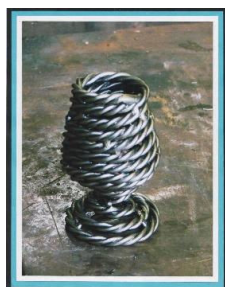


**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2008**



*This week's winning team was the Reef Knot Team with 100 points.*

**Eco Trophy** - *Well done to the Figure of Eight Knot team for winning the Eco Trophy this term.*

### **Tudor Day**

Thank you so much for all the support parents gave to the Tudor Day on Tuesday. The costumes and stalls were fantastic. We have had many positive comments from members of the community who visited the event. The children did really well and were very creative. We raised £108 for the school community fund.

### **Knot Day**

As write this newsletter the children have just completed their 'Knot Day' activity. The trails of coins on the knots were really effective. At lunch time the older children will help me to count each team's contribution and we will let you know how much we collected after the holidays. Thank you for all your support for this fund raising activity which was organised by the School Council. Well done for their ideas!

### **Geranium Competition**

The children are bringing home a small geranium plant today. These have been donated by Otter Nurseries and the children can take part in their 'Geranium Growing Competition'. In the school the children have planted the geraniums in the compost provided by the garden centre. There is a pink slip with this newsletter explaining how the plants should now be looked after at home. The garden centre would encourage children to look after their plant on a daily basis, e.g. checking dryness of the compost, removing fading or dead flowers and giving plant food to encourage more blooms. The plants **must not** be re-potted.

To be entered for the competition parents and children need to take their plant to Otter Nurseries on Sunday 13th July by 1pm. Judging will take place at 1.30pm and winners announced at 2.15pm. Only plants in their original pot will be judged.

The best entry from each school will be awarded a £10 Otter Nurseries Voucher. The overall winner will receive £100 worth of Otter Gift Vouchers for their school and £30 for the child. All entries will receive a prize and of course, praise for taking part. We hope you will want to take part!

### **A Message From Eco Club**

*Before you go to buy your child's dresses or polo shirts for the summer, Eco Club would like to tell you that if you need any summer uniform we may just have what you need in the second hand box. Please ask in the school office.*

### **PTFA**

The PTFA is currently without a Vice Chair. Technically the PTFA are not supposed to exist without a full committee. It would be awful if they had to stop all the brilliant work that they do for the school just because this position was left vacant. Please, please, please have a think over the holiday if you (Mums or Dads) would like to take up this position. We are so reliant on the fund raising that the PTFA do and I know they are planning some very exciting projects. If you would like to help in this way please contact Mrs Gray or April Rose. Thank you.

### **Meal Time Assistants**

We are desperate for lunch time help on Wednesdays. If you feel that you could help between 12 noon and 1pm on a Wednesday (or indeed any other day) please speak to Mrs Gray. If you are unable to help then please ask friends and family if they would consider this paid position.

### **Saying Goodbye to Karen**

The whole school held a 'Goodbye Assembly' for Karen yesterday where we gave her lots of parcels! The buttons were made into hanging hearts and each child had contributed towards a concertina card! The parent donations, along with those of the governors were put towards a large garden pot, bulbs and a garden voucher. Karen would like to say a huge thank you for all the cards, presents and good wishes that she received yesterday and for all your help in sending in buttons! She read every message last night and put the hearts on her wall. She has asked for this photo to be included in today's newsletter so that everyone can see the finished results!



### **Netball**

Mrs Crawford would like to say congratulations to the members of Netball Club who have made a very impressive improvement in their skills over the past few weeks – well done!

### **Sponsored Walk**

A reminder that the annual sponsored walk will take place on the first Thursday after the holidays (Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April). Please keep collecting sponsors over the next couple of weeks. Further details about the specific arrangements will be sent out when we come back to school.

### **School Meals**

A reminder that the cost of School Meals goes up to £1.85 after the holidays. We have attached a new menu to this newsletter and a Termly booking form. Please ensure meals are booked on the first day back after the holidays.

***If you would prefer to order and pay each half term, please use the form below***

Branscombe C of E Primary School

Name of Child:

Please tick relevant box for each meal required and include total amount due for term.  
Cheques payable to Devon County Council

W/C: 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal					
Vegetarian Option					
Snack Meal (inc. vegetables)					
W/C: 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal					
Vegetarian Option					
Snack Meal (inc. vegetables)					
W/C: 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal					
Vegetarian Option					
Snack Meal (inc. vegetables)					
W/C: 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal					
Vegetarian Option					
Snack Meal (inc. vegetables)					
W/C: 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal					
Vegetarian Option					
Snack Meal (inc. vegetables)					

Total number of meals                      x £1.85    =

## **Class 2 - Swimming Lessons**

We have arranged for class 2 to have swimming lessons for six weeks after the holidays at Sidmouth Pool.

The children will travel by coach and be back at school by 3.15pm

The PTFA have given a very generous amount towards the cost of the lessons. There will be a voluntary parental contribution of £8.75 towards the costings of these afternoons.

Please be advised that if insufficient contributions are received it may be necessary to cancel the activity.

Please return the permission form below together with the voluntary contribution

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Name of Child (in Year 3 and 4 only).....

I give permission for my child to participate in swimming lessons at Sidmouth Swimming Pool on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April, 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> May and 5<sup>th</sup> June in the afternoon. A coach will transport the children to and from the school to the pool.

I enclose £ 8.75 as a contribution to this activity.  
(Please make cheques payable to Devon County Council).

Signed.....Parent/Guardian

**Name** .....