

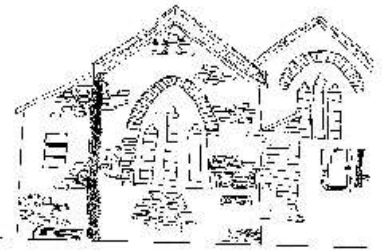
BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Branscombe C of E Primary School
Children's Aims
We will try to:



The Branscombe Waves



Dear Parents,

Thank you so much to everyone who attended the school production of Baboushka last night. The children were brilliant, we really do have a very talented bunch! The Christingle on Monday was a very moving occasion and well supported too. Thank you too to all parents and friends who have helped learn lines and make costumes for both events. Your support is really valued. Another thank you goes to the PTFA who organised refreshments and a very successful raffle at the play.

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 Tuesday and Wednesday next week

****Tuesday 13th December - Children's Christmas Dinner at Branscombe Village Hall.****

Wednesday 14th December - 2.45pm Parent Forum meeting

Friday 16th December - last day of the Autumn Term.

Thursday 5th January - return to school after Christmas.

Christmas Activity Book

The librarians have worked really hard producing a Christmas activity booklet. This will be on sale from Monday at the cost of £1. It would be lovely if families could buy a copy and maybe an extra one to keep friends entertained over the festive period. All proceeds will go towards the librarians book appeal.

Clubs

There will be no netball or construction club next week. Textile club will take place as normal. There will be no clubs in the first week of next term.

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, please could the reps let Nicola know if they are able to attend. 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

An Ideal Christmas Present

The children from both schools in the Management Partnership have been involved in producing a shopping bag decorated with the handprints of the children from Branscombe and Broadhembury. The bags are available from today from the school office at a cost of £3.50 for one bag and £6.00 for two. The proceeds will go to the respective school funds. Please treat yourself to a very useful bag and buy some more for Christmas presents! Grandparents will love them!

Christmas Dinner

On Tuesday the staff will be cooking Christmas Dinner for the children, so please remember that they will not need to bring packed lunches.

Sing-a-Long

Classes 1 and 2 would like to invite you to a Christmas sing-a-long at 2.45pm on Tuesday 13th December, when the advanced ukulele group will be performing Little Drummer Boy.

Swimming lessons

We have arranged swimming lessons for Class 2 children to start in January. The decision has been made to take just Class 2 and to have 2 teachers plus Mrs Crawford in order to ensure that the children get the most out of the time that they are swimming. The PTFA have kindly offered to pay for the coach again this year and therefore the cost of lessons will be £17.50 per child. There will be six lessons. You may pay by cash or cheque, with cheques payable to Devon County Council please. You may pay in 3 instalments (of £5, £5 and £7.50) over the first three weeks of next term if you wish.

A Lad in Devon

Many of the children in Branscombe are taking part in the pantomime "A Lad in Devon" which will be performed in the Village Hall on Saturday 10th December at 7.30pm. Tickets are £4 for adults and £2 for children and are available from the Post Office.

Norovirus

We have been given advice from the health protection agency regarding the prevention of the spread of norovirus (which causes sickness and diarrhoea) that is common at this time of year. Please remember that if your child has sickness and or diarrhoea they must stay away from school until they have been **free of symptoms for at least 48 hours**.

PTFA

Thank you to Catharine for stepping in at the last minute and making cakes for the cake stall on Monday. Approximately £20 was raised. A big thank you to everyone who supplied mince pies and raffle prizes at the play, a total of £138 was raised.

Broadhembury Christmas Fayre

If you have almost finished your Christmas Shopping and have some time over the weekend you may like to go to Broadhembury School's Christmas Fayre on Saturday at 2.30pm till 4.30pm in Broadhembury Memorial.

Broadhembury Christingle Service

This will take place on Sunday 11th December at 11am in St Andrew's Church. Everyone is welcome.

