

**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2007**

**End of Year Reports**

We are sending the End of Year School Reports out today. Please fill in the attached slip to say that you have received the unopened report. The Key Stage 1 and 2 SATs results are also enclosed. The children have done very well and I would like to thank all the support that parents and teachers have given over the time the children have been with us.

**Fun Day**

Thank you to all parents and friends who supported our Fun Day yesterday. Despite our worries that poor weather might spoil the fun, it actually turned out to be a lovely afternoon. The children were very well behaved and there was a lovely atmosphere. **The afternoon races went off very smoothly thanks to the cooperation of pupils, staff and parent helpers. A special thanks to Bertie's parents for providing refreshments**

**The results were as follows**

**1st with 228 points Bowline Team**  
**2nd with 225 points Clove Hitch Team**  
**3rd with 217 points Reef Knot Team**  
**4th with 215 points Figure of Eight Team**

**The Bowline and Clove Hitch Teams deserve a special mention for being so well behaved during the competition.**

**Many thanks to everyone who helped make the day such an enjoyable occasion.**

**We would also like to thank all those children in class 3 who made all the fun day stalls such a success. I know that the pupils and staff had great fun on them!**

**Balloon Buggy Challenge**

The balloon buggy challenge was also good fun. Thank you to Imogen, Ellise, Phoebe, Chloe Millar, Hebe and Henry for their entries and to all those parents who supported their children in making a buggy. The designs were fantastic and obviously a lot of time had been spent preparing the buggies. **The races were close and there were two overall winners.**

**Henry's buggy travelled the furthest distance**

**Chloe's buggy had the best design.**

**Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all the competitors and supporters for making the competition a resounding success.**

**Open Evening**

A reminder that on Monday we will be holding our open day at school from 4pm until 6.30pm. There will be no time slots as this will be an informal time to chat to staff, look at your child's work from the year, have a look at the wall displays and visit your child's next teacher (if applicable).

**Holiday Fish Club**

The children have all received a note about the Holiday Fish Club called 'Don't be a Dodo!' This will be taking place on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> August from 10.00am until 12.30 pm at Branscombe Village Hall.

### **Fund Raising For the Village Hall**

Many of you will be aware that the Village Hall are fund raising to make alterations to the Village Hall. Much of our PE and wider curriculum could not take place if it wasn't for the facilities at the Village Hall, which will of course be increased once the improvements are completed. One of the ways the committee are trying to fund raise is through the Village Hall Roof 200 Club. The 200 club draw is made on the last Thursday of every month and there are 3 prizes. 1<sup>st</sup> prize is £200, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize £100 and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize is £50.

Membership is £5.00 per month which is taken through standing order. A standing order form is enclosed with this newsletter. If you would like to join then the form can be returned to school and we will pass them on. Colin Slaney from the Fund Raising Committee would like to thank all parents for their support with the project.

### **Year 6 Leaver's Farewell**

As usual to mark the end of the Summer Term we will be having a Leavers' Farewell at the Village Hall on next Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 1.45pm. This is our opportunity to say goodbye to those children moving on to their Secondary Education and to thank them for the great contribution they have made to the quality of school life during their time with us. This year, as usual, we hope it will be attended by senior members of staff from each of the schools to which our Year 6 will be moving on. The PTFA are providing refreshments so we hope you will be able to come along and join us.

The Year 5 and 6 children will be continuing the tradition of entertaining us with a play. Because it is so special for them we will provide priority seating for their families (up to 2 seats). If you have not already reserved your seats please let us know by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

**Please collect your children from the Village Hall at 3.15pm on the last day of term. All parents need to inform the class teacher when taking their child.**

### **Postponed Swimming and Football**

Just to let you know that the swimming lesson that had to be cancelled will be refunded next week. Andy Widger will run an extra football session in September to make up for the one he had to postpone.

### **Air Ambulance**

Piers from Devon Air Ambulance visited the children today. The charity are running a scheme called Heli Bags. The children have received a large red bag today and the charity have asked if the children, with parents help, could fill it with unwanted clothes, toys, books, household goods etc. These can then be sold in the Devon Air Ambulance Shops to raise money to keep the helicopters flying. There is more information on the bag. **THE BAGS WILL BE COLLECTED FROM SCHOOL ON THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY.** It would be helpful, for storage reasons, if bags are brought into school on Thursday rather than the days before, but obviously if that is a problem we can keep a few. Please return any unused bags so that the charity can use these in other schools.

Whilst Piers was in school I gave him the entries for the Bronze Award. Several children had collected money by being helpful at home, and had completed some work in school. The awards should arrive in school shortly. Thank you to those children who worked hard for this. Any more children who wish to take part can do so at any time.

### **Eco Club**

As we come to the end of the school year you might be sorting out uniform that your children have grown out of. Instead of throwing it away Eco Club would be grateful if you could bring it into school for their second hand uniform stall. They are particularly short of sweat shirts and clothes for younger children. There will be a second hand uniform stall on the first Wednesday of the new term.

**Library Books   Library Books   Library Books   Library Books   Library Books**

**Please could all library books be returned on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July?**

**We would like to carry out a stock-take and would appreciate all the children returning borrowed books as soon as possible.**

**Thank you**

### **Branscombe Preschool**

The school is holding an Open Evening on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July, during which time the Preschool Room will also be open. Parents are very welcome to come in and take a look around. The wonderful work that the children have been involved in this term will be on display and this will also be an opportunity to meet our new Preschool Leader, Tracey Bonetta who will be starting in September. Tracey is really looking forward to meeting the children and parents and will also be working alongside Denise and Catherine during that last week of term.

