

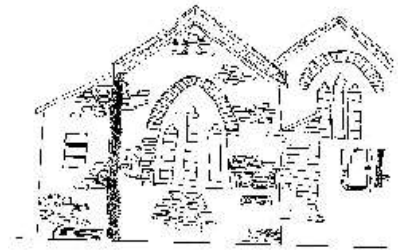
BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Branscombe C of E Primary School
Children's Aims
We will try to:



The Branscombe Waves



Dear Parents,

What an exciting week it's been for the children. There has been so much going on.

Branscombe children have enjoyed two Christmas meals, one from the Sidmouth Kitchen and one cooked by Pauline and Glynis.... delicious! The school has been decorated with lots of lovely Christmas art work that the children have been busy creating.

On Thursday the whole of Branscombe School went to see the Snail and the Whale at the Northcott Theatre. The children had a lovely time and thanks must go to the PTFA for funding the majority of the cost for this treat.

Broadhembury children performed their Christmas Play – 'Stable Manners'. It was a really fun script but with an important message at the end. Well done for the brilliant acting, dancing, narrating and singing.

Broadhembury also went to sing carols for the elderly residents of Hill House Care Home this week. They have done this for several years now and Crudge Coaches provided the transport for free which was very kind. It was lovely to watch the children chatting to the residents there. I was particularly touched when several children thanked me for arranging for them to visit the home, what a caring bunch of pupils we have.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all as parents for your support this term. It has been a very busy term but one in which both schools have achieved a lot. We have welcomed new staff, formally created (and celebrated) the Jubilee Federation as well as achieving a 'good' Ofsted grade at Broadhembury and an 'outstanding' grade for the SIAS Inspection at Branscombe. I would like to thank all the staff at both schools for their never ending energy and enthusiasm and most importantly I'd like to thank the children for all their fun, laughter and a lovely enthusiasm for learning – they make sure no two days are the same!

On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank you for all the cards and generous gifts that you have given us. They are very much appreciated.

God bless and have a very happy Christmas. See you in the new year.
Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School.

Key Dates –Mrs Gray will be in school on Thursday and Friday the first week of the new term

Friday 21st December – PTFA's disco, Branoc Hall, 3.30pm – 5.50pm

Friday 21st December – Church Carol Party, Branoc Hall, 6.30pm – 8pm

Sunday 23rd December – Carol Service at St. Winifred's, 11.15am

Christmas Day – All age service and shortened Holy Communion, St. Winifred's, 11.15am

Sunday 6th January - All Age Service for Epiphany, 11.15am – please note this is a change of date from the usual 5th Sunday All Age Service

Tuesday 8th January – Spring term starts

Are You, and The School, Missing Out Financially?

The Government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families to achieve their very best. This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium'. **For every child registered for Free School Meals Branscombe School gets £900 this year.**

With this money we could support individual students with, for example, literacy and numeracy intervention, support clubs or fund extra-curricular activities. If you are registered for Free School Meals you could ensure the school receives this extra funding and can therefore provide additional support.

Please register **by the first week back to school in January** to make sure your child and others in the school don't miss out.

How does it work?

1. If you receive **any** of the following benefits then you are entitled to register:

- Income Support (IS)
- Employment and Support Allowance (income related)
- Child Tax Credit **without** Working Tax Credit with an annual taxable income (as assessed by HMR&C) of less than £16,190
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance (IBJSA)
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

2. If you qualify you will need to apply in one of the following ways:

- Phone **0845 155 1019** with your National Insurance Number, date of birth, name and child's details. An eligibility check can be carried out using the **Department for Education's Eligibility Checking System**, this will confirm if your details have been matched or not. It will **not** tell us what benefits you are in receipt of, dates when a benefit was awarded or say how much you receive.
- Apply at <http://www.devon.gov.uk/freeschoolmealsform.pdf>
- Complete the form attached to this newsletter and send it to Admissions Team, One Capital Court, Sowton, Exeter EX2 7FW or return to school to send.

3. If you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime you could save over £350 a year and the school will also get £900 extra funding. Only specific staff will know that they are receiving their lunch for free.

4. If you don't want your child to have the free school meals the school still gets £900 extra funding if you register.

Only specific staff will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

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 21st at the Branoc Hall. Admission is free and there will be a collection for the Children's Hospice South West.

Spring Term

Please add Tuesday 8th January to your new 2013 calendars as the start of Spring Term.

A Change to the Dinner Menu

The main school meal on Tuesday 8th January will be Southern fried chicken instead of the published roast dinner.

Raise Money for the School While Shopping Online

If you're buying something online, easyfundraising will donate a percentage of your purchase to our PTFA without incurring any extra costs. There are over 200 retailers to choose from. Please take a look at <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/branscombeschoolptfa> and share this link with family and friends.

Holiday Activities

Here are a few fun activities your family may wish to try during the Christmas holidays.

Activity Type	Description and Price	Contact Details
All day activities	Honiton Leisure Centre – KidZmix Day Camps: sports, arts & crafts. 8.30 am – 5.00pm (half days available) Full day from £9 - £20 – Wed 2 nd Jan – Fri 4 th Jan. Early drop off available at 8.30am.	www.ledleisure.co.uk Tel: 01404 42325 Location: School Lane, Honiton
Swimming	Honiton Swimming Pool – Fun Splash: Mon – Fri 2pm – 3pm. Courses available. Prices vary	www.ledleisure.co.uk Tel: 01404 42325 Location: School Lane, Honiton
Pottery	Honiton Pottery Shop – all ages. Ceramic painting from £6.50, inc studio time, painting, glazing & firing. Also potter's wheel from £8.50. Good idea to book.	www.honitonpottery.co.uk Tel: 01404 42106 Location: Honiton High Street
Donkeys	The Donkey Sanctuary – Breakfast with Santa Fri 21 Dec. Join Santa for a festive feast in the Hayloft Restaurant. Menu individually priced. Normal opening hours during holidays, entry is free	www.thedonkeysanctuary.org.uk Tel: 01395 573055 Location: Sidmouth
Outdoors	Escot Park – Snowman Hunt – chocolate prize, until 6 Jan 2012. Normal Garden entry prices apply. Father Christmas will be visiting Sat 22 Dec, with a sack full of sweets and chocolate!	www.escot-devon.co.uk Tel: 01404 822188 Location: Escot Park, Ottery St Mary
Football	Exeter City Football in the Community, Soccer Road show, Fri 4 th Jan. Price: £15 Age: 5 – 14, Course times: 10 am – 3 pm.	www.exetercityfc.co.uk Location: Honiton Primary School
Library	Honiton Library. Fri 21 Dec – 3.30pm-4.30pm. Christmas Craft Session – Just turn up to make decorations	www.devon.gov.uk/honiton_library 48 – 50 New Street, Honiton

Pantomime	<p>The Emperors Perfume – 12th Dec – 5th Jan, A smelly theatre production. Children £6, Adults £9.50, Family £25.50</p> <p>Sleeping Beauty – 21st Dec – 5th Jan. £12, Under 16's £10.50</p> <p>Various times – see website</p> <p>Beauty and the Beast – 28th Dec – 5th Jan. £11, Under 16's £5.50</p> <p>Various times – see website</p> <p>(This is a selection of lower priced pantomimes, there are many others available)</p>	<p>www.exeterphoenix.org.uk</p> <p>Location: Exeter Phoenix, Ghandi Street</p> <p>www.barnfield.org.uk</p> <p>Location: Barnfield Theatre, Exeter</p> <p>www.manorpavilion.com</p> <p>Location: Manor Pavilion Theatre, Sidmouth</p>
Santa's	<p>Otter Nurseries - £3.99 per child</p> <p>Sidmouth Garden Centre – donation</p> <p>Seaton Tramway – includes tram ride, refreshments, gift – adults £9.95, under 16's £7.95, under 3's £4.95. 23rd/24th Dec.</p> <p>Bicton Park – Normal entry prices apply, 22nd and 23rd Dec, £3.50 per child.</p>	<p>Location: Ottery St Mary</p> <p>Location: Sidmouth</p> <p>www.tram.co.uk</p> <p>Location: Seaton</p> <p>www.bictongardens.co.uk</p> <p>Location: Bicton Park, nr East Budleigh</p>

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