

BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Friday 26th September 2008

Football Club

Andy Widger will shortly be starting another 6 week block of football coaching. These will take place on Thursday evenings after school. A form is being sent home with this newsletter. Please return to school before 1st October.

Attendance

There are a few bugs around school at the moment so it seemed a good time to remind parents of the procedures we need to follow when a child is absent. If a child really isn't well enough to come to school we would appreciate you phoning us on the first day of the absence. Just to be on the safe side, if a phone call isn't received we will phone you to ensure you are aware of the absence!

Once your child has returned to school please could you confirm the reason for the absence in writing. There are quick forms in the entrance hall or on the school website for this purpose, although any form of written confirmation is acceptable. In certain circumstances the school may require a doctor's note confirming the reason for absence.

If you wish to take your child out of school for a reason other than an illness or medical appointment please come and discuss your request with Mrs Gray **before making any arrangements**. An 'S2' form will also need to be filled in, these are in the entrance hall and on the website and include the following statement:

The law does not grant parents an automatic right to take their child out of school during term time. If the request is for a holiday in term time you must apply for the permission in advance and the request for leave must come from a parent with whom the child normally lives, and must be for the purpose of a family holiday.

When deciding whether to allow term time leave, for any reason, the school will consider:-

- *The time and duration of the leave*
- *Your child's record of attendance*
- *Learning that will be missed*

The governors have discussed the three bullet points above and have agreed that no requests will be authorised during the first two weeks of any term nor during the month of May as this is the school's assessment period. Children will also need to have a current attendance record of 95% in order for a request to be authorised. Any holiday request should be for the purpose of an annual family holiday. The school is only able to authorise a maximum of 10 days in any school year.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Head Lice

There has been out break of head lice again! Please could you check your child’s hair regularly? Thank you.

Class 3

Thank you for all the messages of concern for Mrs Akay. We are expecting her to return to school on Tuesday.

PTFA

Our next PTFA meeting and AGM will take place next Tuesday 30th September straight after school - so from about 3.30. It will be up at school, and should be finished by 5pm. We hope this time will suit more parents and that we have a good turnout and can get our teeth into organising this term’s fundraising, and support activities for our children. The PTFA are making provisions for child care to be available during the meeting. Any queries, as always, please call April on 07973 202441 - or catch her in the playground.

Parents Evening

A reminder that we will be holding parents evenings on Tuesday 7th October between 5.30pm and 7 pm and on Wednesday 8thst October between 3.30pm and 5.30pm Please fill in the form below and return to school as soon as possible so that we can arrange appointments.

Name of child.....

I wish to make an appointment to see my child’s teacher on

Tuesday 7th October yes/no

Wednesday 8th October yes/no

Signed.....