

**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER 12 / 13 12**  
**Friday 30th November 2012**



Branscombe C of E Primary School  
Children's Aims  
We will try to:



The Branscombe Waves



Dear Parents

It was lovely that both KS2 classes of The Jubilee Federation joined together at Branscombe yesterday for their Roman Banquet. The children had made a real effort with their dressing up some wearing togas and some as Roman Soldiers. During the day the children made bread and stuffed dormice (with dates and fondant icing). They sampled dried and fresh figs as well as defrutum which is a reduction of figs in grape juice. They also made potage from lentils, leeks, coriander, honey, defrutum, wine vinegar and olive oil.



In the afternoon the two schools worked together on Jubilee Federation Mosaics and sampled the potage and a selection of dried and fresh fruits. Some children completed Roman word searches whilst others played Roman games.

I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff for organising the day, from the teachers who planned everything to the teaching assistants and meal time assistants who worked with children from both schools during the day.

I would also like to thank the children for working together really well and for making the day a real success – well done!

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 Monday and Tuesday next week  
**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – Branscombe Village Christmas Fair, 2pm – 4pm  
**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** – Branscombe Advent Carol Service, St. Winifred's, 7pm  
**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – Christingle Service, St. Winifred's, 6pm  
**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December** – Cricket Club quiz night, Masons Arms, 8.30pm  
**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December** – After School Clubs finish for Christmas  
**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December** – PTFA meeting, 3.20pm  
**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Branscombe Pantomime, 7.30pm  
**Wednesday 12 December** – School Christmas Play  
**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – PTFA's Pub quiz at the Fountain Head  
**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – School dinners Christmas Lunch  
**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Branscombe School Christmas Lunch at the Branoc Hall  
**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – PTFA's trip to Snail and Whale  
**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – PTFA's disco, 3.30pm – 5.50pm  
**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – Church Carol Party, 6.30pm – 8pm  
**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December** – Carol Service at St. Winifred's, 11.15am  
**Christmas Day** – All age service and shortened Holy Communion, St. Winifred's, 11.15am

### **Christingle Service**

The Christingle Service will be held at St. Winifred's Church next Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December, at 6pm. This is a lovely way to start the advent season. Please complete the slip below to let school know if you can join us, if you haven't done so already; this will help us allocate speaking and drama parts to the children. **Please note**, the heating in church is currently broken, therefore please would everyone wrap up warm. If children are wearing costumes please could they bring something warm to wear underneath or to put on top once the nativity scene is completed.

### **Village Christmas Fair**

Branscombe Christmas Fair is tomorrow, Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December from 2pm to 4pm, in the Branoc Hall. There will be cakes, teas, decorated stalls, raffles, games and Father Christmas!

### **After School Clubs finish next Friday**

Please note that **next week is the last week for all after school clubs before Christmas**. This is because we have after school events the following week.

### **School lunch next Wednesday**

The main meal will be Lasagne and not chicken pie as stated in the meal list next Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Snail and the Whale Theatre Trip**

The PTFA have kindly suggested paying for the whole school to attend The Snail and the Whale at Northcott Theatre on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December. The trip would have cost approximately £13.00 for each child so we are very grateful to the PTFA for suggesting the visit and agreeing to pay. The PTFA are asking that if parents would like to make a contribution (a suggested amount being £5) then this would obviously help PTFA funds for supporting other events. Please give contributions to PTFA committee members or bring them into school in a **labelled, sealed envelope marked PTFA Theatre Trip Contribution**, so that money doesn't get muddled with school funds. The envelopes can be placed in the box in the entrance hall. Please make cheques payable to Branscombe School PTFA.

SOE3 Permission Forms for the trip will be sent out closer to the time.

### **Christmas Lunches**

The Christmas lunch menu (provided by Sidmouth Primary Kitchen) is turkey and sausage (or Quorn roast and vegetarian sausage) with roast and mashed potatoes, sprouts, carrots, peas, stuffing and gravy. This will be served on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. The cost is the usual £2.10. The kitchen will not provide snacks or packed lunches on that day. Please complete the slip below to let us know if your child/children would like to partake in this lunch. Orders must be received and paid for by next Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

Branscombe School Christmas Lunch, cooked by our own staff members Pauline Phillips and Glynis Newman, will be served the following day, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, at the Branoc Hall. The PTFA have kindly funded this meal for all children and therefore there will be no charge – further details next week.

### **Christmas Pantomime**

The Branscombe Players are performing Jack and Jill on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December and Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December starting at 7:30pm. Tickets cost £5 for adults and £2.50 for children; these can be purchased from Branscombe Post Office or on the door.

### **Amendment to date of PTFA Meeting**

The PTFA's next meeting is on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December** at 3.20pm at school. This is different to the date published in the PTFA minutes.

### **Church Carol Party**

This will be a fun evening with mince pies, mulled wine, games, quizzes, entertainment, carols and a bar. It runs from 6.30pm to 8pm on Friday December 21<sup>st</sup> at the Branoc Hall. Admission is free and there will be a collection for the Children's Hospice South West.

### **Soccer Road show**

Exeter City Football Club will be running New Year soccer road shows in January. Flyers about these events are in book bags.

**PTFA Disco**

The PTFA's disco is Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December from 3.30 to 5.50 in the Branoc Hall. Please remember to return any outstanding permission slips. Children will not be permitted to attend if they have not returned their slip.

**Branscombe Cricket Club Quiz Night**

Branscombe Cricket Club is hosting a Quiz Night at the Masons Arms in Branscombe on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 8.30pm. All proceeds go to the playing field/wicket conversion project. It costs just £10 to enter a team of 4. The Quizmaster is the cruel JJ. There will be a raffle with great prizes.

**Buy a Christmas tree and raise money for our school!**

Sidmouth Garden Centre will give £2.50 to the school for every Christmas tree purchased with a token. Each child has 2 tokens in their book bags and we have plenty more in the school office. Please give tokens to Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, friends and neighbours.

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My child/children \_\_\_\_\_  
will be attending the Christingle Service on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 6pm at St. Winifred's Church.

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**Sidmouth Primary Kitchen School Dinner Christmas Lunch**

My child/children \_\_\_\_\_  
would like to order the following Sidmouth Primary School Kitchen Christmas Lunch for Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December (please enter the number of meals against each option).

\_\_\_\_\_ Meat Christmas Dinner  
\_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Christmas Dinner

I enclose £2.10 for each meal.