

BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Friday 2nd November 2007

Class 1 Teacher

I am now pleased to be able to announce that the new permanent teacher in Class 1 from January will be Mr Glenn Ford. He is a very experienced teacher who is currently working in Derbyshire but was looking to relocate to the South West as he has family connections down here. Mr Ford will hopefully be able to spend a day with the children later in November which he is very much looking forward to.

Remembrance Day

A reminder that the children will be attending a school Remembrance Service at 11.15am on Wednesday 7th November at St Winifred's Church. Parents and friends of the school are most welcome to join us.

The children will also be thinking about the reasons behind wearing Poppies and attending Remembrance Services. Some of you will know that one of Pauline's daughters is currently serving with the Army in Afghanistan. We thought it would be a nice gesture if the children sent a parcel of 'goodies' to her. I'm sure the children would enjoy looking at the types of things that people think to include in the box but it is also a way of helping the children to understand about conflicts today and that Remembrance Day isn't just about wars a long time ago.

Some of the things that we suggest are **small** items of shower gel, body lotion, biscuits, sweets, magazines puzzle books etc. Any treat that you feel would make her time Afghanistan more comfortable. We will place a box in Dawn's office for your contributions. We will show the children the box before it is closed up and include a card that the children all sign. I hope to take some children to the post office with me to send it. Thank you in advance for helping with this project.

Parking

It's lovely to see the children so eager to walk up and down the school path. Could we remind parents that it is greatly appreciated if you park your car in the Village Hall rather than by the Church or by the Post Office. We would urge parents to never drive up School Lane at drop off/pick up time, nor to park in the passing places on school lane - this poses a real danger to the children's safety. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Recipe Book

It is a real pity that so far we haven't had very many recipes for our book. We have extended the deadline to Monday. As a summary:

- Please think of a recipe that could make an item for a healthy packed lunch e.g. carrot cake, tuna and pasta salad, fruit cocktail etc
- Please email or bring in a memory stick which includes the recipe, photos of the children making the recipe, eating the finished product and a picture of the delicious food itself!
- If you haven't got access to digital cameras, or computers then paper copies of the above are welcome.

Please have a go this weekend!

Village Bonfire

The children had a wonderful time yesterday afternoon working in their Knot Teams to make four Guys for the Village Bonfire. Please do join the Village at 6.30pm on Saturday 3rd November. See poster in the notice board.

Cake Sale:

Just a reminder that it's the cake sale again next Wednesday straight after school. Also - I've had a few parents confirm that they are happy to continue next year but, knowing how busy you are, could I just assume that all those people who donated last year would be happy to continue - unless you let me know otherwise? April 07973 202441. Also - if there are any other Mums (particularly from the younger classes who weren't here last year) who could also donate once a year, please could you get in touch? Many thanks.

Uniform Sale - a note from Eco Club

'As you know a few Wednesdays ago we held a Second Hand Uniform Sale. On Wednesday 7th November we will be holding another sale, this time we will be selling scarves and bracelets with animals on. We are currently thinking about the type of animal we wish to sponsor.'

PTFA Pub Quiz.

A big thank-you to Linley, Timmy's Mum who has managed to persuade The Mason's Arms in Branscombe to run another pub quiz, this time in aid of the PTFA. It was a brilliant night last year and very well quiz-mastered by JJ at the pub (who cannot be bribed in advance I'm afraid! so I'm told...) Thursday 22nd November from 8.30pm. Teams of 4 people maximum - £2 per head. There will be raffle on the night as well. I hope you can come along on the 22nd - better still, bring a team. Thank you.

Provisional Dates

7th November	Remembrance Service in St Winifred's Church at 11.15am
10th December	Christmas Play in the Village Hall 6.30pm
14th December	PTFA Christmas Fayre 6pm in school
17th December	Christingle Service in St Winifred's Church at 6.30pm
18th December	Children's Christmas Lunch in the Village Hall
20th December	Last day of term