

BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Parents Evening

Thank you to all those parents who came to parents evening and wrote their opinions on the 'post it notes'. This process is really useful to us. We haven't yet fully collated all the responses but when we have we will summarise them in the newsletter. One of the things that we have picked out initially from your comments was the idea that the Team Point winners (which are announced each week in the Monday assembly) could be written on the newsletters so that parents continue to be involved in the teams – we will start this next week. Some parents also suggested the children could contribute more to the newsletter – we will endeavour to include their work or comments at least once a month.

Some time ago we sent out a questionnaire asking parents about the need for after school care at our school (similar to Breakfast Club but at the opposite end of the school day). At the time only a couple of parents said they would be interested and therefore the scheme was not viable. However, several parents wrote about after school care on the post it notes. Please fill in the form at the bottom of this newsletter to show your level of interest in the scheme. Please bear in mind an after school club is different from clubs the teachers run e.g. netball, drama etc. It would be a guaranteed form of child care throughout the school year.

Feet of Green

Sorry the children weren't filmed in connection with this project yesterday. Unfortunately, the BBC had to send their cameras to film the Water Meter story that had been released yesterday! However, Peter from the Feet of Green project hopes to come back in a couple of weeks so perhaps the cameras will come then instead! We hope the children enjoyed Peter's visit yesterday. You can follow the expedition on www.feetofgreen.com

Mill on the Brue Video

We have now received the video showing some of the range of activities at Mill on the Brue. We will show this to parents on Thursday 14th February at 3.15pm (in Class 2). Parents of children going on the residential visit are all welcome to come and watch this.

Safe Internet Course

We are enclosing with this newsletter a letter from PC Gates and PC Taylor (East Devon Police Youth Officers). It is advertising a presentation evening that they are holding at St Nicholas School Sidmouth on 26th February at 7pm. They will be covering various aspects of keeping children safe when using the internet and mobile phones.

Letters Home

We explained in last week's newsletter that we were aware of the problem that children who are off ill don't always receive letters that are sent home. As a staff we have now discussed this and next week a plastic wallet will be stuck onto each classroom door with a class list of children's names inside. When a letter is given out the names of those children who have received it will be ticked off. Any absent children's letters will be named and placed in the wallet on the classroom door. When they return to school this wallet can be checked to see if anything has been distributed while they have been away. Children in key stage 2 in particular can take some responsibility for this by checking the wallet themselves and ticking off their names. We hope that this new system improves the situation – please let us know how you think it is working.

PTFA Pancakes

The PTFA would like to thank everyone for all their help on Tuesday. There was a very good response to the request for pancakes. We were lucky with the weather so the races were able to take place and the children had a very enjoyable afternoon.

Recipe Book

You will remember that last term we were hoping to produce a Branscombe School Recipe book. Unfortunately we only had a hand full of healthy recipes and photos sent into school. The printer's artist however, has done some work on the format of the book which we have printed below. We are really pleased with the design and hope that this will inspire more families to do some cooking over half term. Please send any contributions into school after half term, preferably by email to admin@branscombe.devon.sch.uk or memory stick. For each page we need the ingredients, method and what you like about the recipe. We also need photos of the cooking process, the finished product and the children eating the healthy meal.

HOME MADE LEMONADE

We like this recipe because it is **fun to make**, contains **no artificial ingredients** and is **really tasty**.

We are sure that you will enjoy it at any time of the year.



By Archie (6) and Poppy (9)

Ingredients

- Large lemons 4
- Boiling water 900ml
- Raw brown sugar 175g



1. Halve the lemons and squeeze out the juice
2. Add the sugar to the lemon juice and pulp.
3. Add 300ml of boiling water and stir until the sugar dissolves.
4. Add 600ml of boiling water and the lemon halves and stir well.
5. Cover and cool.
6. Strain and serve.
7. **ENJOY!!!**

Sports Clubs

Netball – as explained to the children last term we will be starting Netball club again after half term, now that the evenings are getting lighter again and hopefully the weather a bit warmer! The club will take place on Thursday evenings after school.

Football – see flyer from Andy Widger.

After School Club

I would be interested in an after school club for
(name/s of children) for 1 2 3 4 5 days of the week (please circle appropriate number)

I wouldn't be interested in an after school club but would be interested in more 'teacher led' clubs such as drama, netball etc on the following days of the week.....

Please give any other comments on this area.....

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