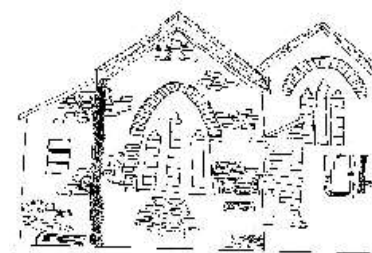


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**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY
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Dear Parents,

This week has been another busy week in school. On Tuesday, as part of Safer Internet Day the children took part in a number of activities designed to give them an awareness of how to remain safe when using the internet. Class 2 tackled subjects such as stranger-danger, cyber bullying, age appropriate images/videos, virus protection and advertising. Class 1 learned key things to remember when using the internet, such as not sharing personal information and making sure they tell a trusted adult if they go online. They also learned a useful slogan: "Think think think, don't click click click", designed to make them aware of the dangers of following links that may appear whilst they are online. Particularly for Class 1, learning how to be safe on the internet will have to be an ongoing process as the children get older and start to use the internet more often. If you have any questions regarding what the children covered, or would like to discuss anything relating to internet safety with the staff, please do make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher. It is important that schools and parents can work together on this important issue.

Yesterday Class 1 went to the village hall for a Capoeira performance by Class 2. There were several parents in the audience too which was lovely. Capoeira is a type of South American street dance which Class 2 have been learning in their PE sessions this term. It is quite technical and difficult to master, but the children showed how just how hard they have been working and performed very well.

Class 1 really enjoyed the performance, and I hope the parents did too. Well done to all the children involved.



As you know today is our 'early' pancake day! The children always really enjoy this event, so thank you to all the parents who contributed pancakes and toppings, as well as

remembering to send in frying pans. Thank you also to the PTFA for their help in organising and running the pancake feast.

Thank you for all your continued support.

God bless and have a lovely half term break.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School

Questions for the week

Class 2: What is your favourite animal and where does it come from?

Key Dates:

Mrs Gray will be in school on Wednesday and Thursday after half term.

Monday 23rd February	First day back after half term Deposit for Beam House due
Tuesday 3rd March	Parents Evening
Wednesday 4th March	World Book Day event "Story Bears"
Friday 6th March	Bikeability Y3 & 4
Friday 13th March	Life Education bus – whole school to Farway (details to follow)
Wednesday 18th March	National Trust session (Class 1 only)
Thursday 19th and Friday 20th March	KS2 trip to Eden Project

Head Lice

A case of head lice has been discovered today. Please check your child's head tonight and treat accordingly. If you require information regarding detection and treatment please call into the office and we will provide you with a copy of the information provided by the school nurse. Thank you.

Children's work books

Children in years 1 to 6 may have brought home a pack of their work this week. This is work that the children did last year which we were holding on to, to support staff when changing to the new assessment arrangements.

KS2 Beam House Residential

Please remember that permission slips and a deposit of £30 for this trip is required by the first Monday after we return from half term. This deposit will confirm your child's place on the trip. Please note that although the financial contributions are voluntary, if we do not receive sufficient contributions then the trips may have to be cancelled.

New Menus - reminder

The new menus will begin the week after half term, starting with Week 1. Please note that for the jacket potato option, there will only be one choice of filling each day, and that the

packed lunch option is not available under the Universal Free School Meals (i.e. KS1 free school meals) unless the children are going on a trip over lunchtime.

Devon Greater Horseshoe Bat Project - Photo Release Forms

The DGHB may like to use photos taken on the recent National Trust in their publicity material. If you are happy to give permission for photographs of your child(ren) to be used in this way, please complete the attached form and return to the school office.

Clubs after half term

Clubs will re-start the first week back after half term. If your child has not attended a club before but now wishes to do so, please speak to a member of the office team but please note, places are limited. See details below.

Textiles Club

Thursdays until 4.15pm. Children must be collected from classroom 3.

Construction Club and Netball Club

Wednesday after school until 4.15pm.

Football Club

Andy Widger will be running another after school football club on Fridays. This will cost £10 for a block of 5 sessions. Full details will be sent home on a separate permission slip.

Gardening Club

We would like to be able to offer this club again particularly as such good progress was made in the allotment area last year. However we need helpers with good gardening knowledge. Are there any parents/grandparents/aunties/uncles who could give up half an hour a week to help with this? If so, please get in touch.

Lunch Time Church Club

After half term there will be a lunchtime club each Friday for KS2. Kathryn, the families' worker from the Holyford Mission Community would like the children to join her as detectives finding out about the life of Jesus. They will play a series of games to start them thinking about what they already know, reveal some stories from the Bible, then dig a bit deeper and discuss what it might mean to us today. Children must commit to doing this each week so that Kathryn can plan accordingly. If your child would like to attend please fill in the slip below. Although children can have school lunches before the club it would be easier if the children could bring a pack lunch on Fridays if they would like to join in the fun.

The National Trust at Parents Evening

The National Trust would like to work with Branscombe School and the community to improve Monteray Copse (The wood between the allotments and Sea Shanty car park) for hands-on learning experiences. Monteray Copse can be used anytime by anyone for den-building, bug hunting, picnics and games. We could add a fire pit, shelter, log seats and wildlife habitats to make the wood a special place for creative learning. If you are interested and would like to get involved, Ruby will be here at parents evening on 3rd March, so do have a chat with her then.

Netball Scores

The Branscombe Netball team took part in the finals of a local schools tournament this week. They did extremely well, especially as they were the smallest out of 11 teams, and the weather was very cold! They made it through to the quarter finals, but then unfortunately got knocked out. Well done to the whole team and thank you to the coaches!

Friday Lunchtime Church Club (KS2)

My child(ren)

would like to attend the Church club on Friday lunchtimes, and will attend every week.

Signed