BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL **NEWSLETTER 11 / 12 21**

Friday 24th February 2012







Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely half term break. It seems to have gone very quickly and the first week back to school seems to have been particularly busy!

Thank you to all those parents who came to watch the children's pancake races on Tuesday. A lot of fun was had by all and it was great that so many parents joined in the adult race! Thank you too for all the support from the PTFA without them the pancake feast wouldn't have been half the success it was. Class Two did a great job making the pancakes. A special thank you to Ruth who came to help Class Two. Well done to them all. There are some lovely photographs on the Sidmouth Herald website.

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I haven't been well this week, I think I must have succumbed to some of the bugs flying around, and so my timetable for next week may go slightly awry as I catch up with things at both schools. I have a meeting in Exeter on Tuesday but I will definitely be in school on Wednesday if not before.

God bless and we hope you have a lovely weekend. Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School.

Key Dates

Monday 5th March - 6-a-side football - small schools cup

Monday 19th March - start of Community Fortnight - further details to follow

Wednesday 21st March - Easter Garden competition

Thursday 29th March - Church Service at St Winifred's Church at 2.45pm. All welcome.

Friday 30th March - Class 2 trip to St Nicholas Priory for Tudor Day

Friday 30th March - last day of term

Monday 2nd April - Monday 16th April - Easter Holidays

Tuesday 17th April - return to school after Easter Holidays

Found - watch

A watch has been found in the Village Hall car park. If you have lost a watch and think it may be yours then please contact the school office.

Class 2 Tudor Trip

Thank you to all the parents who returned the slip relating to the Tudor trip and we are pleased that many of you are willing to support the trip. We are very grateful to the PTFA who have agreed to pay for the cost of the coach as this significantly reduces the cost of the trip to £11.36 per child. Cash or cheques made payable to Devon County Council please. For those of you who have already handed in cheques for the higher amount; these have not been banked and will be returned to you.

Sainsburys Vouchers

A reminder that we have our box for Active Kids Vouchers, so if you or your family and friends shop at Sainsburys please place the vouchers in the box in the foyer. Last year we managed to get a number of items the children to play with at lunchtimes and use in PE so it is well worth us doing.

Exeter Chiefs Easter Rugby Camp

We have been asked to let you know about the Exeter Chiefs Easter Rugby Camp which will take place on the 2nd and 3rd April. For more details go to www.exeterchiefs.co.uk

East Devon Countryside Events

Yesterday the children enjoyed a talk from Meg Knowles, of the East Devon Countryside Service and they will bring home an events guide today. We should like to specifically draw your attention to the Winter Bird Festival which takes place tomorrow, with events taking place throughout the day from bird ringing and birdwatching tips to art and craft activities. Contact details and location maps are in the Events Guide.

Honiton Community College Science Fair

On Wednesday Mr Maplesden from Honiton Community College showed the children a number of activities connected to our science topic on Sound. It was a very entertaining session enjoyed by all the pupils and we are extremely grateful to him for taking the time to visit Branscombe.

On Wednesday March 14th from 3.30 until 5pm Honiton Community College will be holding a Community Science Fair that is open to all KS2 children, parents and the local community. There will be a range of hands on experiences available. For further details contact Mr Maplesden at Honiton Community College on 01404 42283 or smaplesden@honitoncollege.devon.sch.uk

Puffin Book Club

The latest Book Club catalogue is sent home today. The deadline for orders is Friday 9th March. You can order online or bring your order into the office. This is a great way to order books and the school gets commission to spend on each order that you place.