

BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Friday 11th January 2007



Happy New Year! Welcome back to the Spring Term 2008. We hope you all had an enjoyable holiday. We welcome Mr Ford to Branscombe School this term. I'm sure everyone, particularly the children in Class 1, will help him to settle in very quickly. We will send the information about this term's topics out early next week

Walking Wizard

We are pleased to announce that at the end of last term we were able to award the first certificates in the new Walking the Wizard Way Scheme. Hebe Halstead and Dominic Boull had both walked enough times to and from school to gain their Silver Award. Well done to them. We look forward to giving out more certificates and stickers soon.

Road Safety

We are again concerned that many children are going back out of the school gate once they have arrived in the playground in the morning. Please could you assist us in ensuring the safety of the children by doing the following

- Please talk to your own children about the dangers of playing on the lane
- If you wait in the playground in the morning and see a child going back out of the gate please gently encourage them to stay in the playground
- If you walk your dog to school please discourage children from stopping in the lane to stroke your dog.

Thank you for helping us with this issue of safety.

Volunteers for Class 1

Mr Ford would be very grateful for some regular help on Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons. This is to help the children in their computer lessons. If you feel that you can assist us in this way please fill in the form at the bottom of the newsletter. Please be advised that any volunteers would be required to fill in a CRB (Police Check) form.

PTFA

A reminder that there is a meeting on Thursday 17th January at 7pm at school. All parents are welcome to attend.

School Uniform

We have noticed recently that several children are not wearing the correct footwear to school. Children should wear black shoes with socks of a subdued colour (grey, white or black). Thank you for co-operating with us in this matter.

Clubs

Mrs Akay will be running two clubs **for children in class 3** this term, **Drama Club** on Monday evenings from 3.15 to 4.15 and **Young Engineers** on Wednesday evenings from 3.15 to 4.15. Please fill in the form below if you wish to attend the Class 3 Clubs.

Fish Club resumes on Tuesday 15th January 3.15 to 4.15

School Absences

Unfortunately many of the children have succumbed to the nasty bugs that are around at the moment. If your child is suffering from a tummy upset please do not send your child back to school until at least 24 hours has lapsed since the last attack. Hopefully, this will minimise the spread of germs to the other pupils in the school.

If your child is absent due to illness please phone the school on the morning of the first day of the absence. Once your child returns to school **we also require written confirmation** of the dates your child was not here and the reason for the absence. A form to assist with this is available in the entrance hall, however, the written confirmation can be a typed or handwritten note – whichever is easiest for you.

Church Service

Just a reminder that the whole school will be going to Church on Wednesday at 2.45pm for the monthly service. **Please collect your child from the Church on Wednesday.** Parents are welcome to attend the service and to join us for refreshments at the end.

Parents Evenings

Advance notice that Parents Evenings will take place on Monday 4th February and Tuesday 5th February. There will be appointment slots to meet your child's class teacher between 5.30 and 7.00pm on the Monday and between 3.30 and 5.30pm on the Tuesday. Further details to follow.

Mill on the Brue Residential Visit

There is an extra letter in an envelope going home tonight for parents of children attending this trip. A kit list will be being sent out next week.

Term Dates

Half Term	Monday 18 th until Friday 22 nd February
Good Friday	Friday 21 st March
Easter Monday	Monday 24 th March
Last Day of Spring Term	Friday 4 th April
Summer Term Starts	Monday 21 st April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 5 th May
Half Term	Monday 26 th until Friday 30 th May
Last Day of Summer Term	Tuesday 22 nd July

Drama Club Class 3

Name of child

I give permission for my child to attend Drama Club on Monday evenings from 3.15 to 4.15.

Signed

Young Engineers Class 3

Name of child

I give permission for my child to attend Young Engineers on Wednesday evening from 3.15 to 4.15pm.

Signed

Volunteers for Class 1

Name

I am able to help on Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons in Class 1 with their computer lessons. I understand I will be required to have a CRB check.

Tuesday Wednesday

Please indicate which afternoon.

Signed

**TO : Mrs Katie Gray, Headteacher
Branscombe C of E Primary School**

Child's name.....

Dates absent.....

Reason for absence

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This letter is to confirm that my child was away from school

Yours sincerely

Signed by

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