

**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER 06/07 10**  
**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2006**

**The Family Caring Trust's "Noughts to Elevens Parenting Programme"**

The school is helping to set up this popular programme by offering to host one session per week during the Spring term. The sessions could be in the mornings or the evenings and will last for two hours. This course is for all parents, you will be welcome whether you are a lone parent or a couple, but if you are a couple it would be useful if you could both attend together. The idea is to give you a chance to stand back and, with the support of other parents, find ways to be a happier parent and have happier children. You will not be preached at or told how to bring up your children and you will find encouragement and respect for your own ideas. The course is run by experts in this field and school staff will not be attending the course.

At each session a short video will be shown and there will be a chance to talk about typical family situations in two and threes. You will also find many practical ideas in the handbook, which is supplied as part of the programme. The course is free to all parents of children up to eleven years old, if you are interested please complete and return the slip below. You may bring along a friend whose children attend a different school if you wish, although you will need to put their name on the slip. When we know the number interested, we will send you further details.

**On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November, from 6pm until 7pm, there will be a taster session held at the school. This will give you an idea of the course content. By attending this session you will not be held to attending the whole course. A crèche will be available during the taster evening. LAST CHANCE TO JOIN!**

**Sponsored Horse Ride.**

The girls did really well at the weekend and have already raised over £300. If there is any outstanding sponsor money please could it be sent into school on Monday?  
Thank you.

**Sponsored Cycle Ride Update**

We have now raised over £430. This will pay for the hinge protectors and make a substantial donation to the Air Ambulance. Some money is still coming in so we will let you know the final total when it's all been counted.

**Health, Safety and Anti-Bullying Week**

Our special week began today with Skipping Workshops which each class took part in. Next week the children will have a variety of visitors and activities linked to this theme. We hope they have an enjoyable and informative week. The Fire Brigade will be visiting the school on Tuesday. Please ensure cars are parked in the Village Hall Car Park rather than in the lane to ensure that the Fire Engine can get through.

**Hillbilly Goats Gruff**

The children really enjoyed the theatre production on Wednesday. We would like to thank the representatives from the Village Hall who organised the event.



## Christmas Dates



### **24<sup>th</sup> November - Village Hall Christmas Fair**

Each year we run a stall at this fair. This year we intend to run an unusual type of tombola. Please could each child bring into school a themed jam jar that could be put on the tombola. For example the jar could contain sweets, a pair of socks, coins, mini colouring pencils, hair bobbles, homemade jam etc. We will need all jars returned to school by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November.

### **5<sup>th</sup> December - School Christmas Celebration**

At 4.30pm we will meet outside the Village Hall to go carol singing around the village. The route will lead to the church where we will hold a carol concert. The children will sing carols and read Christmas Bible readings whilst Class 1 act out the nativity scene. Following the service we will meet again at school for Mince Pies and a Christmas Raffle.

### **12<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Lunch**

For all the children and the parents of Year 6 – invites to follow.

### **14<sup>th</sup> December - Christingle Service.**

Children and Parents are invited to join the village and Church Congregation for the annual Christingle Service which starts at 6.30pm.

We have provisionally booked **8<sup>th</sup> December** for the **Xmas Fair** however, we still need volunteers to help run this. Please contact April Turley if you need further information Tel Number 07973202441

### **Tree Walk**

On 29<sup>th</sup> November class 2 and 3 will be working with Kate Tobin from East Devon Countryside. The theme for the day will be Great Trees of Devon. Already this year Luis has won a prize in the Children's Great Tree Hunt. The children will go on a walk around Branscombe to look at the trees and then the follow up work will involve producing some creative writing. As preparation for the day Kate has asked if you could talk to your children about activities you took part in around trees when you were younger e.g. games played, apple picking etc. She would also like the children to be able to talk about a favourite tree, preferably one in Branscombe itself. Please fill in the Permission Slip below and indicate whether you would like to join us for the walk. There is no charge for the event.

### **Remembrance Day**

The service on Monday was lovely. The children's behaviour was exemplary and it was good that they were able to take part in the service by placing the crosses and laying the wreath. Thank you to those parents who joined us.

**Playground Wall**

We are pleased to be able to report that work to replace the wall in the back playground will begin over the next couple of weeks. This will mean that we can expect that the children will be able to use the playground again in the Spring.

**Daffodil Bulbs**

A couple of weeks ago the children planted a daffodil bulb each. These were donated by Marie Curie Cancer and the idea is that children collect donations in the envelope we are sending home today. When the daffodils have grown the children will decorate the pots and bring them home as gifts. Please could envelopes be returned by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. See separate letter for further information.

**A note for Class 1**

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are learning about light and dark in our science this half term and I would be grateful if the children could bring in any battery operated light sources e.g. torches or lamps for our class collection. Also please could your child/children bring in a clean, empty glass jar for next week's science lesson, I need enough for 1 per child! For safety reasons it would be a good idea if these were wrapped in bubble wrap/newspaper or handed into the office by an adult.

Many thanks,

Mrs Roberts

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**Tree Walk Classes 2 and 3**

**I give permission for my child to attend the Tree Walk on November 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**Name .....**

We/I would like to help with the trip (please insert name).

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**THE FAMILY CARING TRUST PARENTING PROGRAMME**

**I/We will be attending the taster session on 14<sup>th</sup> November**

**I would like.....place(s) at the crèche for the following children:**

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*I/we* would like to attend the parenting programme. *I/we* would prefer a ***morning/evening*** session.

Please delete as appropriate.

*I/we* would like to have a crèche available during the full course

Yes	No
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*Please tick*

Name(s)

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Contact Number .....