

**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2006**

**Tombola Jars**

Thank you to everyone who has bought in a filled tombola jar for the Village Hall Christmas Fayre. You've come up with some really imaginative ideas. The fair opens at 2pm tomorrow afternoon. Please come and support the event.

**Class 2 and 3 Tree Walk**

A reminder that on Wednesday Class 2 and 3 will be going for a walk in the afternoon. Children should come to school in suitable walking clothes. This should include wearing several layers, bringing a waterproof coat and a pair of wellies. If parents are able to join us on the walk please arrive at school at 1pm



**Christmas Dates**



**5<sup>th</sup> December - School Christmas Celebration**

At 4.30pm we will meet outside the Village Hall to go carol singing around the village. The route will lead to the church where we will hold a carol concert. The children will sing carols and read Christmas Bible readings whilst Class 1 act out the nativity scene. Following the service we will meet again at school for Mince Pies and a Christmas Raffle.

**8<sup>th</sup> December**

We have booked **8<sup>th</sup> December** for the **Christmas Fair** however, we still need volunteers to help run this. Please contact April Turley if you need further information Tel 07973202441

**12th December - Christmas Lunch**

For all the children and the parents of Year 6.

**14<sup>th</sup> December - Christingle Service.**

Children and Parents are invited to join the village and Church Congregation for the annual Christingle Service which starts at 6.30pm.

**Healthy School's Award**

We are very proud to have been awarded the new Devon Healthy School Award. You will notice we have been given a lovely orange sign that Kevin has put on the school wall. We are one of only a few schools in the area to have been given an award.

I would like to give special thanks to Mrs Crawford for all the hard work she put into collating the evidence.

## **Carol Singing**

It would be helpful if you could practise singing Away in a Manger with your child in preparation for the Carol Concert. We will also be singing 'Oh Come all Ye Faithful', 'Hark the Herald', 'Ding Dong Merrily' – any practise the children can do before the evening will be a great help.

### **Away In A Manager**

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby wakes,  
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky  
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care  
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

## **Carol Concert**

We would be grateful if Class 1 could stay after school on the night of the Carol Concert to give them time to change into their costumes before we go Carol Singing. They could bring in a packed tea to eat during this time. They will also need warm coats, gloves, hats etc to put over their costume when we walk around the village.

## **Beaford Trip for Year 2 and 3**

We have received a few queries about this trip and I hope the following information will be helpful. The trip has been run for many years. Previously, when we had lower numbers in school, it was a joint venture with 2 other local schools and just Year 2 were taken. Last year we decided to run the trip every two years (similar to the Class 3 residential) and take the children from Year 2 and Year 3 to ensure that every child had an opportunity to attend.

As you can imagine there are strict rules to follow when organising such a trip. These are set by County. We, as a school, have to fill in a number of forms which have to have approval from the County Adviser. County set rules about the adult to children ratio on the trip and, once we know the final number of children attending we will ensure this ratio is met. The centre has centrally heated single sex bedrooms.

If you have any further questions about the visit please do not hesitate to get in touch.

## **Newsletters**

If you would like to receive the weekly newsletter by email, please send an email to: [admin@branscombe.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@branscombe.devon.sch.uk) requesting this. Newsletters, both current and previous ones are available to view or download from our website, which is [www.branscombe.devon.sch.uk](http://www.branscombe.devon.sch.uk)

## **Christmas Trees**

If you purchase a Christmas tree from Kingsdown Business Park on A3052 and hand in the attached voucher they will donate £2 to the PTFA.

## Parent Governor

We have a vacancy for a parent Governor to join our Governing body. We have sent out a letter regarding this vacancy. If you would like more information about becoming a Governor please contact Rev. Nick Edwards (chair of governors) on 552307 or call into the school office.

## REMINDERS

### Tree Walk – Please return permission slips

On 29<sup>th</sup> November class 2 and 3 will be working with Kate Tobin from East Devon Countryside. The theme for the day will be Great Trees of Devon. Already this year Luis has won a prize in the Children's Great Tree Hunt. The children will go on a walk around Branscombe to look at the trees and then the follow up work will involve producing some creative writing. As preparation for the day Kate has asked if you could talk to your children about activities you took part in around trees when you were younger e.g. games played, apple picking etc. She would also like the children to be able to talk about a favourite tree, preferably one in Branscombe itself. **Please fill in the Permission Slip below and indicate whether you would like to join us for the walk. There is no charge for the event.**

### Beaford

Please return slip next week if your child would like to attend the residential trip. At this stage, if we do not receive enough replies we may have to cancel the trip.

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### BEAFORD

#### YEAR 2/3 RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO BEAFORD CENTRE - 21<sup>ST</sup> - 23<sup>RD</sup> March 2006

I would like my child ..... to take part in the visit to Beaford.

I will send in £25 deposit by 1<sup>st</sup> December 2006.

Signed .....

Date .....

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### TREE WALK

**PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP BY 22nd NOVEMBER 2006**

#### Tree Walk Classes 2 and 3

**I give permission for my child to attend the Tree Walk on November 29<sup>th</sup>.**

Name .....

We/I would like to help with the trip (please insert name).