

BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER 05-34
Friday 9th June

Warmer Weather

Now that the warm weather has finally arrived please could you ensure that sun cream is applied before the children come to school and that children bring sun hats and extra sun cream to school each day.

We are conscious that there are few shaded places within the school playground and field. We are trying to improve this but in the meantime if any parents have old patio umbrellas that are no longer needed we would be very grateful of them this term.

Sponsored Tandem Ride

Mrs Gray will be doing a 25 mile Sponsored Tandem Ride with her husband on Sunday June 18th. The ride, which sets off from Exeter Race Course, is to raise money for the British Heart Foundation. If anyone is willing to sponsor Mrs Gray there is a form in Dawn's office. Thank you.

Drug Education

The school is currently reviewing its Drug Education Policy and Scheme of work. Mrs Gray would value any thoughts you have regarding what should be included in the policy. She would also like to hear your views on what content the lessons should include and which teaching methods and approaches should be in place for this sensitive area of the curriculum.

Please put any thoughts you have on paper and hand into the school office or post through the school letter box. I appreciate that you may want to keep your thoughts anonymous.

If you would like Mrs Gray to arrange an evening information meeting with the LEA Drug Education Adviser please let Dawn or Mrs Gray know and if there is enough interest the school will try to provide such an event.

K'NEX Challenge for Year 5 and 6 Children

Once again we have been invited to participate in the Junior Engineers for Britain K'nex Challenge, at Sidmouth College on Thursday 29th June from 9.30am – 12.00 noon. The coach will depart from school at 9am and children will need to be on time.

They will return to school by 12.30pm and need to bring a packed lunch on the day.

If you would like your child to take part, kindly return the permission slip to the school as soon as possible.

Life Skills for Year 5 and 6 Children

Life skills will take place at Peco in Beer for year 5 and 6 children on Tuesday 20th June. A coach has been booked to transport the children to Peco and to return them to school. **We will arrive back at school at approximately 4.15pm**

The cost for the coach will be £2.50 per child. Please complete the permission slip attached.

Fashion Show

Girls and boys are still needed to be models at the Fashion Show on the evening of Monday 10th July in the Village Hall. They would have to be available from 5.30pm and could probably go home by 8.30pm, before the very end of the evening's sale. Please ring Joan Titley – 01395 513292 or Sallie Herniman – 01297 680421. Tickets are now on sale (adult £3.50 inc. glass of wine, child £1.00 inc. soft drink) and can be obtained from the above or Branscombe Post Office.

End of the School Day

May we ask parents to please ensure that children are collected promptly at the end of the school day or after school clubs.

There have been several incidents recently when we have tried to contact parents of children who have not been picked up on time and it has brought to our attention that many of the contacts on our file (other than parents) are relatives who live in other parts of the country. There may come a time when you try to contact school to say you have been held up but for several reasons you may not be able to get in touch, especially when mobile reception is so poor in the surrounding areas. It is crucial that we have two other **local** contacts that you would be happy for us to call to pick up your child. Therefore please would you fill in the form below to let us know of two other local people who would be willing to pick your child up if we couldn't contact you?

Name of Child.....

I/We would be willing for the named people below to be emergency contacts if I/We were not available. I/We would be willing for these contacts to be asked to collect my child if the need arose.

1. Name.....
Address.....
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Tel.....
Mobile.....

2. Name.....
Address.....
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Tel.....
Mobile.....

Signed.....Parents/Guardian

LIFE SKILLS FOR YEAR 5 & 6

Name of child

I give permission for my child to attend Life Skills at Peco, Beer on 20th June 2006

Signature of parent/carer

Name of parent/carer

I enclose £2.50 as a contribution to the cost of the coach.

K'NEX CHALLENGE FOR YEAR 5 & 6

Name of child

I give permission for my child to attend the K'nex Challenge at Sidmouth College on Thursday 29th June.

Signature of parent/carer

Name of parent/carer

Year 4 Athletics Festival

Children in Year 4 from local primary schools have been invited to attend an Athletics Festival at Sidmouth College on Wednesday 15th June from 1.30pm until 3.30pm. We hope to be able to transport the children to the event in cars and would appreciate help from willing parents.

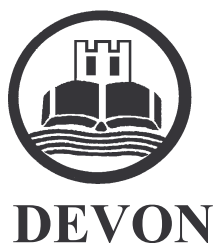
Please fill in the slip below and return it to school by Monday 5th June.

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I give permission for my child..... to attend the Athletics Festival at Sidmouth College on Wednesday 15th June.

Please collect your child from Branscombe School at 3.30-3.45pm

Parents willing to help with transport should please contact the school office.



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Dear Parent/Carer

We are pleased to inform you that we have decided to take part in the Effective Early Learning Programme, based at the Centre for Research in Early Childhood, Birmingham. The aim is to evaluate and then to raise the quality of the early learning available to young children in our setting. This will hopefully lead to an accreditation in Effective Early Learning which is nationally recognised and which, at present, few settings have.

During the process, observations of a sample of children and staff will be made. These will feel very informal to the children and the children will just see it as any other lesson when an assistant is working with a group. Photographs will be taken to support the work. We can assure you that confidentiality will be respected throughout.

We are very lucky to be able to have the opportunity to do this programme which has the full support of The Governing Body. We will regularly keep you informed of how the programme is going.

If you would like any further details, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Glynis Newman who is co-ordinating the work.

Yours sincerely

Katie Gray