



**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER 12 / 13 11**  
**Friday 23rd November 2012**

**Achievements to Celebrate  
Branscombe Waves Award:**

**Bertie:** Writing very descriptively.

**Ismay:** Making very good progress in writing.

**Marlon:** Making excellent progress with his reading.

**Rhys:** Making very good progress in writing.

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



The Branscombe Waves

Dear Parents

Thank you for all your support and understanding this week with the bad weather. It was great that the majority of pupils got in to school. I am really sorry that I couldn't attend parents' evening. It felt like I'd spent the whole day driving round Devon never getting anywhere! If you would like to make a separate appointment to see me please ask at the school office.

Next week I will be spending Thursday and Friday with the other Sidmouth Learning Community headteachers. Year 6 and 7 staff in the learning community have recently begun a project looking at how to improve transition from primary to secondary and how we can ensure the children in our school have the key learning skills they will need when they enter secondary education. The headteachers will be using this as a starting point to plan how we can develop their ideas through staff training and partnership working.

God bless and we hope you have a lovely weekend.

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

**Key Dates** – Mrs Gray will be in school Monday all day and Wednesday morning next week

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – Branscombe Village Christmas Fair

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – Christingle Service

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Branscombe Pantomime

**Wednesday 12 December** – School Christmas Play

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – PTFA's Pub quiz at the Fountain Head

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – School dinners Christmas Lunch

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Branscombe School Christmas Lunch at the Village Hall

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – PTFA's trip to Snail and Whale

**Children in Need**

We hope the children really enjoyed their pyjama day last week. We raised a brilliant £42.06 for Children in Need. Thank you for your support.

**Contact Details**

Please could parents ensure that the office has all your up to date contact details. We need your current home, mobile and work numbers. It is also helpful to have the details of your local family and friends who could collect your children if we are unable to contact you. Children have forms containing the details that we currently have in our files in their book

bags today. Please make any amendments so that the details are complete and correct, then sign the form and return it to school.

### **Roman Day with Broadhembury**

Next Thursday Class 2 will be hosting a Roman Banquet for Broadhembury pupils! Please can children in Class 2 dress as Romans, either as a soldier or wearing a simple toga. During the morning they will prepare Roman Food and be able to sample lentil soup and bread, followed by fresh fruits and stuffed 'dormouse'.

Children will have their usual packed lunches or school dinners. In the afternoon they will make and play Roman games.

### **Christingle Service**

The Service will be held at St. Winifred's Church, on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 6pm.

### **Snail and the Whale Theatre Trip**

The PTFA have kindly suggested paying for the whole school to attend The Snail and the Whale at Northcott Theatre on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December. The trip would have cost approximately £13.00 for each child so we are very grateful to the PTFA for suggesting the visit and agreeing to pay. The PTFA are asking that if parents would like to make a contribution (a suggested amount being £5) then this would obviously help PTFA funds for supporting other events. Please give contributions to PTFA committee members or bring them into school in a **'labelled, sealed envelope, marked PTFA Theatre Trip Contribution'**, so that money doesn't get muddled with school funds. The envelopes can be placed in the box in the entrance hall. Please pay cheques to Branscombe School PTFA.

SOE3 Permission Forms for the trip will be sent out closer to the time.

### **Parenting Course**

Our Parent Support Adviser, Tracey Tipton, will be holding the following series of Parenting Taster Sessions during November.:

#### **For Parents and Carers of children aged 7 – 11 years**

Monday November 19<sup>th</sup> 2 – 3pm at Sidmouth Primary School, Woolbrook Site

Wednesday November 21<sup>st</sup> 6 – 7pm at Sidmouth Primary School, Woolbrook Site

#### **For Parents and Carers of children aged under 8 years**

Tuesday November 27<sup>th</sup> 10.30-11.30am at All Saints Church, Sidmouth

Tuesday November 27<sup>th</sup> 7.30-8.30pm at All Saints Church, Sidmouth

These will be an opportunity for Parents and Carers to discover which subjects are covered and suggest others they would like included. Tracey is also interested to hear when and where people would like future courses to run.

If you would like to know more or book a place, please contact Tracey Tipton on 07540 668525 or [tipton@sidmouth-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:tipton@sidmouth-primary.devon.sch.uk)

### **Village Christmas Fair**

Branscombe Christmas Fair will take place on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December in the Village Hall.

### **The Branscombe Players Christmas Pantomime**

This year's Pantomime is Jack and Jill. Performances will be on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December and Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December starting at 7:30pm. Tickets will cost £5 for adults and £2.50 for children; these can be purchased from Branscombe Post Office or on the door.