

**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER 05-22**  
**FRIDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2006**

**Pancake Day 28<sup>th</sup> February**

This year the pancake races will be held in the tennis courts behind the village hall starting at 2.15pm. The children will need to bring an old pan with a pancake for tossing and also each parent needs to provide 6 pancakes that will be served with a drink in the village hall. The children will then return to school for collection as usual. They will also need to have trainers or plimsolls to run in. Please come along and join in the fun we usually have an adult race as well! Because parents will be sitting on the other side of the fence to the children photographs of each race will be taken by the PTFA. **If any parents are able to help walk the children down to the village hall it would be very much appreciated.**

**Sponsored Walk**

Our annual school sponsored walk will take place on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April, we hope that many of you will join us. All the children will be taking part in the walk along with members of staff. We are sending home sponsor forms today please could the children bring their sponsor forms to school on the day of the walk so that they can be signed when the walk is completed – if you need more forms please collect one from the office. This year the money raised will go towards improving the front playground.

**Gardening Club**

We are looking to set up a gardening club for the children after school to ensure that the two playgrounds look really attractive during the spring and summer. If there are any parents or grandparents who would be able to help organise this club we would be very grateful – please let Mrs Gray know ASAP!

**Breakfast Club**

We have had a really good response to the new Breakfast Club that will be starting after half term. However, there are still places available on each day. If you would like to attend please fill in the application form There will be a cost of £2 per session. – **every session must be paid for in advance or on the day.** The club will be run by Pauline and will open from 8am each week day morning during term time.

The breakfast menu available will consist of toast with a variety of spreads and a selection of fruit. There will be a range of activities for the children to take part in once they have finished their breakfast.

There will be a selection of games and puzzles that will be unique to the Club, there will be resources for drawing and colouring and the library will be open for quiet reading, or research.

The attached form is designed to allow flexibility in booking, i.e. if you want your child to attend every other Monday and every other Tuesday, or just for two sessions a term, or for every day- the choice is yours.

### **Maternity Cover**

We are pleased to announce that, following the interviews this week, we were successful in appointing a teacher for Class 1 after Easter. Mrs Roberts, who currently teaches in Exmouth, has accepted the post. She will be able to spend most Tuesday's working along side Mrs Holman from half term until Easter to get to know the children and to ensure that there is continuity between the two teachers. If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Gray.

### **Jungle Book**

As you are aware, key stage 2 children will be going to the theatre to watch 'The Jungle Book' on 15<sup>th</sup> March. If there are any parents who are willing to help with this trip please let Dawn or Mrs Gray know. We only have a few adult tickets so unfortunately it may not be possible to take all volunteers.

### **Caretaker**

We are very sad to inform you that Mr Ron Derry will be leaving us in a month or so. Ron has been a brilliant caretaker for a number of years and has certainly helped me a lot whilst I have been settling into school. He is lovely with the children and we will all miss his cheerful manner each afternoon. Although we are very disappointed that he is leaving us we totally understand his reasons – he has been offered the job of school caretaker in the village in which he lives. This new role will obviously be a lot more convenient for him and will mean that he uses a lot less petrol!

### **Medical Forms**

We are still short of a few medical forms. If we cannot get hold of parents during the school day and your child is ill or has had an accident it is vital that we know this information. Please ensure that the forms are handed back into school after half term.

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| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> February | Half Term                            |
| Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February                   | Pancake day                          |
| <b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>              | <b>Years 3,4,5,6 Jungle Book</b>     |
| <b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>               | <b>Sponsored Walk.</b>               |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April                        | Last Day of Spring Term              |
| Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April                      | Start of Summer Term                 |
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May                          | May Day Bank Holiday                 |
| Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> June      | Half Term                            |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July                        | Last Day of Summer Term              |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September                   | Beginning of Academic Year 2006/2007 |