

BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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PATH BETWEEN SCHOOL & FORGE

You will know that the governors have been working towards establishing a footpath within the field between the school and the forge. In the holidays we received Planning Permission for this and the county Highways Department are now ready to go ahead.

Since then an objection to the path has been made, and the National Trust over whose land it would run, has begun to explore the possibility of re-using an earlier path which led down to the playground. Naturally we have to take seriously the objection and the alternative route. We will let you know how matters turn out.

John Ponsford, Vice-Chair of Governors

WATER BOTTLES

The PTFA have kindly donated a **clear** plastic water bottle to each child in the school. As a school we value the need for children to have regular access to water. However, the current facilities are causing some problems. The cups are cone shaped and therefore children have to stand by the machine, rather than place the drink on their desk. This means that lessons are disturbed and children distracted. The cost of the coolers is also a huge issue. Following the PTFA's generous offer, I believe the school budget is best used for improving other areas of your children's curriculum.

When the children are issued with their bottles please fill them with **water** at home each day. (It will not be possible for children to refill the bottles in school). We are not allowing the children to have juice or any other types of drink in the bottles. The children will then have free access to the water throughout the day.

If your child loses the bottle we hope to be able to sell them another at a low cost from the school office.

MEDICAL FORMS

Please return the medical information form we sent out last week and any remaining BCG forms as soon as possible to the office so that we can complete our records.

ABSENCE NOTES

When writing letters following your child's absence please could you ensure that they are given to the child's teacher (rather than the office) **on the day that your child returns to school.**

CURRICULUM

Please could I stress the importance of children in Class 2 and 3 learning their multiplication tables? Daily practice should be carried out at home.

Please could children (particularly those in class 2 and 3) bring their own set of colouring pencils into school?

Monday 20 th – 24 th February	Half Term
Tuesday 28th February	Pancake day
Friday 7 th April	Last Day of Spring Term
Tuesday 25 th April	Start of Summer Term
Monday 1 st May	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 29 th – 2 nd June	Half Term
Friday 21 st July	Last Day of Summer Term
Tuesday 5 th September	Beginning of Academic Year 2006/2007