BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 07/08 37 Friday 27th June

There are only a few weeks to go now until the end of the summer term and we have a number of exciting things planned for the children. Please read the newsletters carefully and regularly ask your children if there are any extra notes through the week as there may be more arrangements to tell you about relating to the various events. Thank you for your support.

Sensory Garden

A reminder that in a couple of weeks, staff from The Magdalen Project will be coming to school to create a sensory garden with all the children in the back playground. We are still in desperate need of old pans, colanders, wellies etc – basically anything which could be used to make recycled plant containers. Thank you.

Adult Football Tournament

If you would like to be part of the school team please meet at the Village Hall fields at 12 noon on Sunday. Hopefully there will be enough adults to make up a team.

Arts Festival

Please could all permission slips for this be sent into school by Monday of next week. All children will need a packed lunch for that day.

The Book People

There are some new books available in the entrance hall from 'The Book People' company. They will be there until 17th July.

Sustainability Picnic

Next Friday (4th July) we will be holding our second Sustainability Picnic at lunchtime. Children will have their lunch as normal but we ask that you help them fill in a form showing how many food miles their lunch has travelled. Children having hot dinners will fill in a slightly different form on the day. For all children, packed or hot dinners, we ask that you help them read through the notes on sustainability that are attached to this newsletter. We also attach notes for parents.

We are also very grateful to our governor Lyn Cattlin for offering to come in and give the children tiny tasters of locally produced food – there will be sausages and eggs from Higher Coxes Farm, beef burgers from Gays Farm, crab caught by local fisherman John Hughes and lettuce and beans from our very own allotment. Please could all parents fill in the permission slip below their child can take part in the food tasting. Thank you.

I give permission for my childtasting on the day of the Sustainability Picnic day.	(name) to take part in the food
Signed	Parent/guardian

Funday Wednesday 2nd July

Arrangements are as follows and subject to favourable weather conditions!

11.30 am In school playground

Parents and children invited to play on Funday stalls created by pupils from class 3.

- 12.00 Lunch as normal. Parents are welcome to bring a packed lunch and join the children (if it's sunny!).
- 1.00 Children walk to village hall playing fields
- 1.15 Races begin
- 2.45-3.00 Children return to school
- 3.15 Collection as normal

Should there be any doubt about the weather, a decision will be made before school starts and a notice displayed in the playground.

PTFA

Just a reminder that it's the Cake Sale on Wednesday next week straight after school.

School Fair

Thanks to everyone who donated DVD's and books etc. last week. We're now looking to stock the Bric-a-brac and Toy stall - so if you have anything to donate, please could you leave it in the school office over the next week. Many thanks as usual. Still hoping for some packs of sweets (only so that we don't have to buy so many) to give as prizes on the day - and for the "Guess the Number of Sweets in the Jar" game. Again, you can leave them on the Office.

Thanks also to everyone who put forward suggestions when we lost the use of the Marquee on Monday. We have managed to find another one (bit bigger and cheaper) - so panic over!

Thanks also to the BBQ helpers - I'll e-mail timings through in next week's newsletter. We have enough helpers so that you only have a 30 minute slot each. Simon and Roisin will also be on the BBQ throughout to support and keep everything running smoothly.

Finally - just to ask you to get your thinking caps on: We will have a set of stocks and an abundant supply of wet sponges available on the day - heads and hands needed for the holes!! Also - we'd love the Tug of War Challenge to be a real success, so if you want to get a team together that would be brilliant.