BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL **NEWSLETTER 10/11 13**









Dear Parents

We had a lovely day yesterday when Eddy and Philippa from Folk South West worked with all the children. Lucy from the National Trust had arranged for the visit in preparation for the Wassailing event on Saturday 15th January. The children composed a song and a chant for the whole village to sing on the night. They had really good ideas and Eddy and Phillipa were impressed with their enthusiasm and finished composition. Please put the date in your diary. There will be afternoon activities in preparation for the Wassail which takes place in the evening.

We've had a lot of children away this week. We hope everyone is feeling better soon and able to join in all the fun of the last week of term.

Have a lovely weekend

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

School Play

We're sorry we had to postpone the play this week but hope you understand the reasons why. Due to other school events, hall bookings and the personal commitments of staff we weren't able to find another evening before the end of term for the play. We hope as many of you as possible will still be able to join us on Friday afternoon at 1.30pm for the production, however, we do understand that some of you may not be able to due to work commitments. If you would like us to put on an evening performance early in the New Year please fill in the slip below. This extra performance won't include the short nativity section of the play, however, if your child is part of this section you won't miss out as the children will perform exactly the same nativity scene at the Christingle Service next Wednesday.

Mrs Crawford has requested that all costumes and props that the children in Class 2 have prepared for the play could be brought into school on Monday.

End of Term arrangements

Next Friday all children will need to be collected from the Village Hall once the school play has ended.

Parenting Course

Tracey Tipton our Parent Support Adviser is planning to run a Speakeasy Programme for parents of year 5, 6 and 7 students. It is an eight week course which will give parents the confidence to discuss relationships with their children. Parents can also gain a level 2 OCN qualification.

- Do you feel comfortable and relaxed talking to your children about growing up?
- Want to be prepared for the kind of questions your children may ask?
- Are you sure of all the facts?
- Everyone is welcome to join in,
- Everyone gets involved talking, listening, sharing ideas and information
- Sessions are fun, varied and groups usually meet once a week for eight weeks
- Speakeasy is a fun and relaxed course
- Gain an accredited open college network award at Level 2 which can help with further training or employment, there is no exam and all work done on the course counts towards your award
- Speakeasy is an FPA course for mums, dads and carers.

If you are interested then find out more by calling Tracey Tipton On 01395 572949 or 07540 668525 and book a place on our taster session taking place on the 14th January at the youth club in Sidmouth from 12.30 until 2.30.

Christmas Events

Community Carols

On Monday afternoon at 2.15 we are inviting parents and friends of the school to join us to sing Christmas Carols and to share some mince pies.

Christmas Lunch

The school Christmas Lunch will take place on Wednesday. This is a non uniform day, children can come to school in clothes with a festive theme!

Christingle Service

On Wednesday evening we will be joining the Church for the Christingle Service. The service starts at 6.30pm. Please could those children with a costume or speaking part be at the church for 6.15pm. Costumes will be sent home at the end of the school day, so please could children arrive in Church with them on. Costumes need to be returned to school on Thursday morning so that we are all prepared to use them again for the play on Friday. Thank you for your assistance with this. Please also remember to bring the candle collection boxes to church to raise money for The Children's Society.

Clubs

There will be no clubs taking place next week apart from Modelling Club which will still take place on Tuesday. This will be the final session for the creation of the Pteranodon and the group will have a bit of a celebration. Any children who have been involved in making the model are welcome to attend. We are hoping that the press will attend too.

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The best evenings during the first two weeks of the term for me/us would be
beginning of next term.
I/We would appreciate an evening performance of the play being performed at the