BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL **NEWSLETTER 12 / 13 34**

Friday 20th June 2013







Dear Parents,

It is now only two weeks until the Summer Fair and each morning there seems to be a hive of activity going on in the entrance hall as the PTFA collect different items for their stalls or discuss their latest plans! I would like to say a really big thank you to all the members of the PTFA who are working so hard to make the fair a success. Please support the fair in any way that you can.

There are lots of other end of term preparations going on in school too. Teachers are busy writing the children's reports and the Class 2 pupils are busy learning their lines for the end of term play. Please keep your eye on the key dates sections of the newsletters over the next few weeks to ensure you don't miss anything!

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School

Key Dates – Mrs Gray is due to be in school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week

Monday 24th June – Junior Lifeskills Event at the Donkey Sanctuary

Thursday 27th – Friday 28th June – Flower Festival

Friday 28th June – Non- Uniform Day

Monday 1st July – 2nd Hand Uniform Sale **Saturday 6th July** – Summer Fair 11am – 2pm

Tuesday 16th July – Treasure Hunt

Wednesday 17th July – Open Evening

Monday 22nd July – Branscombe Play

Tuesday 23rd July – Last day of term

Junior Lifeskills Course - Monday 24th June

Year 5 and 6 are attending a Junior Lifeskills Course at Sidmouth Donkey Sanctuary on Monday 24th June, they will require a packed lunch and a waterproof coat. They will be travelling with Mrs Crawford and Pauline but we do need one more parent to help with transportation. Please can parents collect children from the Donkey Sanctuary at 3.15pm. Please find attached SOE3 permission form for this trip, please sign and return the form to school by Monday morning if you haven't already done so.

Exe Valley Challenge –Sunday 7th July

This exciting event for young people challenges students aged between 8 and 12 years old, to independently navigate their way around Exeter on a 7 mile circuit. The walk times are yet to be confirmed. All children must be transported to and from the event by a designated adult who must remain on site until the children have completed their walk. This will start and finish at Isca College.

Mrs Crawford and Mrs Merritt will be walking with Charly, Autumn, Bertie, Beth, Daisy F, Daisy G, Josh and Finn. They will be doing 2 practice walks **on Wednesday 26th June and Wednesday 3rd July.** They will leave school at midday, so will require a packed lunch. They will travel in parent and staff transport. Please can parents collect children from Exeter, (the car park at Countess Wear Roundabout, Mrs Crawford will provide parents with a map) at 3.15pm.

Sidmouth College Science Mornings

Year 6 require another parent to transport them to Sidmouth College on **Monday, 1st July 2013 from 9.30am -12pm** otherwise they won't be able to attend.

Year 5 also need parent volunteers to transport them to Sidmouth College on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>2nd July 2013 from 9.30am-12pm</u> otherwise they too will not be able to attend.

Athletics Club - Thursday after school

Mrs Crawford will run this club on Thursdays 3:15pm to 4:15pm for Class 2 children. Weather permitting, the club will take place on the village hall playing field. Please bear in mind there may be a need for a sun hat and sun cream. Children will need to wear trainers or plimsolls and be collected at 4:15pm from the village hall playing field. Please complete the permission slip below if you would like your child to take part. We do understand that this is a clash with the Textiles Club which is already run on a Thursday however, we will see the take up and if needed, we will postpone to another day.

Summer Fair – Saturday 6 July

Thank you for all the donations and bottles for the Summer Fair. Bottles need to be brought in by an adult and handed to Amanda or a member of staff. Please continue to drop off your contributions in the next few weeks.

The timetable for the National Trust activities on the Saturday is as follows:

11.20 – 11.50am – Stream dipping 12.00 – 12.30pm – Bug hunting in the bakery orchard 12.45 – 1.15pm – Stream dipping 1.30 – 2pm – Bug hunting in the bakery orchard

Wellies are needed for the stream dipping and if people have nets please bring them along, as equipment is limited.

Please remember to sell your raffle tickets and bring in the slips and money to the office.

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 28th June

Children can wear their own clothes to school in return for a bottle for the bottle tombola in preparation for the Summer Fair. For health and safety reasons glass bottles, and those containing alcohol, need to be brought into school by an adult please and left in the box in the office.

Treasure Hunt – Tuesday 16th July

To complement the smuggling topic that Class 2 has studied this term, the whole school will be invited to their Treasure Hunt around Branscombe village. We hope that each child will be able to bring an adult to accompany them on a hunt for treasure! Watch this space for further details.

The 2Steves Event – Sidmouth College

Authors, Steve Barlow and Steve Skidmore led a lively roadshow at Sidmouth College which the Year 6 pupils thoroughly enjoyed! They particularly enjoyed the interesting facts and stories through the medium of comedy.

"I enjoyed the way they told stories but made it funny" Bethany

"They were really amusing" Josie

"The stories taught us things but as they made it funny it didn't seem as though we were being taught" Autumn



Athletics Club I give my permission for my Child	to
attend the multi-skills club at Branscombe village hall playing field. I understand that I will have to pick up my child at 4.15pm from the village hall playing field.	
Signed	Date