

BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Friday 3rd November 2006

School Playground

You will remember that last year's sponsored walk raised money for improving the school playground. Over the last few weeks we have used the money to buy plants for the tubs and have the playground markings repainted. We are also in the process of purchasing some extra games and activities that are permanent fixtures to the playground.

Class 1 Trip

Class 1 had a lovely day yesterday when they visited the museum in Exeter. Mrs Roberts said they behaved very well and were a credit to the school. They all deserve a 'pat on the back'!

Missing Coat

Please could everyone check at home to see if they have India Anning's school coat. It is dark blue with the school logo and has her name written on the label.

Netball Club

When the evenings become too dark for outside play, Netball club which takes place on Mondays will end and Young Philosophers will start. We envisage this will be in about three to four weeks. More details later.

Football Club

Football club which takes place on Thursday from 3.30-4.14pm has places available. If you are interested please see Mrs Crawford.

Sponsored Cycle Ride

The sponsored cycle ride to raise money for the hinge protectors and Devon Air Ambulance took place last weekend. April Turley and Mr and Mrs Gray on their tandem, cycled the rather hilly route! Despite the pain at the steepest point, the ride was really enjoyable! We will let you know in due course how much was raised. Thank you to everyone who sponsored the riders and to April who organised the event. Please can any sponsor money be brought into the school office ASAP.

We would like to thank Mr Colin Mooney and Mr Simon Turley for fitting the hinge protectors this week.

Sponsored Pony Ride for the School Library

Scarlett and Sophia will be doing their sponsored ride on Sunday. We have all been very impressed with the initiative they have shown for this idea and wish them every success over the weekend.

Remembrance Service

On Monday we will be having our Remembrance Service in Church at 10.45 am. Parents are very welcome to attend. If you are coming we would appreciate help walking the children down the lane to church at about 10.30. Thank you.

Christmas Fair

April is organising a sub-committee to plan the Christmas Fair. If you are willing to help, please contact April on 07973202441. At the moment there are not enough volunteers to allow the event to take place.

Hillbilly Goats Gruff Play

On Wednesday we will be attending the play in the village hall. Please could I remind parents to send in the permission slip and money for the cost of the ticket? (See form below). If any parents are attending we would appreciate help walking the children down the lane at about 1.30. This will ensure a prompt start to the play.

At the end of the performance we will walk the children back to school, so they should be picked up from school at 3.15 as usual.

Health, Safety and Anti Bullying week

On Friday we launch our 2006 Health, Safety and Anti Bullying Week with skipping workshops. During the following week we will welcome a variety of visitors and plan our own lessons relating to the week's theme. Please talk to your children about what they have learnt each day so that important messages can be reinforced at home. Thank you for your support.

Girls' Hair

Please could you ensure that girls who have shoulder length hair (or longer!) have it tied back at all times.

Pencil Cases for all Children in Key Stage Two

Please could we remind children that they need their own named glue stick (example pritt stick), their own set of colouring pencils (not felt tips) and a pencil.

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 14th 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.

Please fill in the slip below so that we can plan for both the taster evening and the full course.

THE FAMILY CARING TRUST PARENTING PROGRAMME

I/We will be attending the taster session on 14th 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

Hillbilly Goats Gruff

Permission slip and payment

1) I give permission for (Name of child(ren))

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to participate in this unique theatre show on Wednesday 8th November. I enclose payment of £3.00 each.

2) I would like to purchase

adult tickets at a cost of £4.50 each

I enclose a total payment of £..... Parents signature