

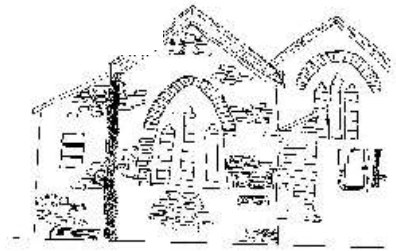
**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER 13 / 14 05**  
**Friday 8th November 2013**



Branscombe C of E Primary School  
Children's Aims  
We will try to:



**The Branscombe Waves**



Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely half term holiday; the children had lots to tell me about what they'd been up to in assembly on Tuesday.

Thank you for all your support during our Ofsted Inspection and for all the 'good luck' messages! We will let you know as soon as we have the final report!

Our collective worship theme this half term is Creativity. On my drive between Broadhembury and Branscombe this week I was listening to The Bishop of Bradford talking on Radio Two's 'Pause for Thought'. He mentioned that so often people want to become famous and live extraordinary lives and yet the 'ordinary' is actually where most of us live. It made me think about where we live and how the 'ordinary' in Devon is so very beautiful, the school environment that probably seems so 'ordinary' to our pupils is actually one of the most idyllic. Over the next few weeks in school we will be thinking about God's creation around us and how we should ensure we don't take what often seems so 'ordinary' to us in Branscombe, for granted. It would be lovely to hear from the children about what they most love about the natural environment around them. Perhaps some of them will talk about how they are improving the school environment during their lunchtime gardening club. The team worked really hard this week on the planters in the playground. They look really super. Thank you for all your brilliant efforts.

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

*Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School*

**Key Dates** – Mrs Gray will be in school all day on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November** – Remembrance Day

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November** – **POSTPONED** - Reading Evening at 6pm

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November** – Children in Need – wear your spotty clothes!

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** – 3.15pm Internet safety session for parents.

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** – Christingle Service (please see details below)

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Branoc Hall Christmas Fair, 2-5pm

**Week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Children's Christmas Dinner (date to be confirmed)

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Play (further details to follow)

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Carol Singing (details to follow)

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Last day of term

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January** – return to school after Christmas holidays.

### Reading Evening

Disappointingly we only received replies from 3 people for the planned reading evening on Tuesday next week, so unfortunately we will be postponing the event until Spring. We should be grateful if you would take the time to complete the slip below to show what days and times would work best for you if you would be interested in attending this event in the future.



### Remembrance Day



We will be taking the children to the village war memorial on Monday for a short act of remembrance at 10.45am. It would be lovely if family and friends of our pupils could join us for this. Some of the Class 2 children will be reading out tributes to all the nurses and doctors who have helped wounded soldiers.

### Christingle

The Christingle service will take place at 6pm on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at St Winifred's Church in Branscombe. It would be great if as many children and families as possible could attend. Please complete the slip below so that we know how many children will be attending in order that we can plan for the service. Thank you.

### Gardening Club



The gardening club would like to say a great big "thank you" to Sidmouth Garden Centre for providing compost, seeds, seed trays and trowels. The trowels and compost were all put to good use on Wednesday and the school is looking very tidy and colourful as a result.

### Internet Safety

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 3.15pm there will be an internet safety session for parents.

## The School Office

As you will appreciate the school office is a very busy place with lots of comings and goings and lots of personal and confidential paperwork being used throughout the day. Because of this please could we ask for your understanding when we ask that parents and visitors should only go into the office when a member of staff is present and free to talk. Please also respect the privacy of other parents who may be having a personal conversation in the office, by not entering until invited to do so.

There is also a great amount of general paperwork in the office and for this reason we ask that any letters/forms/money etc. are placed in the box in the entrance hall. This is emptied daily but if all correspondence from families is left in one place it ensures individual envelopes are not mixed up with general school admin. We ask, if possible, that any letters/money etc. from home is placed in the reusable plastic wallets that all families have been supplied with. If you require another one of these please see Nicola in the office.

## Children in Need – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday 15<sup>th</sup>



On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November we will be decorating cupcakes which can be bought for a small donation and on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November children can come to school dressed in spots in return for a donation to this great cause.

## Branoc Hall Christmas Fair

The Branoc Hall Christmas Fair will take place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2-5pm. Local organisations run stalls at this event and contribute their proceeds to the Branoc Hall funds. However, if you would like a stall of your own you may hire a table for £10. There is a £50 prize for the best dressed table! If you are interested, please ask Nicola for further details.

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## Reading Evening

I / We \_\_\_\_\_ would be interested in attending a reading evening in the Spring. Our preferred times and days are shown below.

Day	Afternoon (Approx. 3.45pm)	Evening (Approx. 6pm)
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		

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## Christingle

My child / children \_\_\_\_\_ will be  
attending the Christingle Service.