

BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Friday 25th January 2007

Parents Evening

Our Parents Evenings will take place on Monday 4th February (appointments available between 5.30pm and 7.00pm) and on Tuesday 5th February (appointments available between 3.30pm and 5.30pm). Please fill in the attached form if you wish to make an appointment to see your child's class teacher. Please return the form by Monday 28th January as staff will be finalising appointments together on that day.

Pancake Day

We will be holding our annual pancake race on Tuesday 5th February at approximately 1pm in the tennis courts and then the children will have their 'Pancake Feast' in the Village Hall.

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. They will also need trainers or plimsolls to run in. Please come along and join in the fun – we usually have an adult race as well!

If anyone can spare half an hour at 12.30 on the day to help set up the hall that would be very much appreciated.

The children should be picked up from school as usual at 3.15pm

Air Ambulance

We hope those families who managed to go and see the Air Ambulance enjoyed their visit. Enclosed with your newsletter this week is a voucher to visit the National Marine Aquarium in Plymouth. If you use this voucher £1 will be donated to the Devon Air Ambulance Trust. It may be an enjoyable day out over half term!

Illness

We hope everyone is beginning to recover from all the nasty bugs. If your child has been away from school please could you please confirm in writing the reason for their absence on their first day back at school. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Class 3 Music Trip

We are pleased to say that Class 3 have been invited to take part in an exciting joint singing project. The children will be working with other schools in the local area and with a Choir Director from Exeter Cathedral School. They will learn advanced vocal skills whilst being taught a selection of songs. The project will take place on 3 dates and at the third session Exeter Cathedral Choristers will attend the session and sing alongside the pupils to add another experience. A date will also be arranged for all the singers to come together for a Saturday afternoon concert in Exeter Cathedral.

The sessions will take place at Sidbury School. The first date is next Thursday (31st January). The other two dates are 11th February and 3rd March. The children will travel there and back on a coach and will be back at school as usual at 3.15pm. There will be no cost for this valuable learning experience.

Please can parents of Class 3 children fill in the permission slip below and return to school by Wednesday 30th January?

Allotment Dig

Our work with the allotment has now got underway. Some children helped with collecting 'muck' last weekend (see website for pictures!). Lyn Cattlin (school governor) worked with some classes yesterday preparing potatoes and sweet peas. On Saturday Lyn has organised for the first dig to take place. If you would like to join in with this (wet weather permitting) please do come along with a fork and spade and meet at the allotments (behind the forge) at 10am.

Class 1 Mini beasts

Just a reminder that on Monday Class One will be visited by Dartmoor Zoo's minibeasts! Please send a contribution of £3.50 towards the cost of the activity to Dawn in a plastic wallet. Thank you

Class 3 Mill on the Brue

Another reminder about the SOE3 Parental Consent forms. It is crucial that these are returned on Monday as the centre needs the information to, amongst other things, plan menus etc relating to food allergies

Class One Eco Club

Next Wednesday (30 January) afternoon Class One Eco Club members will be taking part in a Scrappy Workshop at school, run by Global Action Plan on behalf of Devon County Council. Please could Class One Eco Club members bring an empty cereal box into school on the day? If you have spare cereal boxes please send in as many as you can just in case we don't have enough!

Missing Coat

Please could everyone have a good look to see if they have inadvertently taken home a blue coat belonging to Louis FitzHenry? It has been missing for some time and we are all anxious that it is returned to Louis as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Building Work

On Monday work will begin on the improvements to the security at the front of school. They will start by taking down and replacing the front playground fence. Please be aware when dropping off or collecting your children that there may be more vehicles than usual travelling up the lane and that workmen may be moving awkward objects around! The contractors will construct a safety fence to protect the children once they are in the playground and they have promised to stop work at the beginning and the end of the school day and at playtimes, however, it is always a good idea to be aware anyway! Thank you.



BRANSCOMBE PTFA

(The Parent, Teacher, Friend Association of Branscombe School)

MOBILE PHONE RECYCLING

Branscombe PTFA are hoping to raise more funds - with your help. We would really appreciate you digging out as many old/unused/discarded mobile phones as you can. Each one will earn us £2.50, ***regardless of size, age and condition!*** This can be put towards playground equipment, swimming lessons, Easter egg hunts and Mayday celebrations etc.... (in other words all the things that the PTFA currently fund every year).

MOBILE FACTS

- There are currently 90 million mobile phones circulating in the UK.
- That's an average of 2 unwanted handsets per household!
- As well as precious metals like gold and silver, mobile phones contain highly toxic substances such as cadmium and mercury.
- One mobile phone battery could potentially be enough to pollute 600,000 litres of water!

WHY RECYCLE

- To raise money for the school PTFA.
- Help protect the environment.
- Help people in developing countries to communicate.
- Encourage others to recycle.
- Divert phones (and their toxins!) from landfill.
- Preserve natural resources.

So please support us by filling the envelope and dropping it into the mobile phone box in school reception. Should you need any more envelopes, these can also be found in the box. For more info log onto www.foneclub.org.uk.

We really hope you can help. Thanks for your support 😊



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1ST FEBRUARY

PARENTS' EVENING

We will be holding two parents' evenings shortly so that you can discuss your child's progress with their classteacher. These will be held on Monday 4th February between 5.30pm and 7.00pm and on Tuesday 5th February between 3.30pm and 5.30pm. Please fill in the slip below to indicate which day you would prefer and return this on 28th January. We will then send a confirmation slip informing you of your appointment time.

Name of child.....

I wish to make an appointment to see my child's teacher on

Monday 4th February yes/no

Tuesday 5th February yes/no

Signed.....

Class 3 Music Trip

I give permission for my child(insert child's name) to attend the Music Trips to Sidbury School on Thursday 31st January, Monday 11th February and Monday 3rd March. I understand that the children will be travelling by coach.

Signed.....(parent/guardian)

Name.....