

BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 15th September 2006

Governors' Working Party

Last Saturday some of the Governors spent the day in the school working their way through Mrs Gray's list of jobs! They weeded the playground, fixed the outdoor lights, moved furniture and replaced the playground blackboard. However, I'm sure you'll agree that the most exciting job they did was to reinstate the school bell. We've had lots of favourable comments about how nice it is to hear the bell ringing again. We are very grateful to them for all their effort. Thank you to Mrs Parsons too, who provided refreshments!

School Photographs

The school photographer will be visiting on Monday 18th September at 1pm. She will take photographs of individual children and family groups. Please ensure that the children are wearing full school uniform. The children may wish to bring a hair brush to school! Pre-school children and siblings are very welcome to have their photographs taken either with brothers and sisters, or individually.

Fish Club

Fish Club will begin next Tuesday (19th September). The last meeting of the club this term will be on Tuesday 5th December.

Year 5 and 6 High Five Netball Club

This will take place on Monday lunch times (starting next week). Could those children who wish to attend please bring a packed lunch to school and ensure they have their P.E. kits with them.

Charity Donation

I am sure everyone who knew Heather and Claudia Barry heard of their tragic loss over the summer. Heather's husband, Claudia's father, sadly passed away having been diagnosed with cancer. Heather was an extremely active member of the PTFA and worked hard supporting and raising money for the school throughout Claudia's time here. The children who knew Claudia decided to make a donation to Cancer Research UK from their community fund in memory of Claudia's father.

Apple Sale

Millie and Maryke in Class 2 ran a very successful Apple Sale over the weekend and raised £20 for the school Community Fund. We must congratulate them on their hard work, thoughtfulness and generous donation.

Book Sale

In November we plan to hold a second hand book sale to raise money to buy more school library books. Please have a look at home and ask friends and family for books that are no longer needed (adult or children's books). Please bring these into school and give them to Glynis.

Tesco Vouchers

Tesco have just started their new Sports Equipment Voucher Scheme. Please post any vouchers that you, or your friends and family collect, into the green box in the entrance hall.

Sidmouth College Open Days for Year 6 Children

A leaflet about these open days has been sent home with the newsletter to children in Year 6.

Harvest Festival

Please could you return the slip from last week's newsletter to say whether or not your child will be able to attend the service on Sunday 24th September. This will enable teachers to plan the children's contributions.

It is traditional for those who attend the service to bring a Harvest Gift.

After the service there is a Bring and Share lunch in the Village Hall. All are welcome.

School Travel Plan

Please find a letter and questionnaire that has been sent with this Newsletter about the travel plan.

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Branscombe Preschool urgently needs a Treasurer

For many parents the Preschool has played an important and valuable part in their child's early years education and is run by a dedicated, voluntary committee and enthusiastic, committed staff.

If anyone is able to spare no more than 1 hour a week helping with the Preschool Finances then we would love to hear from you. There is no fixed term, even if you are only able to commit for one school year we would welcome your help.

If you are interested and would like to know more then please speak to Jo Hemery, Gillian Cole or Helen Miller.

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Last year we achieved the Bronze Travelwise Award from Devon County Council (DCC) for our School Travel Plan; the funding received as a result of this has enabled us to make significant progress in creating a path from school through the fields to the Village Hall. This year we have our sights set on the Silver Travelwise Award. To achieve this we need to further develop our School Travel Plan in partnership with DCC to reflect the following objectives:

- Reduce car travel
- Improve safety and the environment for walkers and cyclists
- Improve facilities for walkers and cyclists

To get started we need to collect information about children's journeys to and from school and we would therefore be very grateful if you would complete and return the attached questionnaire. The School Travel Plan will be developed through consultation with pupils, parents, governors, staff and DCC. We look forward to your support with this project.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Roberts