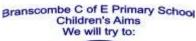
# BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL **NEWSLETTER 10/11 18**

Friday 17th September 2010











### Dear Parents

Thank you for all the effort that is going into encouraging the children to walk up and down the school path. I look forward to giving out the first 'Walking the Wizard Way' certificates soon.

Class Two visited the Church this week as part of their Religious Education studies. We were looking around the church for Christian signs and symbols. The children were a delight to take on the visit and they showed great enthusiasm for being 'symbol detectives'! Thank you to Rev. Nigel Freathy for giving up his time to explain things to the children.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School.

### Class 2

Please could children in class 2 bring in to school any leaflets they find about the local area e.g. tourism, B&B leaflets, local museum information, guidebooks to local churches etc. We have been approached by another school in the South East to write to them and tell them about Branscombe's history and tourist attractions and they would like us to send leaflets with our letters. Thank you for all your help with this project.

### Plastic Bottles & Garden Canes

Thank you for all the plastic bottles that you have sent in for Class 2's exciting project. We need lots more so please ask friends and neighbours to collect them too. complete the project we also need 6ft garden canes, so please have a look around and see what you can find!

#### Music

If you have any old CDs you don't want with Classical/easy listening music on that would be suitable for the children to listen to as they come into assembly we would be grateful for them. Sometimes you get free CDs with Sunday papers, these would be ideal.

# Willow Weaving Workshop - Half term activity

The National Trust are organising a Willow Weaving Workshop entitled 'Snails and Flowers' on Wednesday 23rd February (11am until 1pm and 1pm until 3pm). You are invited to go and make your own willow garden decoration. The event will take place in the National Trust workshop behind the Forge. All materials are provided. £1.50 for children, adults free. Phone 01752 346585 for more details.

# Tesco and Sainsbury Vouchers

Once again the two supermarkets will be giving out school vouchers. We really benefit from collecting these so please bring them into school and encourage family and friends to donate them to us too.

#### Insect Hotel

We will be starting Eco-club again soon and one of the first things that we will be doing is a project with pre-school to build an insect hotel. By creating the right habitats we hope to greatly increase the number of beneficial insects in the garden and provide homes for insects whose numbers are declining such as bumblebees. Insect hotels can be made from all sorts of recyclable materials. Anything with holes for bees such as garden canes, old terracotta plant pots or pieces of clay pipe, dead wood, small pieces of old carpet or bricks with holes in. Please bring in anything you may have that would be suitable.

#### Netball Club

There will be a friendly match with St Nicholas School on Wednesday 9th February. A separate letter has been sent out to all those in netball club. Please ensure that we have the consent form back in the office by Monday.

### Dates for Your Diary

We will be holding a parents evening on Wednesday 2nd March.
Our pancake races will take place on Tuesday 8th March.
Further information about both of these events will be sent out shortly.

### World Book Day

Thursday 3rd March is World Book Day and we are planning some very exciting activities. Firstly, children can come to school wearing a mask of their favourite character, so start thinking about what to make and how you might make it. Secondly, we will be holding a bedtime story session after school. Children can bring their pyjamas and a cuddly toy and we will provide hot chocolate and toast until 5pm. We would love parents and people from the school community to get involved by reading their favourite bedtime story to the children. We would especially like to encourage boys to read and so would particularly like to invite male readers to the event. Dads, Grandads, Uncles please get involved. Please note on the form below if you would like to come along and read for us.

### Wake and Shake

To encourage healthy lifestyles, Mrs Crawford will be leading a wake and shake activity session during Tuesday morning break.

## Class 2 Science Trip

On Thursday 3rd March Class 2 will be going to Honiton Community College for a science lesson in a secondary school laboratory. A permission slip will follow shortly but if anyone could help with transport please let Mrs Crawford know as soon as possible as a coach may be needed if we cannot get enough volunteers. The children would need to be at the college for 11am and would be finished by noon. Parents would be welcome to stay.

# Radio 2 Writing Competition

Those of you who listen to Radio 2 may have heard that they are running a fiction writing competition for anyone under the age of 13. If you are interested there are details on the BBC Radio 2 website.

# The Grizzly

The annual Grizzly race organised by Axe Valley Runners will take place on 13th March 2011. Pre-school need help to man a water station at Hole House between 12.30 and 2.30pm. If anyone is free for a couple of hours on that day please speak to Tracey in pre-school.

# PTFA Date for your diary

On Friday 29th April "Real World" will be performing at the Village Hall in aid of PTFA funds. More information will be coming soon.

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