BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 10 / 11 09 Friday 12th November 2010







Dear Parents

Thank you to those parents who joined us yesterday for the Remembrance Service at the Church. We were all really proud of the children. They read beautifully and behaved exceptionally well throughout the service and wreath laying ceremony.

As I write this some of the staff and Class 2 are busy peeling vegetables to make our Harvest Soup which we are serving at lunch time. I hope everyone that attends enjoys themselves.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School.

Coats

Please could you ensure the children bring a warm coat to school every day now that the weather is colder. Thank you.

Shoeboxes

A reminder that the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes will be collected on Monday so please make sure that they are in the office first thing.

Sidmouth Herald Vouchers

As we mentioned last week the Sidmouth Herald are running a "school voucher" scheme. Please could you collect the vouchers and encourage friends and family to do the same. Thank you.

Village Christmas Fair

The Branscombe Village Christmas Fair is being held on Saturday 4th December at 2pm. For the school stall we are asking for donations of decorated jars filled with a collection of small gifts e.g. sweets, hair bobbles, soaps, colouring pencils etc. Please bring them into school the week before the fair.

Tea-Towels

The PTFA have had some school tea towels printed with all the school pupils, pre school pupils (and staff!) on. The towel is available to look at in school. The cost will be £3 each or 2 for £5. They make an ideal Christmas present for family members! If you would like to buy some please fill in the attached slip on this newsletter and return it to office. Once all the money is collected the PTFA will distribute the tea towels. Please make cheques payable to Branscombe PTFA.

Safe Internet / Parent Forum

A reminder that on Wednesday 24th November the children will all be receiving safe internet training (at age appropriate levels) from Tracey Tipton our Parent Support Adviser and Joel Smith our Extended Services Co-ordinator. At 3.15 they will be running a session for parents making you aware of the risks children face when on the internet and how you can help to keep them safe on line. This session will be followed by a Parent Forum. Please fill in the slip below if you will attend the training and forum and if you wish to raise any issues for the parent forum agenda please add these too.

Netball and Construction Club will still run on this evening and will be followed by a crèche if the meeting goes on longer than the clubs.

Easter Eggs

A reminder that Easter Egg orders need to be in by Friday 19th November 2010. The Real Easter Egg gives church schools their first ever chance to buy an Easter Egg that explains the Christian understanding of Easter on the box and gives money to charity and development projects. The project is endorsed by the Bishop of Exeter. In order to take part we need to place an order before Christmas. If you are interested please return the slip below with £4 for each egg. Further details can be found at http://www.realeasteregg.co.uk/.

Swimming Lessons

We are in the process of organising swimming lessons which we hope will take place during the first half of next term. We will keep you informed of the plans when we have matched a swimming pool slot with an available coach!

Chess

We have only received a small amount of interest in chess club and therefore unfortunately it is not viable to run the sessions.

Christmas Dates

A few dates for your diary – further details will be sent out nearer the time. Branscombe Village Fair – Saturday 4th December Christmas Play – Tuesday 7th December Christmas Dinner provided by St Nicholas Kitchen – Wednesday 8th December Branscombe School Christmas Dinner at Village Hall – Wednesday 15th December Christingle Service – Wednesday 15th December (6.30pm)
Break Up for holidays – Friday 17th December

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