

**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER 08/09 02**  
**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2008**

**Netball Club for Classes 1 and 2**

Netball Club, with Mhairi and Mrs Crawford, was due to start next week but because of the Sidmouth College Open Evening we have postponed the start until Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September. It takes place after school until 4.15. The course will run for 6 weeks and resume again after February half term.

**Harvest**

A reminder that the Harvest Service will take place on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 11.15am. After the service there will be a bring and share lunch at the Village Hall which parents and children are welcome to attend. Please complete the form below so that we have an idea of which children will be attending.

**Parents Evenings**

We will be holding parent evenings on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October from 5.30pm until 7pm and on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October between 3.30pm and 5.30pm. Further details will follow shortly.

**Operation Christmas Child**

A reminder that we will be taking part in the Shoe Box appeal. Leaflets explaining the process are on order and we hope to send these out shortly. If you would like to get further information in the meantime you can access their website.  
<http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk/>

**Knitting Club**

Class 2 and 3 are invited to join a knitting club to knit scarves towards the shoe box appeal. This will start next Friday in the library at lunch time. Donations of wool would be appreciated.

**Healthy Lifestyle Survey**

The East Devon PEDPASS (Physical Education and daily physical activity and School Sports) Partnership has asked us to send out the attached survey to each child. From September 2008 the Government's new Public service agreement challenges schools and School Sport Partnerships to:

'Increase the percentage of 5-16 year olds participating in at least 2 hours a week of high-quality PE and Sport at School and the percentage of 5-19 year olds participating in at least 3 further hours a week of sporting opportunities'.

As part of this the East Devon School Sport Partnership has designed the attached Active Pupil survey to gauge activity levels both in and out of school. The information gathered from this will be very useful to us at school as well as the Sport Partnership and we would be very grateful if you could spend some time with your child completing the anonymous survey before returning it to school. Thank you for your assistance.

### **Library Assistants**

We are looking for some parents or grandparents who would be willing to help in the school library for a morning or afternoon each week. We are looking for someone who would enjoy helping the children choose their books and help to keep the library in order!

### **Lunch time Assistants**

We are once again desperate for help at lunch times. It is a lovely way to spend some time with the children. MTAs supervise the children having their lunch, help organise their play and occasionally stick on a plaster. If you yourself are unable to help maybe you have a family member who could spare just an hour a week.

Alternatively, if you are willing to go on a rota for Mealttime Helpers so that you're not committed every week, please let Dawn or Sarah know days when you could be available. Thank you.

### **Music for Schools**

A reminder that we offer instrumental lessons in school which are run by 'Music for Schools'. There are currently spaces available for flute, clarinet, piano or guitar. If you are interested please contact Jim Rider on 01404 45649.

### **Contact Information**

We are enclosing with this newsletter the contact information we currently hold for each child. Please could you check this information, amend as required and return to school as soon as possible. It is important that we hold accurate information in case your child is sick or has an accident. Thank you.

### **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.

### **PTFA – Messages from April**

#### **Mobile Phones**

Many thanks to parents who recycled their phones through us. To date we have added an extra £37.50 to our funds. Please keep any old phones coming in so that we can turn them into cash :-)

#### **PTFA Committee**

Thank you to those parents who approached me about keeping the PTFA going. I get the feeling that we are all in agreement that it would be a shame for it to close. However, we must have nominated Officers in order to continue. So we're still looking for a Vice-Chair and a Secretary. These are not challenging roles, although they do require commitment. But with Gillian and I, plus the other Mums who want to be involved, I know that we can easily spread the load enough that you will easily fit the role around a busy home/work life. So please come forward and contact me on 07973 202441 this week and secure our future abilities to fundraise for our kids. Many thanks as always. APRIL

**Netball Club for Classes 1 and 2**

I give permission for ..... to attend Netball Club.

Thursdays 3.30pm – 4.15pm

Signed .....



**Harvest**

My child/ren.....(names of children)  
will/ will not be attending the Harvest Service.

Our family, with.....adults and .....children will / will not be attending the  
bring and share lunch.



**DEVON**

# BRANSCOMBE C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Branscombe  
Seaton  
Devon  
EX12 3DA**

**Headteacher: Mrs Katie Gray**

12 September 2008

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 me by **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September**.

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 Saunders  
Clerk to Governors

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### **Election of Parent Governors in Devon**

School/Community College ... **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 .....

Date ..... Signed:.....

***This form should be returned to the headteacher by FRIDAY 26 SEPTEMBER***

**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.