



**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

Dear Parents

I would like to thank parents for all the supportive comments we have received this week about the plans for the class structure that were detailed in the letter on Monday evening. Those parents who attended the informal meeting on Wednesday gave us some lovely feedback which is always good to hear.

Throughout this week several of the School Governors have visited the classrooms and spoken to the children. They commented on how able the children were to describe what they were doing and how they were enjoying their learning.

Mrs Gray

### **MAY DAY**

A reminder that May Day will be held on Monday at school (Village Hall if wet). The dancing will start at 2pm. **Please could girls ensure they have their PE shirts (blue or white) in school on Monday. All children should bring plimsolls (or trainers) to school on Monday.** All parents, governors and friends of the school are welcome to attend.

### **SUN PROTECTION**

Now that the summer weather has arrived (and is hopefully here to stay) please could you ensure children bring a sun hat, named sun cream and a bottle of water to school. This will be particularly important on Monday for May Day when the children will hopefully be outside most of the day.

### **POND DIPPING**

Advance warning that on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June the whole of Class 2 will be going pond dipping at Higher Weston Farm. Further details next week.

### **SCHOOL LINK**

A new catalogue is coming home with today's newsletter.

### **BRANSCOMBE WAVES**

A couple of years ago the School Council worked with the whole school to devise some children's school aims which they chose to call The Branscombe Waves. We have been talking in assembly about these and I asked the children to draw me some pictures showing the sort of behaviour described in the aims.

The Bowline Team were asked to illustrate 'Be Honest'

The Figure of Eight Team were asked to illustrate 'Be Hard Workers and do Our Best'

The Clove Hitch Team were asked to illustrate 'Be Kind, Caring and Loving'

The Reef Knot Team were asked to illustrate 'Be Friendly Have Fun and Play Together Well'

Children were asked if they wanted to do an extra picture they could illustrate 'Be Respectful'.

Please could you talk to the children about the Branscombe Waves (see picture below) and encourage them to draw Mrs Gray a picture so that we can make a display of their work. Mrs Gray would like to get this display completed before she finishes for maternity leave on Friday so we would appreciate pictures by Monday. Thank you.



### **PLAYTIME SNACKS**

As part of our Healthy School status the only Playtime Snacks that we permit in school are muesli bars and fruit. We have noticed recently that a large proportion of children are eating crackers, biscuits, crisps etc at playtime. We would ask that parents support us in our aim to encourage the children to eat fruit for their snacks.

### **PARKING**

We have been asked by the PCC to remind parents that the Church Parking Spaces should not be used by parents at the beginning and end of the school day. **Please could you ensure that cars are parked at the Village Hall and the school footpath is used.**

### **PTFA**

The school fair will be held on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July and will coincide with the Branscombe 5-aside Football Tournament. **Please could you collect bric-a-brac, toys, books etc.** Please could you also consider donating a raffle prize.

### **SCHOOL PLAYTIMES**

The lovely new playtime equipment purchased by the PTFA has now arrived in school. We have explained to the children that before they start using the equipment we are going to sort it all properly and store it so that it is easily accessible and won't get damaged.

Some parents have queried the Key Fob system we plan to start using. Please be assured this is set up in similar formats in the majority of schools and works well. If children accidentally lose an item they will not be penalised, but the system is in place to encourage the children to respect and take care of shared possessions. This is a valuable skill for all children to learn. Please do send in the slip printed below with the £1 deposit so that once the equipment is sorted out the children can begin to start their new playtime activities.

**WOODEN CUPBOARD**

We have a large cupboard that we can no longer store. If you would like to make a small donation to the school for the cupboard please speak to Dawn.

**TICKS**

There have been a number of children being bitten by Ticks this week. We asked the school nurse for advice this morning and she said to cover the tick in Vaseline so that it suffocates and it will then fall out in its own time. She is bringing some leaflets to school on Tuesday and we are resending a leaflet from last year about Lyme Disease with this newsletter.

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**PLAYTIME EQUIPMENT**

I enclose £1 as a deposit for my child..... (name of child) to access the playtime equipment. I understand the deposit will be returned at any time in exchange for the child's named key fob.

Signed.....Parent