



BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER 10/16
Wednesday 13th January 2010

Dear Parents / Carers

Happy New Year! We hope you have all had an enjoyable Christmas break and we would like to welcome you back to the new term. We will be sending out specific details of the topic areas that will be covered in the next couple of weeks.

School Closure

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration with regards to last weeks school closures. We fully understand the difficulties and inconvenience this may cause. If you have any feedback with regards to our procedures please let us know.

For the benefit of parents who are new to the school in the event of the school being closed the following procedures will operate:-

- 1) Pupils who are booked into the Breakfast Club will be informed if the club is running by 7:30am. Please note that if your child is not booked in for the day in question we will be unable to give you any advanced warning.
- 2) Your Class Teacher or Classroom Assistant will keep your telephone numbers at his/her home. They will telephone you should the school need to be closed. These calls will take place between 7:30 and 8:00am. However, just in case they cannot contact you the other options are listed below:-
- 3) Local Radio. If the weather looks as if it will pose a problem, please listen to you local radio stations: BBC Radio Devon and Heart FM. An announcement will be made as early as possible.
- 4) Local BBC Radio and Heart Websites; when I make a call to the radio stations, the closure is posted on their websites as well.
- 5) If possible a note will also be posted on the school website.

This procedure will also be applied for other possible closures. For example, if the boiler were to break down in cold weather.

Welcome

This term we will be welcoming Izzy, Finn, James and Nicole to Class 1. We hope that they will enjoy their time at Branscombe.

School Administrator

I would like to welcome Jane Finch to Branscombe Primary. Jane will be providing us with some temporary part time cover in the school office while we move to appoint a new school administrator.

Swimming lessons

Swimming lessons for all pupils will begin on Thursday 14th January at Sidmouth swimming pool. Please could you ensure that your child has the appropriate kit in school for this event? The dates of the following sessions are as follows: 21st January; 28th January; 4th February; 11th February; 25th February.

Guitar lessons

We have recently received some additional funding to be spent on providing pupils in KS2 with the opportunity to learn a musical instrument. The Sidmouth Learning Community have decided to use this money to purchase guitars and guitar tuition. I am very pleased to inform you that starting on Thursday 7th January all pupils in KS2 will be receiving a weekly group guitar lesson under the expert guidance of Nick Ryan from 'Musical Minds' in Seaton. The course will run for 10 weeks, culminating in a performance to parents.

Clubs

During the first half of this term we will be running a selection of clubs during lunchtimes to provide a range of activities for the pupils during the winter period when lunchtimes can often be disrupted by poor weather conditions. We will be starting the after school Wednesday clubs again immediately after half term.

School Newsletter

If you would like to receive your copy of the school newsletter via email please could you inform us by emailing the school at: admin@branscombe.devon.sch.uk

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club will be starting again on Thursday 14th January.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any concerns, ideas or suggestions.

Best wishes

From the staff at Branscombe Primary