

BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Friday 5th January 2007

Welcome back everyone to the new term, we hope you all had a lovely holiday and wish you all a Happy New Year. We are pleased to welcome Mrs Holman back to Class 1.

Breakfast club

A reminder that the school does run a Breakfast club each morning from 8am. The children play games that are designed to extend their 'thinking' skills. They can also draw or ask to have some time to do research in the library. They are served toast with a variety of spreads and fruit. Each session costs £2 which is payable in advance. If you require a booking form please see Dawn.

It is planned that there are at least two members of staff in school during the Breakfast Club, however, if something unexpected did happen e.g. car breakdown, road closure, staff illness, bad weather etc we wouldn't want the breakfast club children to be left on their own before other staff arrived.

Therefore we would ask that parents of children using the club do bring them to the school entrance, just to be sure, rather than drop them at the bottom of the hill. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Children's Community Fund

Several years ago the children set up a Community Fund to help charities of their choice or to buy small gifts for people who are poorly. The children themselves choose how their money is spent and also organise fund raising activities to keep the fund topped up. Recently the children discussed sponsoring a child in a country poorer than our own. The school council researched several countries and I approached SOS Children to find out whether they had children in any of the researched countries that currently needed sponsoring.

I am pleased to say that the pupils are now sponsoring a little girl in Ghana called Grace. She is almost five years old. A display will shortly be put up in school about Grace. To help us with this, and also to help the children develop an understanding of where she lives, the pupils have all been set a small piece of homework.

Each child has been given a map of Ghana with this newsletter. We would like the children to find out one fact about Ghana and write a sentence, or draw a picture, about what they have researched onto the map. Please could these be named on the back and returned to school next week.

Air Ambulance Junior Crew

Last term the PTFA paid for the whole school to become members of the Air Ambulance Junior Crew. The new club magazine is enclosed with this newsletter. As members the children can work towards a series of badges. Most of the children have now done the majority of the work needed to gain their Bronze badge. The only other thing they are asked to do is raise some money (between £5 and £10 is suggested) by helping at home. If you wish your child to complete their award, please send the money into school in the usual way (cheques payable to Branscombe School PTFA) – once the children have earned it!

Fish Club

Fish Club will restart on Tuesday 16th January this takes place after school it will run from 3.15 until 4.15pm.

Class 2 and 3

Over the holidays we asked the children to think about a favourite local tree (preferably in Branscombe). They will need to be able to describe where it is and explain in detail why it is their favourite. Please if you have not already done so could you discuss this with your child?

Dates for your Diary

Monday 19 th – 23 rd February	Half Term
Thursday 5 ^h April	Last Day of Spring Term
Monday 23 rd April	Start of Summer Term
Monday 7 th May	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 28 th – 1 st June	Half Term
Friday 20 th July	Last Day of Summer Term
Tuesday 4 th September	Beginning of Academic Year 2007/2008