



**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER 08/09 34**  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

**Message from Headteacher**

As we have a range of trips and activities planned for the remainder of the summer term we have added a calendar of future events to the newsletter.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns, ideas or suggestions.

We hope all the year 5's and 6's had an enjoyable time on their residential with Musbury Primary School. The children were extremely enthusiastic and keen to participate in all of the activities. I was very impressed with their ability to work as an effective team and their behaviour was excellent. It was great to see the children excelling in a wide range of tasks. They certainly outperformed me in the archery! We shall look forward to hearing their news when we return to school on Monday.

Have a lovely weekend

Best wishes,

Mr Swait

**Calendar of future events:**

<b>Activity Action Afternoon</b>	<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1:00 – 3:00pm</b>
<b>School meals taster session</b>	<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 3:00pm</b>
<b>Y5/6 Life skills at the Donkey Sanctuary</b>	<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 9 -11am</b>
<b>Y6's visiting Colyton Grammar</b> <b>Y6's visiting Woodroffe</b>	<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>PTFA Meeting</b>	<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 3.30pm</b>
<b>Class 1 visit to Cricket St Thomas</b>	<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>Class 2 Pond Dipping</b>	<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>End of year reports</b>	<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>
<b>Summer fair</b>	<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>Open Afternoon</b>	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2:15pm</b>
<b>Induction Meeting</b>	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 3:15pm</b>
<b>Sustainability picnic</b>	<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>Y5 &amp; 6's K'Nex Challenge</b>	<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 12.45 – 3.15pm</b>
<b>School Play</b>	<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2:00pm</b>
<b>Summer term ends</b>	<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>Autumn term starts</b>	<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>

**Activity Action Afternoon**

We would like to invite parents and carers to join us on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June from 1 – 3:00pm to attend our first 'Activity Action Afternoon'. This is an opportunity for you to come into the classroom and work alongside your child to complete a specific project. The theme for the event will be making mobiles that display a range of Christian signs and symbols. It would be helpful if children could bring some cardboard templates of Christian signs and symbols into school to draw around.



**HELP WITH TRANSPORT** If any parents are able to help with transport and the visits for class 2 to The Donkey Sanctuary (for Life Skills) (24th June), and K'Nex Challenge (13th July) would they please see Mrs Crawford asap.

### **Ticks**

As the warm weather increases ticks are becoming more prevalent. Following a conversation with the school nurse Anita White we are recommending the following advice: Remove the tick as soon as possible using a fine tooth tweezers, pulling steadily away from the skin. Keep the tick somewhere safe for 2 months. Look out for unexplained temperature and flu like symptoms. For further advice please log on to [www.hpa.org.uk](http://www.hpa.org.uk)

### **Celebrating achievements outside of school**

We know that pupils at Branscombe lead very active lives outside of school and regularly participate in a wide range of clubs and activities. We are very keen to hear about any of their achievements and would encourage children to bring in any awards such as badges, trophies and certificates that can be shared with everyone. We are also happy to celebrate any recent successes in our school newsletter.

### **American Lunch**

On Monday 6th July the kitchens have organised an American theme lunch, the menu for the day will be:-

Hot dogs (sausages) served in a finger roll, Fries, Baked Beans, Tomato sauce and Salad  
Cookie, Milk Drink, Fresh Fruit Salad

### **Visit to the Church Flower Festival**

The whole school was warmly welcomed by members of the church on Monday when we visited the Flower Festival. Along with a display, inspired by Derbyshire Well Dressings, created by the children in class 2, we saw a number of floral displays based on wedding anniversaries and a selection of wedding photographs through the ages.

### **Message from Sally Herniman (Church Warden)**

*"I would like to thank the children and staff for their magnificent display on love & marriage in the church for our festival. It was greatly appreciated and visitors remarked on the exhibits and the promises made by children to their partners!"*

### **Wednesday Club**

Due to other commitments Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June will be the last club afternoon this term. During this session all the children will take part in construction activities.

### **East & Mid Devon Life Skills Events 2009**

The children in years 5 and 6 visiting the Donkey Sanctuary on Wednesday should meet Mr Swait at The Donkey Sanctuary main entrance by 8.50 am. Should anyone have any problems please see Mrs Crawford on Monday. Children should wear school uniform and they will be transported back to school in time for lunch.

**Permission slips for trips**

Please could you complete and return the slip below if your child will be attending the Life skills and / or K’Nex Challenge.

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**YEAR 5 & 6 TRIPS**

Child’s name .....

I give permission for my child to attend as indicated below:-

- Y5 &6’s K’Nex Challenge on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 12.45 – 3.15pm
  
- Y5/6 Life skills at the Donkey Sanctuary on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 9 -11am

Signed .....

Date .....