

**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER 07/08 19**  
**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2007**

**Allotment**

Thank you to those parents and children who helped with the dig on Saturday. There is another dig planned for tomorrow starting at 1.30pm. Please do come along if you can. Photos of the work done so far on the allotment are on the website. Class 3 have today been planning what will be grown.

**Clubs**

We will confirm on the playground blackboard on Monday morning whether or not Mrs Akay's Clubs are taking place next week.

**Pancake Day**

We will be holding our annual pancake race on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at approximately 1pm in the tennis courts and then the children will have their 'Pancake Feast' in the Village Hall.

The children will need trainers or plimsolls to run in, they will also need to bring in an old pan with a pancake for tossing. Please would all parents provide 6 pancakes that will be served with a drink in the Village Hall? Your contributions are very gratefully received and all parents and friends are invited to join us in the Village Hall after the races finish. April will be at the bottom of the hill from 8.20 next Tuesday morning to collect your contributions. Please do not bring them to the races as they need time to be heated up beforehand. If it is wet weather we will be unable to carry out the races but we will still meet in the Village Hall to eat the pancakes!

If anyone can spare half an hour at 12.30 on the day to help set up the hall that would be very much appreciated.

**The children should be picked up from school as usual at 3.15pm.**

**Minibeasts**

Class One had a lovely day on Monday when Dartmoor Zoo's minibeasts came to visit, in connection with their topic about animals. Photos will be on the website shortly. The Sidmouth Herald also came to take photos and these will be in the paper probably next Friday.

**Parents Evening**

You should have received a slip confirming your Parents Evening appointment time next week. Before and after your appointment with the class teacher there will be an opportunity in the entrance hall to express your views about various aspects of life at Branscombe School. This will help the headteacher and governors understand your needs and to help plan for the future. We would be very grateful if you could spend some extra time in school during the evenings to help us with this.

### **PTFA Valentines Disco**

Following the huge success of last year's disco, the PTFA have booked the same guys to run another disco on Weds 13th Feb between 3.30 and 5.30. Tickets are £1.50 for the 1st child - and then £1 for additional siblings - payable on the door (and not via school). As before, only pupils from our school in Reception upwards are insured to attend. PTFA do not run this as a profit-making event - just as a treat for the children. Therefore, please would all parents let us know on the attached slip - asap - whether they can provide a (disposable) plate of sweet or savoury food to bring on the day for the children to have as a party tea. And just a reminder that all children need to be signed in and out by a parent/guardian on the 13th otherwise they cannot attend for insurance reasons. Many thanks.

Any queries - as always - give April a call on 07973 202441,

### **Security**

Thank you for your patience during the recent building work at the front of school. The new gate is to be fitted with a security lock so that we can monitor who comes onto the school premises. It is a sad and unfortunate consequence of modern times that the governors have felt this increased security is necessary, but hope you appreciate that our first concern is the safety of the children. Many primary schools nowadays are security locked and our lack of security was a real issue last year during the Napoli incident. We hope you will agree that Branscombe Forge have made the gate in a way that is in keeping with the local environment and that, despite the obvious security needs, continues to reflect the school as a welcoming place.

### **Communication Home**

We acknowledge that during the recent bout of sickness various letters have not managed to get home to parents. The staff are looking into a system that will help to improve this and we will let you know what we decide shortly.

### **Feet of Green**

On Thursday Class 3 will be visited by a member of a team who will be carrying out an expedition across Greenland next term. They are focusing on the effects of climate change and will be interacting with schools via satellite links and email whilst they are on their journey.

We are keen that our school can be involved with the project (see <http://www.feetofgreen.com>) and so Peter Herbert is coming to give Class 3 further information and an insight into how an expedition of this sort is planned and carried out.

Peter is hoping to have a TV camera crew filming part of the afternoon. Please can parents of children in class 3 fill in the form below to give permission that their child can be filmed.

### **Permission for TV Filming**

Name.....

I give permission for my child.....(name of child) to be  
filmed for television in connection with the Feet of Green project.

Signed.....(parent/guardian)

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### **PTFA Disco**

My child/ren.....(name/s) will be attending the PTFA  
disco on 13<sup>th</sup> February.

I will be providing the following sweet/savoury (please delete as appropriate) food on  
a disposable plate.....

I will bring this on the evening of the disco and I understand that I pay £1.50 on the  
door (£1 for additional siblings).

Signed.....parent/guardian