

BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 14 / 15 9 Friday 14th November 2014

Achievements to Celebrate Branscombe Waves Award:

Rachel: being a hard worker and doing her best

Finn: a great improvement in presentation and handwriting

Felicity: being a hard worker and doing her best

Ismay: hard work and good concentration



Dear Parents,

This week the children took part in the Act of Remembrance at the church and War Memorial. Children from Class 2 read out some of their own poems about World War 1. They also read some letters in which they imagined being a soldier at the front writing home to family. Class 1 read out prayers for the fifteen Branscombe men who lost their lives in conflict, and all the children sang "Remember". They were all very good ambassadors for the school, and several members of the community have since praised them for their excellent research into the Wars and the creative writing they produced from this.

Next week we look forward to the National Trust coming in to help the children tick some things off their *50 things to do before you're 11 ¾* list. I am sure that the children will enjoy doing this very much.

Thank you for all your continued support.

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School

Questions for the week

Class 1: What do people in your family do on computers?

Class 2: What is your favourite piece of music or pop song and why?

Key Dates:

Mrs Gray will be in school on Friday next week.

Wednesday 19th November | First National Trust session (wellies and

Friday 21st November School Photographs

Thursday 27th November PTFA Quiz Night, Fountain Head

Wednesday 3rd December Second National Trust session (wellies and

waterproofs in school please)

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Saturday 6th December Branscombe Christmas Fair, Branoc Hall 2-4pm

Thursday 11th December School Meals Christmas Dinner

Friday 12th December Donkey Sanctuary Candlelight Nativity, 5pm

Monday 15th December Christmas Performance (details to follow)

Wednesday 17th December Children's Christmas Dinner in Branoc Hall

National Trust Sessions

You may be aware of the National Trust initiative '50 things to do before you're 11 ¾'. On Wednesday next week, the Branscombe National Trust rangers will be taking the children out around the village to start ticking some things off their lists. Please could children come to school wearing warm sensible trousers, and their school sweatshirts. They will also need to have wellies or other appropriate footwear, waterproof coats, and waterproof trousers if they have them. Class 1 will be going out in the morning, and Class 2 in the afternoon.

Independent Sidmouth and Golden Tickets

Coming out in book bags today are leaflets regarding *Independent Sidmouth* which aims to promote support of independent businesses in Sidmouth. We are also sending home a "golden ticket" for each child, giving them the chance to win toy vouchers during the switching on of the Sidmouth Christmas lights this Saturday night.

School Meals Christmas Dinner

This will take place on Thursday 11th December, and we need to notify the kitchen about who would like to take part. Please complete the form below if your child/children would like Christmas dinner on this day, and return to the office **by Friday 28th November**. The meal will be free as normal for those who normally receive free school meals, **but you must complete an order form**. For those who pay for school meals, we must receive £2.20 in payment for each child **with the order form** otherwise we will not be able to order them a meal.

The menu is as follows (there will be NO jacket potato option on this day):

Main: Roast Turkey, sausage, mashed potato, roast potatoes, sprouts, peas, carrots, stuffing and gravy

Vegetarian: Quorn Roast, vegetarian sausage, mashed potato, roast potatoes, sprouts, peas, carrots, stuffing and gravy

Pudding: Jelly and ice cream, fresh fruit salad, yogurt, Christmas pudding. **School Meals Christmas Lunch**

My child(ren) would like to have the school meals Christmas Lunch on Thursday $11^{\rm th}$ December 2014. (please fill in choices below)

Name:	Main (please tick)	Vegetarian (please tick)
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2		
3		

I enclose payment of	(£2.20 per paying cl	nild)
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