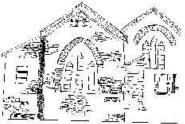
BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 11 / 12 10 Friday 18th November 2011







Dear Parents,

Thank you to all those parents who attended Parents' Evening this week. We hope you found the opportunity useful and informative. I'm sure you will agree that the classrooms look really bright and exciting with lots of lovely displays of the children's work.

We are rapidly approaching the busy Christmas Period in school. Please do keep a close eye on the newsletter and in particular the key dates section for things that we are planning.

God bless and we hope you have a lovely weekend. Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School.

Key Dates

Mrs Gray will be in school on Thursday and Friday next week. Monday 21st November - Class 2 Dental Hygiene session. Please remember you toothbrushes. Monday 21st November - deadline for Puffin Book Club orders. Saturday 3rd December - Branscombe Village Christmas Fair at the Village Hall. Monday 5th December - Christingle Service 6pm at St Winifred's Church. Thursday 8th December - Christmas Play at Branscombe Village Hall at 6.30pm. Friday 9th December - Christmas Theatre trip for the whole school. See below for further details. Monday 12th December - 2.45pm Parent Forum meeting **Tuesday 13th December - Children's Christmas Dinner at Branscombe Village Hall.** Friday 16th December - last day of the Autumn Term. Thursday 5th January - return to school after Christmas.

Children's Christmas Dinner

As usual the staff will be providing a Christmas dinner for the children. Please note that the date of this has changed. It will now be held on Tuesday 13th December.

Christmas Theatre Trip

We have organised for the whole school to attend a performance of We're Going on A Bear Hunt at the Northcott Theatre on Friday the 9th December. The children will travel by coach to the performance in the morning and return to school for lunchtime. The PTFA have kindly agreed to subsidise the trip and therefore we ask parents for a voluntary contribution of £5 per child. Please note that if we do not receive sufficient contributions then the trip may have to be cancelled. If you have not done so already please complete the slip below and return it to the office.

PTFA meeting

Unfortunately there has been very little interest in the next PTFA meeting and therefore it will not be going ahead. Please note that at present we have a PTFA committee in name only in order that we can carry out essential business. However as mentioned in the minutes of the last meeting (that were attached to a recent newsletter) this committee has been in place for a while and the members do not wish to continue and therefore will not be carrying out any fundraising activities.

Parent Forum

Please note a change in date. The next meeting was meant to be on the 12th December; however this will need to be changed. It will be on Wednesday 14th December at 2.45. The parent representatives are as noted below. There is currently a vacancy for Reception, if you are interested please speak to Nicola or Mrs Gray.

Year One - Nikki Year Two - Judie Year Three - Claire Year Four - Jo Year Five - Amanda Year Six - Carolyn

Spare wool please



The children will be getting involved in a large scale public art project called FLOCK. The idea is to produce pom-pom sheep for an exhibition in 2012 to celebrate sheep farming and the wool industry. Any yarn used should include some wool content and they are asking people to avoid using 100% synthetic yarns. Therefore we would really appreciate any

odd bits of wool that you may have lying around at home. To read more about the project please go to <u>www.jointheflock.co.uk</u>

Textile Club

Please could all parents who are collecting their children from textile club please go upstairs to Classroom 3 to meet their children. Many thanks.

Coats & hats

Now that the weather is beginning to turn a little cooler can you please make sure that your child brings a coat to school. We like to ensure that the children are able to play outside at lunch and break times but they need to be warm. Thank you.

Dental Hygiene



Class 2 will have a dental hygiene session on Monday. Please could everyone bring their own toothbrush and toothpaste in a named bag. Children who have not yet returned a permission form to allow them to take part in the disclosure experiment will be sent home with one today.

This will need to be brought into school on Monday morning.

Active Villages

Please find attached a postcard asking for suggestions for the Active Villages programme. If you return these postcards to school by the 28th November then we can return them to the co-ordinator on your behalf.

Theatre Trip

I give permission for my child ______ to attend the trip to the Northcott Theatre on Friday 9th December. I enclose a voluntary contribution of ± 5.00 .

Signed _____