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Dear Parents/Carers

End of School Year Newsletter

Now I know I'm getting old, where has this year gone? Yet another group of fabulous children leave us for secondary school this July, with a new cohort of small people waiting to start big school in September

The Cycle of Life!!

Year 6 Triumph

It is with great delight that I share with you the Year 6 SATS (standardized assessment tests) results.

The government target is for 75+ % eleven year olds to attain Level 4. (Level 5 is the expected 14 year old level.)

| Maths | English | Science |
|---------|----------------|----------|
| L4+ 95% | L4+ 100% | L4+ 100% |
| L5 50% | Reading L5 80% | L5 80% |

The children have exceeded all records and will be rightly placed as one of the highest achieving groups in England. Well done Year Six (and their teachers!)

They have also raised £1,037.44 for their chosen charities from their financial enterprise projects.

STAFFING 2009/10

We are extremely pleased to have secured two excellent teachers for September - Miss Lovell and Miss Scott. Mr Boase will be covering classes and working with small groups to boost basic skills and ICT (especially with our new radio station!)

Mr Warren will be teaching Year 6 maths and English and not be class based, which will cover Mr Revell's areas of management and leadership; Mr Revell remains with us for another term. The governors have supported my decision not to disrupt learning groups in January when Mr Revell leaves, so the two new teachers will have class/learning groups in September. Thank you governors!

OTHER NEWS

The last day of term is **Wednesday 22nd July** (unlike some national press reports, our school has maintained learning right up until the last day!) We re-open on Thursday 3rd September.

We have lots of exciting new learning opportunities for the children in the new term including ukulele classes for Years 3 / 4 and a 'Wave 105' radio D.J. providing radio workshops for a month.

May I just remind you to make sure that your child takes all their belongings from their peg, tray, medical cupboard and lost property on the last day - unfortunately we do not have room to store items left behind, and to let the office staff know if your child wishes to start - or even stop - school meals in September.

To make reporting absence easier, we have installed a new answer phone system. Reported absences improve your child's attendance percentage.

Thank you for all the questionnaire returns. The information is extremely important to us and helps us to improve. Once we have analysed the data, I will report back the outcomes.

The Governing Body is delighted to announce that Mr Terry Gibson has been re-elected for a further 4 years and will continue as vice chair of governors and chair of staffing committee.

I publicly want to express my appreciation for the team. Staff, Governors, BSA and volunteers have all worked so hard. Their enthusiasm and creative ideas for this year have made Bransgore a special place. As our new radio jingle says "Bransgore Radio - shout about learning".

My thanks to all of you for your support and encouragement.

Have a great summer

Warm best wishes

Peter Pretlove.
Head Teacher