

BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Friday 28th April

Library News

From Tuesday 2nd May there are to be some changes in our School Library opening times.

The following rota shows who will be able to use the Library each **lunchtime**:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reception only	Year 1 only	Year 2 only	Year 3 & 4 only	Year 5 & 6 only

The library will be closed during **afternoon play**, as this session is rarely used.

The library will also be open for **15 minutes after school** on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, staff permitting. Children, and their parents/carers, are welcome to come to the Library to change their books then. We look forward to seeing you. There will be an open/closed sign on the door, for your information. (Any queries please contact Glynis.)



Meal Time Assistants

We are **DESPERATE** again for Meal Time Assistants. This is a paid position and we would be grateful if Mums and **Dads** would consider if they could be available between 12 and 1 o'clock. Please also ask Grandparents, Uncles, Aunties, friends, neighbours etc if they would be willing to do one or more days a week.

Although we would appreciate more help on any day of the week, we are particularly desperate for people on a **Tuesday and Friday**.



Mr Ron Derry

Ron, our caretaker, is leaving today. He is now going to work at Newton Poppleford School which is much nearer to his home. Everyone at school is grateful for all the help and support he has given us over the time he has been here. Ron, and his fun sense of humour, will be greatly missed.

Our new caretaker, Mr Kevin Lucas, has been working alongside Ron this week and takes over from today. We all hope he will be very happy working at Branscombe.

Sponsored Walk

Please could you send all sponsor money in a labelled envelope as soon as possible. Any cheques must be made payable to Devon County Council. Thank you.

Piano

The children may have told you that we now have a piano in school. I am very grateful to Mr Graham Sharland, one of our parents, who assisted the school in locating a suitable instrument. Mr Sharland is a piano tuner and if you know of a piano that is due for 'a tune' he can be contacted on 01647 252167

Parking

We would be grateful if all parents could park their cars in the Village Hall car park. If cars are parking in the road, those parents who do follow our advice then have to walk around the cars on the way up to school. This is particularly dangerous for those parents who have young children either to walk or push prams up and down the road. **This is in the interest of everyone's safety especially the children's.**

Football

We have had lots of positive feedback about the new after school football club and the children certainly seem to have enjoyed themselves. Please could those children who still haven't paid please bring £2.00 to school as soon as possible. School staff run this in their own time and therefore it is essential that parents arrive to collect their children by 4.20pm so that everyone can leave promptly. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Fruit

Extra fruit is now available during morning playtime. The charge for this is 20p per day. If you are interested please complete the attached form. Once your child begins to receive fruit you will be sent a letter informing you of how much the fruit will cost for the remainder of this half term. This will need to be paid within a week of receiving the letter. You can also find this form on the website.

Please could I remind parents that if you send a break time snack to school with your child it should be a healthy snack - Fruit and Muesli bars only. Over the past few months we have noticed that children are bringing cake, biscuits, chocolate, crisps etc. These sorts of snacks will no longer be allowed.

PTFA

The new date for the PTFA meeting is on Thursday 11th May at 7.15pm. It will be held at Julie Webb's house. The address is 5 Royal London Court, Fore Street, Sidmouth. Julie can be contacted on 01395 512087

Pounds for Pounds

Thinking of losing a few pounds for the summer, an event or just want to be fitter? Does lack of motivation or will power put you off? How about joining the **Branscombe Slimathon** and raise money for the school in the process?

The Slimathon will be run over six months as a sponsored event with money raised for each pound lost. Weigh-ins will be held regularly, supervised by a member of the PTFA and will be strictly confidential.

If you are interested in joining (we have some already signed up!) please see Sam Dawson for a sponsor form or ask at the school office.

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Fruit for children at school

The Government provide a piece of fruit free of charge to all Key Stage 1 children. Because the rules for the 'free fruit' state that any child who shares a class with children who are under 8 years of age can also be provided with free fruit it has meant in our situation all of class 2 have also been able to be part of the scheme. The free fruit is eaten during afternoon play.

We are now able to offer **all** children at this school the opportunity to receive a piece of fruit during the morning play. Children in class 1 and class 2 can have this piece of fruit and still have their 'free fruit' during afternoon play.

The cost will be 20p per day, payable at the start of each term for the whole term.

If your child is away for one day – they can have two pieces of fruit the next day but unfortunately we will not be able to refund any money.

Name of child

I would like my child to participate in the extra fruit scheme by receiving a piece of fruit each day during morning play.

Signature

Date

Name