

BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER 08/09 7
Friday 17th October 2008.

School Closure

We have been advised by South West Water that the school's water supply will be cut off on Tuesday, potentially for several hours. After several conversations with South West Water themselves, as well as the Local Authority we will, unfortunately, have to close the school on Tuesday 21st October for Health, Safety and Well Being reasons.

We do hope that this doesn't cause too much inconvenience. Thank you for your understanding.

Lunch Time Help

Please, please, please consider offering to help at school during lunch times. Several of our Meal Time Assistants will be leaving us shortly due to gaining full time employment elsewhere. After October we will only have one meal time assistant on two days of the week. There are two ways you can help - either by just doing one or two sessions a week, or by becoming more of a consistent member of staff. We do have a position available where someone who is able to come in each lunch time could start work at 11.30 and continue until 1.30. This will cover the lunch time break but also enable equipment to be prepared in the playground and tidied away at the end. Such a member of staff could also help teachers make resources, listen to readers or help in the library during the time before and after lunch.

If you are interested in either of these paid positions please contact Mrs Gray as soon as possible.

If you yourself can't commit to this, please think of anyone else you know who may be interested – we are desperate! Thank you.

School Lunches

Next Thursday, since it is the last day of our half term, the children will be having the Friday menu – cod and chips in a bag. If your child does not like fish, you may prefer to order the vegetarian option (vegetarian sausage and chips) or the snack (sausage roll and chips). On Tuesday 4 November there is a pre-Bonfire Night lunch. The main option will be bangers and mash, sweetcorn and baked beans, with a firework biscuit.

Hand Puppets

We have hand puppets available for £6.50 each. They are on display in the entrance hall. The order sheet is in the office and payment does have to be made at the time of ordering (cheques payable to Acorn). Orders need to be in by first thing on Wednesday.

Cricket

Seaton Cricket Club has offered to provide coaching sessions at the Village Hall for any interested children. We anticipate the cost to be in the region of £2 per session.

In the first instance, parents should please indicate their interest and preferences on the attached form.

Apple Pressing

We had hoped on Tuesday to press apples to make juice for our Car Share celebration breakfast. Despite the school closure, Sarah will still do that on Tuesday at 10am in the apple orchard by the Old Bakery. If there are any children and parents who wish to join in, you are most welcome to come along.

Car Share Challenge

Thank you very much to parents who have been getting themselves into car sharing groups ready for our challenge on Wednesday – Eco Club really appreciates your support. If you don't yet have another family to car share with, please do come into the office and we can put you in touch with another parent from your area.

Since we will be celebrating the good we are doing to the environment, we would love the children to decorate a hat and wear it to school on the car sharing morning. It could be as simple as sticking a few streamers onto a base ball hat. There will of course be prizes for the best car share hats.

When the children arrive at school we will be having a small celebration breakfast that promises to be sustainable.

To encourage children to think about travel issues, Devon County Council is running a colouring competition. There are two age categories, 5 – 7 and 8 – 11. The prizes include free bus travel and book tokens. The colouring sheet accompanies this newsletter. Bring in any entries on our car share morning and we will send them off.

Parent Governor Vacancies

We currently have two parent governor vacancies. Please see the attached information if you are interested in this valued and worthwhile role.

Half Term

A reminder that the children break up for half term at 3.15pm on Thursday 23rd October and return to school on Monday 3rd November.

PTFA News from April

- **Date Change:**
The School Quiz at the Fountain Inn will now go ahead a day early on WEDS 22nd October from 7.30 - 8pm. This will keep it clear of the show being held at the Village Hall on the Thursday evening
- **Your Help, Please! Donations:**
PTFA are looking for 3 medium sized wicker baskets to use for hampers at the Pub Quiz, Christmas Play and Christmas Fair. Rather than buy them, does anyone have a spare basket at home that they wouldn't mind donating to PTFA? Either catch April or see Catherine in Pre-school. Many thanks for your help.
- **Christmas Decoration Workshop:** 4th December 3.30 to 4.30 Village Hall
Hazel would like to run a craft afternoon with loads of activities for all the children to create Christmas wreaths, cards, tree decorations etc.. She has some absolutely fantastic ideas. Firstly, we need an idea of how many of your children would like to attend. Please could you complete the tear off strip below asap so we can get planning. Cost (including all materials) is £3.50 per child for an hour's workshop, including a drink. Teas and Coffees for parents will also be available at 50p. More details to follow once we have an idea as to how many are interested. Please DO NOT send us any money yet. Thanks.

CRICKET COACHING SESSIONS

Name.....

Yes I would like my child to take part in cricket coaching sessions.

I would prefer after school Tuesday / Wednesday (please delete as necessary)

Please return this form to the school office

Signed

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Christmas Decoration Workshop - 4th December

Yes, please I/we would like to attend the Workshop from 3.30 to 4.30

Name of Child(ren)_____

Age(s) _____

I _____ (adult name) will drop the child(ren) at the Hall for 3.30

Yes/No I will be staying for the hour

Yes/No I would be happy to help Hazel

Signed: _____

As always, contact April on 07973 202441 if you have any questions or queries.



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Dear Parent

**DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL
ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR(S)**

I am writing to invite parents, guardians and carers of registered pupils to put their names forward for election to serve as parent governors of this school. There are two vacancies.

All parents over the age of 18 are eligible to stand for election and to vote with the exception of:

- (i) those who are elected members of the Devon County Council
- (ii) those who are employed to work at the school for more than 500 hours in an academic year
- (iii) those who are ineligible as listed overleaf.

If you would like to put your name forward, please complete and return the tear-off slip to Mrs Gray by Monday 3rd November

It may be that you would wish to propose another parent to serve as a parent governor. Please note that in this case the parent in question should complete the nomination form after you have discussed this possibility.

If it is necessary for there to be an election I will provide further details of the arrangements.

Yours sincerely

Annie Dallaway
Clerk to Governors

Election of Parent Governors in Devon

Branscombe C of E Primary School.....

I wish to serve as a Parent Governor and to be a candidate if an election is necessary. I confirm that I am eligible to serve as a School Governor.

Forename(s) – PLEASE PRINT

Surname – PLEASE PRINT

DateSigned:.....

This form should be returned to the headteacher by Monday 3rd November

YOU ARE INELIGIBLE TO SERVE AS A SCHOOL GOVERNOR IF YOU:

- are an un-discharged bankrupt;
- are liable to be detained under the Mental Health Act 1983;
- have in the previous 5 years (or since becoming a governor) been sentenced to 3 months or more in prison (whether this was suspended or not) without the option of a fine;
- have in the previous 20 years been sentenced to imprisonment for 2½ years or more;
- have at any time been sentenced to imprisonment for 5 years or more;
- have been fined for causing a nuisance or disturbance on school premises during the 5 years prior to, or since, appointment or election as a governor;
- are subject to a disqualification order under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986(a), or to an order made under Section 429(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986(b);
- have been removed from a charity trusteeship by the Charity Commission or High Court on the grounds of misconduct or mismanagement;
- are included in the list of teachers or workers prohibited or restricted from working with children or young persons (currently named list 99);
- are unwilling to make an application for Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check if asked by the clerk;
- have been disqualified from being a independent school proprietor, teacher or employee in any school by an Independent Schools Tribunal or the Secretary of State;
- also are the clerk to your own governing body.