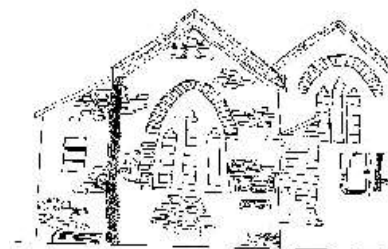




## BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2016



Dear Parents,

I do hope that you and your families had a wonderful Christmas break. The children have settled back well into school routines this week. The teachers have some lovely things planned linked to the new topics and the children are already showing lots of enthusiasm for their learning.

In Class 1 this term the children are looking at Families and Neighbours and in Class 2 the children will be looking at Exploration. Topic web sheets will be sent home next week for each of these areas. Please contact the class teachers if you feel you can help in any way with the ideas they have planned.

Class 2 have started looking at learning behaviours this week, focusing on the 7 Cs which are creativity, collaboration, confidence, curiosity, communication, craftsmanship and commitment. Miss Moss is hoping to give parents an overview of these and how the children will be using them within their learning, so look out for further information regarding this.

Our Collective Worship theme this term is Generosity. We will be including some ideas in some of the newsletters for how you can consider this value at home. Sometimes this will be in the form of ideas for discussion and sometimes fun activities such as word searches. I hope you find them thought provoking and fun.

There are just a few reminders for you all. Firstly, please don't forget that school meal orders must now be handed in to school on the Friday (at 9am) of the week prior to meals being taken. Order forms and menus can be found in the entrance hall. Orders can be made weekly or termly if that is easier. However, if ordering in advance, please remember to cancel your child's meal if for any reason they no longer require it. You are required to submit an order for your child regardless of whether you pay for their meals. If you do not submit an order by Friday at 9am for the following week, we cannot guarantee their choice of school meal.

Secondly, as you know, Alice has now taken on part of Nicola's role and will now be in the office more often. However, office hours will be slightly different than they have been up until now. On Wednesdays there will be no member of the admin staff in the office. Please leave a message on the answer phone if no-one answers when you call – other school staff will listen to messages regularly.

Attached is an application for free school meals. If there are any families who may be eligible for free school meals, but haven't got round to applying yet – *please apply as soon as possible*, even if you don't want your child to have the meal. **If your child is in Class 1 and gets the universal free school meals please still fill in the form.** The school receives a **substantial** Pupil Premium into the school budget for every child entitled to free school meals, which we can use to provide extra provision. Please fill in the form and return to

school, or you can apply online at <https://new.devon.gov.uk/supportforschools/services-and-contacts/free-school-meals>

Finally, a piece of exciting news! Next week we are expecting our new trim trail to be installed.

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*

<b>Key Dates:</b>	
<b>Mrs Gray</b> will be in school on Monday and Thursday next week.	
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	National Trust Session
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Pancake races
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Last day before half term holiday

### **School Meal Change**

Next week the two roast dinners will swap over so that it will be Chicken on Tuesday and Pork on Thursday. If you have made an order for next week and now wish to change it, please let Alice know as soon as possible. Thank you.

### **Coats**

Please can parents ensure that their children come to school with a suitable warm coat **with a hood**, every day. We like the children to be able to play outside during their breaks in all but the worst weather.