

BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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FRIDAY 20th January 2006

WELCOME SERVICE

Thank you to everyone who came and supported me on Sunday at my special service. Special thanks to the children who read the prayers so eloquently, and to the PTFA for all their hard work at the village hall. Several parents and people from the village have been in contact this week to say what a lovely service it was.

I thoroughly enjoyed the day it was a good opportunity to meet so many people and be able to chat.

MRS HOLMAN

Big congratulations to Mrs Holman who is expecting her fourth child in May. She will be on maternity leave during the Summer and Autumn terms this year. The Personnel committee have met this week and placed an advertisement for a full time temporary teacher to cover her absence. As soon as an appointment has been made we will give you further information.

PTFA MEETING

The next PTFA meeting will be held on Thursday 26th January at 7.15pm at Julie's house.

CHRISTMAS TREES

We are delighted to have received a cheque for £70 from Sidmouth Garden Centre following their Christmas Tree Voucher Scheme. Thank you to all those parents and grandparents, friends and family who handed in a voucher at the garden centre when buying their Christmas Trees. A big thank you also to Sidmouth Garden Centre for running such a successful scheme. We hope to use the money to set up gardening activities for the children in the summer term.

SEVERE WEATHER ARRANGEMENTS

If the weather does turn very cold again the following arrangements will apply.

- A decision regarding the closure of the school will be made between 8.00am and 8.15am
- The school will inform Gemini Radio and Radio Devon
- If necessary a notice will be placed outside school (preferably at the bottom of School Lane) saying that school is closed.
- Mrs Gray will inform Branscombe Post Office if the school is closed – **if parents have not been able to find out through any other means** whether the school is closed they can telephone the post office on 680225

The factors affecting our decision will be:

- The number of staff who can safely get into school
- The police safety advice regarding travel
- If secondary schools are open.

PE

In order that we can walk the children to the village hall safely we would appreciate it if some parents could help at the following times;

Class 1 Tuesday and Thursday 1pm

Class 2 Tuesday 9.30am

Please speak to the class teacher if you are able to help.

UNIFORM

Thank you for the brilliant effort everyone has made this week with the school uniform. The children look really smart.

FISH CLUB

Fish Club - Tuesday from 3.15 until 4.15.

Monday 20 th – 24 th February	Half Term
Tuesday 28th February	Pancake day
Friday 7 th April	Last Day of Spring Term
Tuesday 25 th April	Start of Summer Term
Monday 1 st May	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 29 th – 2 nd June	Half Term
Friday 21 st July	Last Day of Summer Term
Tuesday 5 th September	Beginning of Academic Year 2006/2007

MEDICAL INFORMATION

We are compiling a list of children with medical conditions that we should be aware of eg, asthma, eczema, allergies. I realise that this information was asked for on the general information form that we sent out at the beginning of the autumn term, however the number of asthmatics on record does not co-incide with the large quantities of inhalers in school! Therefore we feel our system has gone wrong somewhere!

Please could you complete the attached form **even if your child does not suffer from any condition** as soon as possible, together the **BCG** form if you haven't already returned done so.

Name of child

Please delete one of the following statements:

My child does not suffer from any medical condition

My child does suffer from any medical condition – please complete the details below

Medical condition (please specify as much detail as possible)

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Signed by January 2006