

BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Friday 7th September 2007

Welcome Back

I hope that you have had a lovely Summer Holiday and that the children are refreshed and ready for another year of exciting learning!

Exciting News!

Over the holidays we were informed that the school can begin to use one of the National Trust allotments behind the Forge. A small group of volunteers has been set up and has had a preliminary meeting. We won't be able to start using the land until October but if you have any ideas or would like to be involved as a volunteer please let us know. All help would be welcomed. If you have any old tools e.g. trowels, spades, forks etc we would also be grateful of these.

We have several ideas of what to do once we begin harvesting our crops. We hope to sell flower posies and vegetables at school to raise money for new seeds and the community fund. We would also like to make soup and hold a harvest lunch for people in the village.

Watch this space for more gardening news soon!

Another important piece of news is that I have been informed that work to start the footpath from school to the Village Hall is imminent!

Curriculum Outlines

The outlines that we usually send out to inform you of your child's topics for the term will be sent out early next week.

Contact Details

Please can you ensure that you let us know if any contact details have changed recently? We need to have 3 local contact numbers on the school records. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Class 1 and 2 Trip

To support their science topics this term we are considering taking the children in Classes 1 and 2 to '@Bristol'. Monday 1st October is the provisional date for the trip and we are planning for the children to leave school at 9.15am and arrive back by about 5.30pm. From initial quotes we estimate that we will need to ask parents for a voluntary contribution of £11.50 towards the cost of the trip. The activity will only be able to go ahead if sufficient contributions are received.

Please complete the form below to say whether you would be interested in your child attending the outing or not, **and return this to school on Monday 10th September** so that we can assess whether the trip is a viable idea. **Please do not send any money at this stage.**

Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival at St Winifred's Church which the children take part in will be taking place on Sunday 23rd September. Please let your class teacher know if you can attend so we can plan which children will be involved. Thank you.

Parent Workshop

On the evening of Tuesday 25th September we will be holding some parent workshops in school. These will be to inform you about how we use the Interactive Whiteboards and how you can support your child with reading and mathematics. We hope you will join us for this evening. More details to follow.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

We have set the dates for our usual Parent/Teacher evenings. These will be on 8th and 9th October. One will be straight after school, one will be slightly later. Miss Linnane, the teacher who will be taking class 1 after half term, hopes to be attending these meetings with Mrs Holman. Further details to follow.

PTFA

The next PTFA meeting will be held on 20th September at 7.15 at school. All are welcome.

Newsletter by Email

As we are at the start of a new academic year we are just checking the email addresses we have on record. If you receive this newsletter by email, please send a return email to confirm receipt. If you would like to start receiving the newsletter by email (therefore helping to save paper) please send an email to Dawn.

admin@branscombe.devon.sch.uk

Air Ambulance

Over the holidays we received a letter thanking all those families who supported the Helibag scheme. Thirty four sacks were collected from our school. Well done! The children's latest copy of the Junior Crew magazine, which school feature in, is enclosed with this newsletter.

Jumble Sale

A reminder to keep collecting jumble for the sale which is taking place on Saturday 29th September between 2 and 4pm. This is being held to raise money for the Village Bonfire Night Celebrations. More details to follow.

Football Club

Details of football club will be coming out shortly!

Fish Club

Fish Club will begin again on Tuesday 11th September.

Antiques Fayre

An Antiques Fayre will be held on Sunday 9th September at Branscombe Village Hall from 9.30 – 4.00pm.

A warm welcome to everyone who would like to come and support this event. All profits from Tombola, Refreshment and Admission (only 25p! and under 16's are free) will go towards the proposed children's cycle track. This exciting venture will benefit all those children who would like somewhere safe within Branscombe to ride their bicycles and have fun and will be located on the field which was donated to Branscombe for the youth of the village.

This event is being run by Branscombe parents who would greatly appreciate your support.

CLASS 1 AND 2 TRIP TO '@ BRISTOL'

I confirm that I am/am not (delete as appropriate) interested in my child/children.....

Attending the proposed trip to '@ Bristol' and I am willing to pay an estimated contribution of £11.50

**Signed.....Parent/Guardian
(please return this form by Monday 10th September)**