BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 06/08 7 Thursday 19th October 2006

Just a quick reminder that there is no school tomorrow for the children, hence this week's newsletter is a day early!

Pink Day

Thank you for all the support for today's charity event. The children have had great fun and have made a real effort with their pink costumes. We will let you know after the holidays how much we have raised.

School Council

A few weeks ago the children elected the new class representatives for the school council. They are as follows:

Reception Bertie Bentley

Year 1 Maddie Harper and Archie Snowling

Year 2 Finley Knight and Rebecca Evans-White

Year 3 Ellise Bromfield and Thomas Willerton

Year 4 Chloe Millar and Ellie Sharland

Year 5 Harriet Harper (Secretary) and Bethany Lee (Treasurer)

Year 6 Hubert Wigier (Vice-Chair) and Hannah Coles (Chair person)

Congratulations to all of our successful candidates and many thanks to those who took the time and effort to campaign for election. We hope they enjoy their time in office and that everyone will give them support. May we also take the opportunity to thank the outgoing Councillors for all their hard work last year – they really did achieve a lot.

Morning Arrangements

We wish to remind parents that children should not arrive at school before 8.45am. We cannot be responsible for them before this time. If you need to drop your children to school before this they can register for breakfast club from 8am - £2 a morning, payable on the day. For security reasons could parents please refrain from coming into the building before school unless you have a prior appointment with the class teacher or have a child in reception. We try to keep the front door locked before we let the children in and staff need time to prepare for the day.

Theatre Trip

Attached to this newsletter is a letter about an exciting local opportunity we have been invited to take part in. The Village Hall Committee have arranged for a theatre group to perform 'Hillbilly Goats Gruff' in the Village Hall. The performance will take place on Wednesday 8th November at 1.45pm and we hope to take the whole school. The cost will be £3.00 per child and £4.50 for any adults who wish to join us. Please fill in the permission slip at the end of the letter and return with the money in a named envelope.

Remembrance Day

We will be holding a Remembrance Day service in St Winifred's Church on Monday 6th November at 10.45. This will culminate with the children laying a wreath on the War Memorial. Everybody is welcome to join us for this service.

Parents' Evenings

The confirmation of your appointment time(s) should be sent with this newsletter. There will be no clubs on Monday 30th October and also no Fish Club on Tuesday 31st October.

PTFA

Thank you to those who attended the meeting on Tuesday Evening and also for all the hard work that those involved with the PTFA put in throughout the year. The minutes of the meeting will be distributed shortly.

- Tea Towels these are still available from the School Office for £3 and will make brilliant Christmas Presents!
- April is organising a sub-committee to plan the Christmas Fair. If you are willing to help please contact April on 07973202441
- Storage Space the PTFA are desperate for some space to house their equipment. They need a waterproof shed or space in a garage. An alternative would be an offer of a small piece of land and the PTFA could buy a shed to put on it. If you can help in anyway please tell Dawn.
- Coin Jars these have been really successful. Please continue to keep collecting your change. Spare jars are usually available in reception.

Sponsored Cycle Ride

Thank you to all those who have sponsored the cyclists to raise money for the school hinge protectors and the Air Ambulance. The ride will take place on Saturday 28th October – please come and support us! Please confirm with April if you are planning to join the cycle ride 07973202441.

Sponsored Horse Ride

Scarlett and Sophia will be doing their sponsored horse ride to raise money for the school library on 5th November. The girls have organised this by themselves and have shown great initiative. If you wish to sponsor them there are forms in the office.

Absence Notes

If your child does not attend school we do require a letter to explain the absence, as well as a phone call in the morning. This is also needed if your child is late for school, or needs to leave early, for a medical/dentist appointment. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Branscombe Project

A reminder that the annual exhibition in the Village Hall takes place next week (see poster on notice board). The school have once again taken an active part by finding out about the school in years gone by. A display of their findings is in the entrance to the Village Hall. Please do support this exciting local event.

Pencil Cases for Key Stage 2 Children

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.

Children's Information Sheet

A reminder to return the information sheet we sent out last week about contact details, medical conditions etc.

Happy Holidays!

We hope you all have a very enjoyable and safe holiday. We all come back to school on Monday 30^{th} October.