



BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Achievements to Celebrate

Branscombe Waves Award:

Chloe: For working hard with the school play.
Beatrix: For working hard with the school play.
Hattie: For being kind and caring.
Xander: For being kind and caring

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



The Branscombe Waves

Dear Parents

Apologies for not managing to get the newsletter to you on Friday; a combination of weather conditions and staff absence defeated us.

The children seemed to have coped very well with the freezing conditions. Even the breakdown of our heating system on Wednesday didn't seem to faze them and they continued to focus on their learning. Well done to them all!

Preparations for our Christmas events continue and the children are getting really excited about the school play. Please see the information below about various arrangements.

Further to my letter last week about Christmas Cards, if you do wish to hang a card on the tree in the entrance hall you can hand in a charity donation to the school office. The children discussed this in assembly this week and chose to give the donations to The Meningitis Trust Charity.

Please continue to take care in the icy conditions.

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

School Nativity Play

In view of the current road conditions and weather forecast the decision has been made to postpone the nativity play. There will now be one performance on the afternoon of Friday 17th December starting at 1.30pm in the Village Hall. Children may be collected from the Village Hall at the end of the day for the Christmas Holidays.

School Fruit Scheme

We have been informed this week that the free fruit scheme for Key Stage 1 will not be back up and running until January. This is because the new company needed to CRB check their delivery staff.

Christmas lunch at the Village Hall.

Please could you inform us if your child will be requiring a vegetarian meal for our Christmas lunch on Wednesday 15th December. The children are welcome to come in festive coloured clothes and hats rather than school uniform on this day.

Christingle Service

The Christingle Service will take place at St Winifred's Church at 6.30pm on Wednesday 15th December. Traditionally this service raises money for the Children's Society. To enable children to save some coins to donate at the service we have enclosed a candle collection box.

Bad Weather Arrangements

Last Thursday you experienced the arrangements that we have in place if the weather becomes so bad that we need to close the school. Below are the details for your reference: We will inform Radio Devon and Heart Radio of our closure so please listen to their broadcasts, we will also let Branscombe Post Office know. The phone number is 680225. Local members of staff will attempt to get to school to meet any children who haven't been informed of the school closure message, however, in extreme conditions this may not be possible so please ensure you bring your child to the school door rather than allowing them to walk up to school alone. **This is particularly important with Breakfast Club as if staff are delayed with weather conditions we don't want children standing outside a locked building alone.** Once radio stations and staff have been informed of the closure Mrs Gray will endeavour to phone all parents.

If we feel we need to close the school during the day because it looks like the weather will cause problems picking children up we will call you to pick up your child as early as we can. **Please ensure we have up to date contact numbers in school.**

Swimming

We have arranged a course of 6 swimming lessons, for all pupils, at Sidmouth Swimming Pool. These will take place on Thursday afternoons starting on the 13th January. The PTFA are generously making a large financial contribution in order for us to be able to offer this. There will be a voluntary contribution of £14.00 towards the costings of these afternoons. Please be advised that if insufficient contributions are received it may be necessary to cancel the activity. Please return the permission slip below and the SOE3 form attached. We must receive these back by the end of this term please. If your child is starting in reception in January please ensure their name is on the SOE3.

PTFA

Thank you to everyone who contributed jam jars for the Village Christmas Fair on Saturday. The PTFA raised £35.00. Thank you to the PTFA for running the stall.

There are still a few tea towels left if anyone would like any last minute Christmas gifts for family and friends. £3.00 for one or £2.50 each if you buy two or more. Please speak to Caroline or Lynley.

Christmas Arrangements

Christmas Dinner provided by St Nicholas' Kitchen - Wednesday 8th December.

Community Carols & Mince Pies - Monday 13th December at 2.15pm at school.

Branscombe School Christmas Dinner at Village Hall - Wednesday 15th December.

Christingle Service - Wednesday 15th December. 6.30pm at St Winifred's Church.

Christmas Play - Friday 17th December 1.30pm in the Village Hall.

Break Up for holidays - Friday 17th December

Swimming permission

Name of child(ren)_____

I give permission for my child to participate in swimming lessons at Sidmouth Swimming Pool on Thursday 13th, 20th, 27th January and 3rd, 10th and 17th February.

I enclose £_____ as a contribution to this activity.

(Please make cheques payable to Devon County Council)

Signed _____ Parent / Guardian

Name_____