

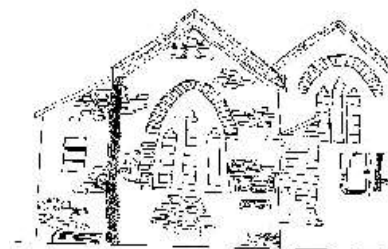


The Branscombe Waves



BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 4th December 2015



Achievements to Celebrate Branscombe Waves Award:

Grace: Super progress with reading and spelling

Sid: Planning to ensure his homework is of a good standard

Ryan: Working hard to improve literacy skills and making good use of his spelling journal

Dear Parents,

The children have all been working hard this week, not only on their school work but also on learning songs and lines for the various Christmas related performances coming up over the next few weeks. Some of them will be performing carols at the Branoc Hall Christmas Fair on Saturday, and then on Monday many of them will also be taking part in the Christingle service at St Winifred's Church at 6pm. It is so lovely that the children and the school will have these opportunities to take part in community and Church events. Thank you for your support in making their participation possible and please see the note below regarding arrangements for Christingle on Monday. Rehearsals are also well under way for the Christmas performance which will take place on Tuesday 15th December at 6pm. I do hope you will all be able to come and watch it.

Thank you for all your continued support.

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

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

Key Dates:

Due to all the Christmas events across the federation Mrs Gray and Miss Prince will not be following their usual timetables in the next couple of weeks. If you need to speak to them please ask staff to get a message to them and they will call you back.

Saturday 5th Dec	Branscombe village hall Christmas Fair 2-4pm
Monday 7th Dec	Christingle Service at St Winifred's Church, 6pm
Wednesday 9th Dec	**Cancelled** National Trust Session
Tuesday 15th Dec	Sidmouth Kitchen (school meals) Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 15th Dec	Christmas Performance (6pm, Branoc Hall)
Wednesday 16th Dec	Children's Christmas Dinner in Branoc Hall
Friday 18th Dec	Last day of term
Wednesday 6th Jan	Children return after holidays

Question for the week

Class 1: Can you use your new properties of materials cards to write a description of the materials that one of your favourite toys is made from?

Class 2: Do you know of any local Christmas traditions or celebrations in your area?

Singing at Branoc Hall Christmas Fair

Thank you to all those who have said that they will sing at the Branoc Hall Christmas Fair tomorrow. Those singing should arrive at the hall to meet Mr Ford and Miss Moss at 1.50pm.

Christingle Arrangements

Those children in Class 1 who are taking part in the Christingle service will be sent home with a costume on Monday. They should arrive at the Church at 5.50pm dressed in their costume and ready for the 6pm start. Class 2 will need to wear school uniform please. Everyone is welcome, so bring along friends and family.

National Trust Session Cancelled

Unfortunately the National Trust Session due on Wednesday 8th December has had to be cancelled. We are working with the NT to try and rearrange it for the last week of term, but will let you know.

Children's Christmas Dinner

Our special children's Christmas dinner will be held on Wednesday 16th December in the Branoc Hall. For those of you who are new to the school, this dinner is cooked by Pauline and Glynis for the children, staff and other members of the community who have helped our school during the past year. There is no charge for the meal and all the children take part. There will therefore be no normal school meals on this day, and children should not bring in a packed lunch.

Public Consultation:

School Admissions Arrangements for State funded schools 2017-18 and Education Travel Arrangements 2016-17

You are invited to consider the arrangements proposed by Devon County Council and academy, voluntary aided and free schools in Devon which are their own admission authorities. The consultation will take place between 1st December 2015 and 31st January 2016. To view the proposals and make comments on them please visit:

www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements

Messy Christmas

On Sunday 6th December at 4pm there will be a Christmas Messy Church session at St Andrew's Church, Colyton. There will be Christmas crafts, Christingle making and refreshments before the Christingle service at 5pm. All are welcome.

Jolly January Japes

The Branscombe Players will be performing this show on Saturday 9th January at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Tickets can be purchased on the door, £5 for adults, £2.50 for children.

Collective Worship

Maundy Money

The name "Maundy" which we use today comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, which means 'to love and serve'.



Each year on Maundy Thursday churches across the world remember Jesus' last supper with his friends before he died. At this special meal Jesus wanted to show his disciples how they should lead their lives – by serving the needs of others. In those days it was usually the job of the most lowly servant in the household to wash the feet of visitors who had travelled on foot along the dirty, dusty roads. At the last supper, Jesus himself **humbly** took water and a towel and washed the feet of each one of his friends.

In the Middle Ages, English kings and queens followed Jesus' example and washed the feet of beggars, to show that in God's eyes everyone is equal. They also gave gifts and money to the poor.

Queen Elizabeth II carries on this tradition. On Maundy Thursday each year she visits a different cathedral and distributes money to people who have **humbly** and selflessly served their local communities in practical ways.



HALL OF FAME

Think of someone in your school community who works behind the scenes to make everything run smoothly. Draw his or her portrait in the frame.

Take it to school to display in the Challenge Gallery.

