.45pm.

Steve Skidmore and Steve Barlow, Fantasy Book Review:

"Reading is vital to everyone. This is why we've always argued for literacy to be delivered right across the curriculum, in secondary schools as well as primary."

As the visits are only for one year group we will need to rely on parent transport. Please let us know if you can help. Thank you.

<u>Please find attached SOE3 permission forms for the 3 trips to Sidmouth College, please sign</u> and return the form(s) to school as soon as possible.

Preschool Committee Meeting – Wednesday 12 June from 7.30pm

This will be the last meeting of this academic year and with 5 of the children moving on to school we need to be thinking about the future success of the preschool and the make up of the committee. Please come along and show your support for the preschool, the meeting to be held at Naomi's house (Branscombe Airfield).

Beam House Residential Trip - Friday 7th June - Monday 10th June

Please find attached the SOE3 permission form for Year 5 and 6's residential trip to Beam House. Please complete and return the form to school by Monday the 3rd June, in order that we can pass on any relevant details to the staff at Beam House.

Easyfundraising

If you don't already use easyfundraising when you're shopping online, please consider giving it a try! It's really straightforward, and every transaction earns us money - for virtually nothing. You just need to set up a basic account with Branscombe School PTFA as your 'chosen cause', and then access your favourite shopping sites via http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk. Once you've accessed your chosen site, you just shop as you normally would and they collect a % of every transaction from the retailer to pass on to the PTFA. It really is that simple, and all the little donations can add up to a really worthwhile amount. You can use easyfundraising for over 2000 websites, including major retailers such as Amazon, Argos, Next, Tesco Direct, iTunes, John Lewis and Sainsbury's. They don't pass on your details to third parties, and they never send spam; you can also choose to remain anonymous on the website if you wish to do so. Thanks for your support!

Branscombe Firework Fundraiser – Sunday 26th May

The fundraiser will be held on Sunday 26th May from 2pm – 4pm at the Village Hall. Entrance is free! There will be a cake/book/plant/jumble stalls and a raffle. Any donations greatly received, for more information please talk to Nicki, Hazel or Sheleen.