

BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER 05-35
Friday 16th June

School Photographs

The School Photographs have been given out today to most children. Unfortunately we are still waiting for a final delivery of photographs and so a handful of children have not yet received theirs today. We will give these out as soon as they arrive – sorry for any disappointment today! The cost for each photo is £7.50. Please return either the photograph or money by Monday 26th June 2006.

Drug Education

The school is currently reviewing its Drug Education Policy and Scheme of work. Mrs Gray would value any thoughts you have regarding what should be included in the policy. She would also like to hear your views on what content the lessons should include and which teaching methods and approaches should be in place for this sensitive area of the curriculum.

Please put any thoughts you have on paper and hand into the school office or post through the school letter box. I appreciate that you may want to keep your thoughts anonymous.

If you would like Mrs Gray to arrange an evening information meeting with the LEA Drug Education Adviser please let Dawn or Mrs Gray know and if there is enough interest, the school will try to provide such an event.

Class 1 – Trip to Exmouth Beach and Fun Park

I am pleased to inform you about our proposed class trip to Exmouth on Thursday 6th July 2006. The trip has been planned to enrich our work on coastal environments, activities will include:

- Beach combing
- Sand sculpture
- Sketching
- Rock pooling – tide permitting

The children should wear comfortable clothing and sturdy footwear such as trainers. They must also have a hat, sun-cream, waterproof coat (You never know!) and of course a bucket and spade.

Please supply your child with a packed lunch brought to school in a plastic bag – this will reduce the amount your child has to carry.

The cost of the trip is £6.00 this includes coach travel, entry to the fun park and ice-cream money. Please return the permission slip below, the SOE3 and payment to the school office by Friday 23rd June.

The trip will only take place if sufficient funds are received.

Name of child

I give permission for my child to participate in the trip to Exmouth Beach and Fun Park on Thursday 6th June. The children will travel by coach. I enclose £6.00 as a contribution towards the cost of the trip.

Name of Parent

Signature

Warmer Weather

Now that the warm weather has finally arrived please could you ensure that sun cream is applied before the children come to school and that children bring sun hats and extra sun cream to school each day.

We are conscious that there are few shaded places within the school playground and field. We are trying to improve this but in the meantime if any parents have old patio umbrellas that are no longer needed we would be very grateful of them this term.

Sponsored Tandem Ride

Thank you to everyone who has sponsored Mrs Gray for the 25 mile Sponsored Tandem Ride she is doing with her husband on Sunday June 18th. The ride, which sets off from Exeter Race Course, is to raise money for the British Heart Foundation. If anyone else is willing to sponsor Mrs Gray there is a form in Dawn's office. We will let you know how she gets on! Thank you.

World Cup Fever Hits Branscombe School

Each year the children try to raise money to top up their Community Fund. This is money held in a special bank account that the children choose to spend on such things as sending flowers to sick members of the village or school community, making donations to national appeals etc.

Next Friday, 23rd June, the pupils will be able to come to school in Fancy Dress. The theme will be Football to celebrate the World Cup. The charge for wearing fancy dress will be £1. Healthy muffins made by Key Stage 2 children will also be on sale at breaktime. These will cost 20p each.

Athletics

Congratulations to the children in Year 4 who took part in the athletics festival at Sidmouth College. They all worked extremely hard and were a credit to the school gaining second place overall. Well done everyone.

Swimming

Unfortunately the Key Stage 2 children who go swimming had to miss out yesterday. We had a phone call at lunch time to say that there had been an 'accident' in the pool and they were having to clean it out. We are trying to get another date later in the term to make up for this missed lesson. Once I have been able to get a date when both the pool and coach are available I will confirm this with you.

Permission Slips

There are several outings and sports events this term that we have sent permission slips out for. May I stress the importance of returning these in good time? We are not able to take a child out of school without having these forms and it would be very unfortunate if your child missed out on an activity because of this. There are 2 slips for class 1 to return on this newsletter and there were several sent on last week's newsletter. Please check if these apply to your child.

Funday

This year's Funday will take place on Monday 10th June.

PTFA Summer Ball

Last Saturday the PTFA held their annual Summer Ball. It was an excellent evening, enjoyed by many. I would like to thank all those on the PTFA for the tremendous effort that goes into making the Ball such a success. It takes a lot of dedication not just on the day but in the weeks and months leading up to the event and I am very grateful. The amount of money raised at such an event means that we can purchase exciting resources such as the new Interactive Whiteboard and new Role Play area (soon to arrive in class 1) which we just don't have the funds for in the school budget. Thank you again to all the organizers and everyone who supported the event.