

**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER 07/08 03**  
**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2007**

**Harvest**

This year's harvest festival takes place at St Winifred's Church on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 11.15am. We would be grateful if those children attending could bring a Harvest Gift to the service. Following the Service there will be a bring and share lunch in the Village Hall. All parents and children of Branscombe School are invited to attend this.

**Contact Information**

On Monday we will be sending home the current contact information we hold about your child. It is imperative that these are checked and amended if necessary and returned to school by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

**Safety of Children**

We have noticed recently that several children are climbing on the wooden huts and on the railings. The children have been told many times that this is unsafe and we would appreciate parents' help at the end of the school day to ensure that the children do not climb on the railings and wall at the very front of school next to the lane.

**Parent Workshops**

A reminder that the teachers are running 3 short workshops on Tuesday evening at 6.00pm. If you still wish to attend please fill in the form below. There will be a crèche for children but please ensure you have 'booked' a place for children on the form so that we know how many to cater for.

**Jam Jars**

If you have any spare jam jars with lids please could you send them to the school office to help with Class 1's blackberry jam production!

**Antiques Fayre to raise money for the Children's Cycle Track**

What a success! We made a grand total of £365.00! A big, big thank you to all parents, children, relative and friends that gave their time and effort to this fund raising event. Special thanks to all those who made donations to our spectacular tombola and for the delicious cakes that everyone enjoyed. Extra special thank you to Dominic who raised £28.43 for collecting people's spare change!  
Sheleen

**Lunchtimes**

Following some training that a meal time assistant recently attended on playtime games, we would be very grateful for any old sports equipment e.g. balls, bean bags, old tennis or badminton rackets. Please also keep collecting Tesco Vouchers as these will help boost our games equipment! Thank you.

## **Jumble Sale**

A reminder to keep collecting jumble for the sale which is taking place on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September between 2 and 4pm. This is being held to raise money for the Village Bonfire Night Celebrations. More details to follow. Please do not bring jumble into school at this stage. Please bring items into school on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September. If anyone is available to help on the Saturday from 2-4pm, please contact April on 07973202441.

The PTFA are holding a cake sale during the jumble sale and would be very grateful for donations of cakes. April will collect these at the bottom of school lane before school on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

## **Class 1**

Parents of children in reception are welcome to bring their children into class in the morning. To help children in Year 1 become more independent they should now stay in the playground and line up with the rest of the school when the bell is rung.

## **Headlice**

There is an outbreak of headlice through out the school at the moment. **Please can you check your child's hair tonight.**

Daily combing with an ordinary comb helps as it may break headlice legs.

The two main choices for dealing with headlice are

Option 1      Either, buy appropriate solution from pharmacist, asking for advice as head lice become immune to different products over time. Many lotions/solutions may no longer kill eggs, so check child's head for the following week to 12 days as new eggs hatch.

Or

Option 2

Combing using conditioner. Cover hair in lots of conditioner. Comb using a nit comb to remove live lice and wipe on tissue so as not to put lice back in the hair. Repeat this process every other day for 12 days. It is important to follow this course of treatment appropriately so that the head louse life cycle is interrupted and the lice don't lay eggs as they do not reach maturity.

## **Sports Clubs**

Football club starts on Monday at 3.15 and netball club at the same time on Tuesday. We would be grateful to any parents who could help walk the children to the Village Hall.

## **Footpath**

The National Trust is

making great progress with the footpath. A grand opening ceremony is being planned – further details to follow!

### **Church Service**

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 2.45pm the children will be going to the church for a short service instead of the morning assembly. We hope that parents as well as members of the parish will also attend. Children will be picked up from the church on these occasions and refreshments will be served at 3.15 for anyone who would like to pop in for a cup of tea. The first date for this type of service will be October 17<sup>th</sup>. We hope you will join us on this date.

## **Noye's Fludde**

by Benjamin Britten  
St Andrew's Church Colyton  
October 25 – 27 2007

**We are still looking for actors, & particularly for children to be members of the chorus.**

**Please contact Margaret Clark  
on 01297 553238 or turn up at the Sunday School Building in  
Colyton at 10.30am on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October**

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### **Parent Workshop**

I/We would like to attend the Parent Workshop on 25<sup>th</sup> September.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Number of people  
attending \_\_\_\_\_

We would be interested in using a crèche facility for \_\_\_\_\_ children.

## The **BIG KNIT!**



Perfect Pink

Innocent Drinks are asking lots of people to knit lots of little hats that will fit their smoothie bottles. In November these 'hatted' bottles will go on sale in Sainsbury's stores. For every bottle sold they will donate 50p to Age Concern. Last year 230,000 were knitted, the aim for 2007 is 400,000.

We would like the school and parents to become involved in this activity. **Any donations of double knitting wool and 1/4mm knitting needles would be welcomed.** We would like to run a knitting club at school during lunchtime (details to follow).  
**Please contact Glynis for further details.**  
Thanks.

### Beginner Pattern

1. Using double knitting yarn and some small needles, cast on 28 stitches.
2. Knit 2 rows. Then, starting with a knit row, work in stocking stitch (knit 1 row, purl 1 row, knit 1 row etc) for 12 more rows.
3. For the next row, knit 2 together to the end (14 stitches). And for the row after that, purl 2 together to the end (7 stitches).
4. When you've finished, cut the yarn leaving about 25 cm. Thread the cut end of the yarn through a sewing needle, then run it through the loops and remove the knitting needle (fig. A).
5. Tighten the yarn (fig. B) and sew the little hat together at the side (fig. C). Once finished, turn it right-side out so that the seam you've just sewn runs up the inside.
6. Just to check you're on the right track, when laid out flat, the hat dimensions should be about 5-7cm along the bottom and at least 3cm high
7. Sew a little bobble onto the top of the hat. If you didn't learn how to make bobbles at school like us, ask at your local wool shop or department store –they'll be able to help you.

