



BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Dear Parents

I would like to thank you all for all your good wishes for my maternity leave. I hope to bring the baby to see you all towards the end of term perhaps at the school play!

I hope the children enjoy the rest of the term – the teachers are certainly planning a lot of exciting activities for them and I hope those going to Barton Hall next week with Musbury Primary School have a great time and prove to be good representatives of our school. I wish all those children leaving for secondary school in September every happiness for the future and I hope they will pop back and see us from time to time.

We have had a very exciting morning today. A while ago the children nominated Dylan Harrison our previous catering assistant for The Gill Barnard Award. This award was set up a few years ago in memory of Gill Barnard who worked for the meals service before she sadly died in 2005. The children created a 'lifesize' piece of Dylan artwork and wrote poems as part of the nomination process. We were thrilled when we were told that Dylan had won the award and this morning members of Gill Barnard's family came to present him with his prize. Photos should be in the Sidmouth Herald and other local papers next week. Well done Dylan.

Unfortunately there hasn't been much take up of the 'key fob' scheme for the children to use the new play time games. The games have now all arrived and have been organised carefully into the play time shed. Following discussions with parents we have decided to change the system slightly to allow all pupils to take part. We will issue the key fobs without the deposit. If a game is deliberately broken or lost the key fob will not be able to be used to exchange for other games for a period of time and we may ask children for a donation towards the cost of a replacement. We hope this system is more acceptable to you. If you have already sent in a deposit please pick these up from Dawn next week. Mr Swait will talk to the children shortly about the key fob system and how we expect the games to be looked after. Then the items will start to be used at lunch time.

I will be back in school full time from Easter next year. I wish Mr Swait every good wish as he takes over the reins! Having worked with him for the last few weeks I know the school is in safe hands and I look forward to hearing all the school news from him over the next few months.

Mrs Gray

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.

POND DIPPING – CLASS 2

On Tuesday 30th June Class 2 will be visiting Mr Macfadyen's farm at Weston. Children will meet at the farm at 9am and we will be walking back to school in the afternoon. There is no cost to the trip. During the morning we will be pond dipping and following a nature trail to link with our

science topic this term. If any parents are able to help with the trip please see Mrs Crawford. A permission slip will follow shortly along with specific details of the day.

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.

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 5th 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. If you have any gazebos you could lend to the PTFA for the day please see Caroline or Lynley. The PTFA have asked for any donations of homemade jams, chutney, homemade drinks or fresh strawberries and cream as well as cakes to make the cake stall a bit different this year.

There will be a PTFA meeting on Wednesday 24th June at 3.30 to discuss how parents could help with the fair. If you can't make the meeting please let Caroline or Lynley know how you could help. Thank you.

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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

If you would still like to buy a school photo please could you do so before Wednesday of next week as the remainder will be sent back to the photographer at the end of next week.

OTTER GARDEN CENTRES

A reminder that the judging for the Petunia growing competition will take place on Sunday 28th June. The plants need to be on display (labelled correctly) before 1pm. This year the garden centre will welcome Nasha the Owl to the judging. She is a friendly European Eagle Owl – don't forget your camera! Good luck to you all.

CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL

The church are holding their Flower Festival this weekend with a theme of 'Love and Marriage'. The children in Class 2 have produced one of the displays which is well worth going to have a look at.