BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL **NEWSLETTER 12 / 13 23**

Friday 15th March 2013







Dear Parents,

On Tuesday we will be welcoming The Right Reverend Nick McKinnel, Bishop of Crediton, to our school. He will be presenting us with our certificate for achieving an 'outstanding' grade in our SIAS (Statutory Inspection Anglican Schools) last term. All parents are invited to join us at the end of the day on Tuesday when we will meet together as a school community for the presentation. We will send a confirmation of timings in a note on Monday.

It's been lovely this week to hear all about the children's enthusiasm for the 'Readathon'. Please keep encouraging your children with this.

Thank you for helping the children style their hair today; they looked very fun and wacky. Years 5 and 6 worked in maths lessons to plot and create a grid to show how individual cupcakes should be iced in order to display the comic relief logo. They costed ingredients and worked out a price to make a profit for Red Nose Day. We raised over £25 for the charity.







God bless and have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School

Key Dates - Mrs Gray will be in school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week.

Saturday 16th March – Barn Dance at the Branoc Hall, 8:00pm – 11:30pm

Sunday 17th March – Lambing Sunday at Bicton College, 10:00am – 16:00pm

Thursday 21st March – Last swimming lesson for Class 2

Friday 22nd March – Netball Tournament, Kings School, Ottery, parents arrive at 4.00pm

Thursday 28th March – Last day of spring term

Friday 29th March – Rock pool ramble, Branscombe beach, 13:00pm – 15:00pm

Thursday 11th April – Beach clean and rock pooling, Branscombe beach, 10:30am – 12:30am

Monday 15th April – Summer term starts

Lambing Sunday at Bicton College

Lambing Sunday will take place at Bicton College this Sunday from 10am to 4pm. There will be many activities such as tractor and trailer rides, meeting the new lambs, piglets and calves, dog show and dog agility, ropes courses etc. Children have leaflets in their book bags with more information.

Branscombe Village appears on BBC Countryfile

This Sunday's Countryfile is based around Lyme Bay and includes an item filmed in Branscombe! It features fossil hunting and bats roosting in caves. This is broadcast on BBC1 on Sunday at 18:30. For more information about the Countryfile program please visit http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b01rhf6n

After School Club

As you are aware over the course of a year we run several after school clubs which are led by volunteers to give the children a wide variety of experiences. However, we do not run guaranteed, chargeable, after school care at the moment. From time to time we ask parents if daily after school care is needed, in a similar way to how our breakfast club provides child care for parents who need an earlier start in the morning. If guaranteed after school child care is something you would be interested in please fill in the form below.

Class 2 will go swimming next Thursday

Class 2 was unable to get to their 6th swimming lesson yesterday due to road closures; they will go next Thursday afternoon instead. Please complete the form below to provide permission for your child to attend this final session (as this date is not covered on the original SOE3 form). Please also remember swimming kits.

Holiday activities with the National Trust

The National Trust is hosting the following exciting activities during the Easter Holiday:

Rock pool ramble on Branscombe Beach; Friday 29 March 1pm – 3pm

Join Kate, the National Trust Community Ranger, and discover the creatures that lurk beneath the waves at Branscombe. Meet at Branscombe Beach (map ref. SY 207 882) in front of the Sea Shanty. If you have a net and bucket please bring them along. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Family Beach Clean followed by a rock pooling; Thursday 11 April 10.30am – 12.30pm

Come and help the National Trust Rangers and volunteers tidy this beautiful beach as part of the Marine Conservation Society Adopt a Beach Scheme. All ages welcome, gloves and bags provided. Why not enjoy a picnic on the beach afterwards and then join the Rangers from 1.30pm for a rock pool ramble. Meet at Branscombe Beach (map ref. SY 207 882) in front of the Sea Shanty.

Pilates Classes in Branscombe

Pilates focuses on good movement and posture; mobilising the joints and using the body more efficiently. Abbie from Pilates Sessions is trained with Body Control Pilates and The Register of Exercise Professionals; she will be running pilates classes in the Branoc Hall on Wednesdays from 10:00am to 11:00am for beginner/intermediate level. For more information please call Abbie on 07870 862139 or visit www.pilates-sessions.co.uk

Barn Dance featuring the Dartmoor Pixie Band

Everyone is welcome to join in the fun tomorrow from 8:00pm to 11:30pm at the Branoc Hall. There will be a Bar and Raffle. Tickets are £9 for adults and £4.50 for children; this includes a ploughman's supper. Tickets can be purchased from Branscombe Post Office or by telephoning 01884 33571.

Meet the Octonauts at Sea Life

Children have a token in their book bag that entitles your family (up to 5 people) to 40% off the entry price to Sea Life. At Sea Life you can view amazing sea creatures and, if you go at the right time, you can even meet the Octonaut characters. Please visit www.sealife.co.uk for more information.

New date for netball tournament

Last Wednesday's netball tournament was postponed and will now be played next Friday 22^{nd} March. Players will have an updated S0E3 form in their book bags for parents to complete and return. The netball club leaders have organised transport for players to get to Kings School, Ottery St Mary where parents should arrive at 4.00pm. If our team gets through to the finals then parents can watch these games which will finish at 5.15 ready for presentations, otherwise, children may leave at 4.00pm. We look forward to hearing how the games go.

Morning Routines

We understand that morning routines can sometimes be difficult, however, we would like to remind parents that children **should not arrive at school before 8.40am** unless they are attending Breakfast Club. Once Breakfast Club attendees have arrived the school gate will be **locked** before 8.40am for safety reasons. Breakfast Club starts at 8am and we do ask that parents bring the children into school for the club to hand the children over to school staff. Thank you for your support with this.

Collective Worship Value – Perseverance



After School Club I am interested in my child/children attending paid after school care from 3.30pm to 5.00pm on the following days	
Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	in 3.30pm to 3.00pm on the following days
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