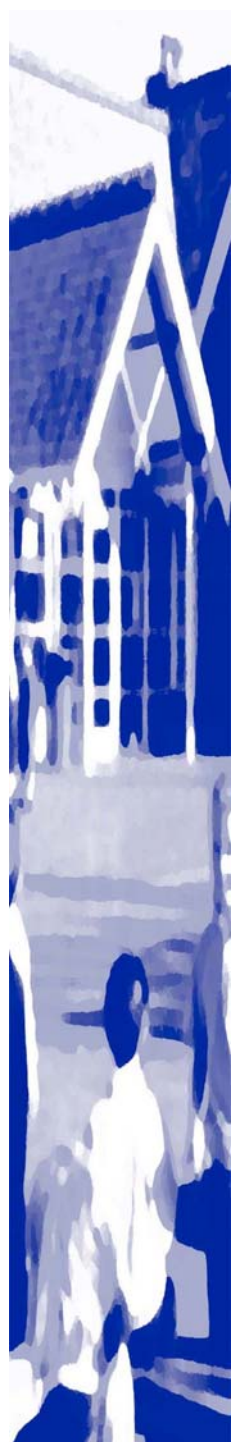




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# NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2009

Dear Parent/Carer,

It was a really great experience to be greeted by all the sunny smiles and positive attitudes of the children on the first day of term.

Nobody likes to give up the holiday mode (especially me!) **but** that's real life. I'm always telling my own children, life is about putting out the bins!

I am proud of our community for fostering this positive attitude to learning and work.

## DATES

Please receive with this newsletter the key dates for this academic year. Should you lose them all information can be found on our website: [www.bransgoreprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.bransgoreprimaryschool.co.uk)

Please note the change of INSET Day 4 (**if you had asked for holiday dates prior to this letter**) It is now April 19<sup>th</sup> instead of April 1<sup>st</sup> 2010.

There are five INSET days per year as all schools provide 150 days taught time. The five INSET days come out of teacher's holidays enabling essential training.

## Staff News

Sadly for us, Mrs Bowers nee Miss Ennor leaves school having completed her maternity leave at the end of September. She has been a brilliant part of our team and a gifted teacher. We all wish her well.

As Mr. Revell will be leaving us at Christmas, he and Mr. Warren are currently working together to provide a smooth transition of duties. Mr. Warren is in the front playground in the mornings so do have a chat with him (he gets lonely!).

Those parents whose children have Individual Education Plans (special Educational Needs) will be meeting Mr. Warren as our new SENCO.



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**'An Environment Where Your Child Can Flourish'**

## Harvest - Years 1 - 6

In partnership with St. Mary's Church, we will be attending the Harvest service on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Dry foods / tins donated will be sent by our Vicar to local charities such as homeless shelters in Bournemouth. If you wish to support this worthwhile venture and help us teach the children that in real life not everybody has a home / family etc, please send in the food on that Monday morning. Thank you.

## Years 3 and 4

We are very excited to announce the arrival of a purpose built role-play area for our Year 3 and 4 learners. This role-play area will add to their creative thinking, adding a dramatic approach and will enhance their learning.

The role-play area will be changed each half term, with a theme linking to the IPC unit being taught. It will provide opportunities for the children to take on other peoples characters and roles, experiencing things they may not have experienced before.

The Autumn term theme for the role-play area will be:

- An airport café/restaurant
- An airport

This is where we need your help...

Have you got any resources which you think may enhance our role-play? This may be memorabilia from holidays, an old suitcase, unwanted postcards, stationary, play food, tablecloths, restaurant menus, old holiday clothes or items i.e. Hawaiian shirt, a pair of sunglasses or a sun hat! Please note that you may not get your items back - so please only donate unwanted items.

Many thanks; we look forward to receiving your 'holiday paraphernalia'.

## Years 5 and 6

Over the year all the children will be able to use the radio centre as an ongoing element of their Learning Programme. To kick-start this new initiative we are delighted that Wave 105 presenter, Simon Clarke, will be able to lead workshops with our children. Wave are so delighted with this idea that they have asked could they take publicity photographs. If any parent wishes to withdraw their children from the photo-shoot, please write to Mr. Boase ICT Leader via the school office.

## Latest swine flu guidelines

I am writing to update you with the latest information on the current swine flu pandemic. It is hoped that the effects of the pandemic will be minimal this term, Nevertheless, we have put plans in place to ensure we are prepared and it is important that all parents /

carers are aware of the correct actions to take and where to go for guidance, should the need arise

As you may be aware, the Government has moved to a treatment phase to manage the current swine flu pandemic. This means that the NHS is now focussing its efforts on treating people who have the virus.

### **School disruptions/closures**

The updated Government guidance on schools is that they will not close because of individual cases of swine flu. However, schools may need to take the decision to close if local circumstances warrant it, e.g. if a significant number of staff are ill. This decision would be made as a last resort and only if the school is unable to guarantee the safety of pupils, based on a risk assessment.

If we do experience staff shortages due the pandemic, there could be some disruption to the normal school timetable. Temporary arrangements may be required to ensure the school is able to stay open. We will try to keep any disruption to a minimum and keep you updated if this situation arises.

It is important that we have the correct contact details for all parents and carers, so we can keep you informed of any disruptions and contact you if your child falls ill during the day. Please can you check that the contact details we hold for you are correct and advise the office of any changes.

For the latest information on emergency school closures visit

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/schoolclosures>

### **Symptoms**

Although I realise you may be concerned about the spread of swine flu, I would like to reassure you that there is no cause for alarm. The most common symptoms of swine flu are fever, sore throat, diarrhoea, headache, feeling generally unwell and a dry cough - in other words, symptoms very similar to ordinary seasonal flu. Most people recover within a week, even without anti-viral treatment.

Although symptoms have generally proved mild, a small number of patients will develop more serious illness. Many of these people have other underlying health conditions that put them at increased risk.

The advice from the NHS is that, unless you have flu-like symptoms, there is no need to stop your normal everyday activities, such as going to work or school.

### **If your child is ill**

If you feel your child is displaying flu like symptoms, they should stay at home. Contact the National Pandemic Flu Service for an assessment. You can either telephone the Service on 0800 1 513 100 or use the on-line assessment tool at :

[www.pandemicflu.direct.gov.uk](http://www.pandemicflu.direct.gov.uk). Please inform the school, as per normal absence reporting procedures, on **01425 672272**

### **Prevention**

Although the focus is now on treatment, there are still steps we can all take to help prevent swine flu from spreading. Please follow good practice hygiene advice from the NHS, which asks that people 'catch it, bin it, kill it' when they sneeze or cough. This means you should:

- catch your cough or sneeze in a tissue;
- throw the tissue in the bin quickly;
- wash your hands regularly with soap and water, or waterless hand hygiene products; and
- clean hard surfaces (like door handles and remote controls) frequently with a normal cleaning product.

### **Latest advice**

To read the latest official advice and find out about the simple steps you can take to help protect yourself and others visit [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) or call the Swine Flu Information Line on 0800 1 513 513.

Further information about swine flu can also be found on the Health Protection Agency website [www.hpa.org.uk](http://www.hpa.org.uk) and in the leaflet 'Swine flu and schools' - [http://www.hpa.org.uk/servlet/ContentServer?c=HPAweb\\_C&cid=1247125501005&pagename=HPAwebFile](http://www.hpa.org.uk/servlet/ContentServer?c=HPAweb_C&cid=1247125501005&pagename=HPAwebFile) which answers some specific questions related to schools.

You can also find some guidelines in the government leaflet about swine flu that was distributed to your household. The leaflet is also available online at: [www.direct.gov.uk/en/Swineflu/DG\\_177831](http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/Swineflu/DG_177831).

Please keep in touch with the latest news from the school by visiting our website at [www.bransgoreprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.bransgoreprimaryschool.co.uk)

Best Wishes

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