

BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Easter Celebrations

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the various Easter Activities on Wednesday. The weather was glorious and the children had lots of fun participating in the Easter egg hunt and pancake races.

We would like to thank the PTFA for all their hard work in preparing the various activities during the day and for donating the Easter eggs and pancake race prizes.

PTFA

The first of the new monthly cake stalls was very successful. It raised a brilliant £48 which will be used specifically for improving classroom based resources.

Would parents please return the PTFA Disco forms ASAP. If more forms are not received next week the event is likely to have to be cancelled. Unfortunately, for insurance reasons, siblings and friends who do not attend Branscombe School will not be able to join us for the disco.

Branscombe Beach

We have been informed that on Sunday 1st April there will be an opportunity to help clear up Branscombe Beach. If you wish to help please meet at the Sea Shanty at 2pm. There will be a safety talk and gloves and bags will be provided.

Keeping children safe

A few parents have commented about the heightened security that has become more apparent during the day but particularly to parents in the mornings. I would like to reassure everyone that our primary concern is the safety and well being of our children.

We are concerned that unless the front door is locked at all times the youngest child would be able to gain access to the outside without our knowledge. It is all too easy to come through the front door and forget to turn round and lock it and it only takes a few seconds for an incident to occur. The governors are working with a security firm to improve the front door, and this work should happen before the start of the next academic year.

Please support us in caring for all the children in this school and understand the reasons behind our vigilance.

On a similar theme we do encourage the children to be independent learners in Branscombe School and therefore we do like them to come into school on their own in the morning, once the bell has been rung. Reception children can come in with their parents until they become confident enough to come in alone but this should be **through the side door only and parents should leave through this exit too.**

A reminder that unless attending Breakfast Club children should not be on site until 8.45am.

Back Playground

The work to the back playground is now completed. Once Safety checks have been carried out on the new play equipment the children will be able to use the area again. If any parent could donate some flowers that the children could plant into pots we would be very grateful, so that the renewed area is as attractive as possible.

Dinner Arrangements

With this newsletter you will receive the new forms for ordering lunches along with the new menu that will start after half term. The week after the Easter holidays will be the yellow week of choices. The new system was explained in last week's newsletter and we have reprinted it again for reference.

Starting at the beginning of **next term** there will be some changes to the way meals are ordered and paid for.

In line with Sidmouth Learning Community on Monday we will order all the meals for the week. It will be possible to make slight amendments, if for example your child is ill or away from school. (Money paid for meals not taken will be credited and refunded if requested.)

Under normal circumstances it will not be possible to decide on e.g. Tuesday that a meal is needed on Wednesday.

The form will fit perfectly into the plastic wallets and should be brought into school each Monday with the payment for the meals. We will return the wallet to your child each Monday afternoon.

For parents who would like to pay, and possibly order termly, there is a separate form you might find more useful. The forms will be on the school website in the 'Parents' section www.branscombe.devon.sch.uk

Sponsored Walk

Our annual school sponsored walk will take place on Thursday 26th April, we hope that many of you will join us. All the children will be taking part in the walk along with members of staff. We sent a sponsor form home with the children last week but if you need more forms please collect one from the office. The school council will shortly discuss with their class mates what we could use the money for to improve facilities in school.