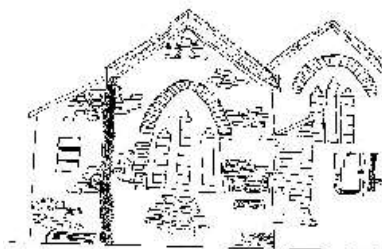




## BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### Achievements to Celebrate Branscombe Waves Award:

**Tom:** Telling us all about his motor-cross achievements, informatively and modestly

**Marlon:** Outstanding creativity in homework literacy, retelling the Christmas story as a sheep

**Felix:** Excellent effort and creativity in a computer game

Dear Parents,

This final week of term has been a busy one for all the staff and pupils, with the Christmas performance, two Christmas lunches and a carol service, along with the usual school work. I was very sorry not to be able to come to the Performance on Tuesday, but I have been reliably informed by Miss Prince that the children all did very well and that the performance was a delight of beautiful singing, great acting and fabulous dancing. Well done to all the children, staff and parents for all their hard work.



Our Branscombe Children's Christmas dinner also took place this week, and it was a fabulous event as always, with wonderful food cooked by Pauline and Glynis and served by the staff. Thank you to Pauline and Glynis for their hard work in making such a lovely meal and for all the organisation that took place behind the scenes. Thank you also to the PTFA for the party afterwards, the children all had a wonderful time.

As you know, sadly we have said goodbye to Nicola and Glynis this week. They have both been brilliant members of the Branscombe team and we will miss them very much. However, we are pleased that both of them may be popping in from time to time to help us with small jobs for the school. Thank you for your contributions to their gifts – we bought them some items of jewellery. Nicola gave the school a bird table as a leaving gift. Both Nicola and Glynis would like to say thank you to all the staff, parents and children for their lovely Christmas and leaving gifts, cards and good wishes. They are sad to be leaving, but are both pleased that they will remain involved in our lovely school. They look forward to seeing you all in January.

Alice and Sarah Outram from Broadhembury school's office will jointly take on Nicola's role in January. Generally, Alice will be in the office at Branscombe every day except Wednesday. There will be some changes to some procedures as a result of the staffing changes, including a change to the way we deal with ordering school meals. Please see below for further information regarding this.

Further to the letter you received a couple of weeks ago, the governors of the federation met yesterday and made the decision that Farway C of E Primary School will be staying in the Jubilee Federation. The school will need to show that it can attract more pupils and the governors will be meeting early in the new year in order to develop strategies and ways

forward. The school is very grateful for the enthusiastic support that we are receiving from the Diocese, LA, PTFA and the local community, as well as MP Neil Parish, The Mayor of Honiton Cllr Caroline Kolek and Devon County councilor Sara Randall Johnson. The governors, staff and parents are all committed to working together to justify the faith that has been shown in the school.

Finally, I would like to pass on from all staff a big thank you for all the lovely Christmas cards and gifts you have given us, they are very much appreciated.

Thank you for all your continued support.

God bless and have a wonderful Christmas break.

*Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe CE School*

#### **Key Dates:**

**Mrs Gray** will be in school on Wednesday when we return after the Christmas Holidays.  
**Miss Prince** will be spending her Head of Teaching & Learning day (Thursday) at Broadhembury the week following half term.

<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Carol service at St Winifred's Church, Branscombe 11.15am-12.15pm
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<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Children return after holidays
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<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Pancake races
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<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Last day before half term holiday
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#### **Change to School Meals Procedure**

Due to staffing changes next term, we need to change the procedure for how parents order school meals. When we start back after Christmas, please place any meals orders for that first week into the office post box as normal by 9am on the first day back (Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan). **After this, all school meals orders must be submitted by the Friday (at 9am) of the week prior to meals being taken. If an order form is submitted after this time we cannot guarantee your child a school meal.** So orders for the second week of term must be in the post box by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January, and so on. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

#### **Clubs**

A reminder that the only after school club running next term will be football club. X-plorers lunchtime club will continue next term, but due to space constraints while Classroom 1 is out of action, will just be for KS1 until February half term. The children will be able to eat their lunch before the club starts. Kathryn hopes to be able to offer the club to KS2 again later in the year.

#### **Photographs – A reminder**

Please can parents remember that other parents of children at Branscombe School may not be happy with photos of their children being put online. Some have not given the school permission for their children's photos to be in newspapers or on the school website, and therefore they may not wish for them to be on social media sites either. If you take pictures of the children (pre-school or school age) at school events, please keep these for your own personal use and **do not post them onto Facebook or other such sites.** If you think that you may have posted any such photos or videos of children (other than your own) online then we would be very grateful if these could now be removed at your earliest convenience.