

BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 12 / 13 18 Friday 1st February 2013

Achievements to Celebrate Branscombe Waves Award:

Charlotte: Making a good effort in maths especially **Freya:** Being a hard worker and for some super writing

Max: Excellent reading progress **Taliesin:** Being kind and caring



Dear Parents

I received confirmation this week that we will be welcoming a very special visitor to school on 19th March. Bishop Nick will be coming to present us with our 'Outstanding' SIAS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools) Certificate. He will be coming to look around the school and chat to the children and will then join us for an assembly just before home time to present our certificate. If any parents are available to join us for the assembly we would love you to come. More details about times etc. will be sent out nearer the time.

Class 1 are visiting Powderham Castle today with the KS1children from Broadhembury. We hope they are having a really enjoyable time and look forward to hearing about their day on Monday.

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School

Key Dates –Mrs Gray will be in school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week.

Monday 4th February –Cake sale after school in the playground.

Wednesday 6th February - Class 2 have a visitor for their India project lesson.

Thursday 7th February – Class 2 swimming lesson.

Tuesday 12th February – Shrove Tuesday, pancake races in the Branoc Hall at 2pm.

Wednesday 13th February – Chinese School lunch.

Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February – Half term.

PTFA Cake Sale on Monday

Please come and sample the lovely cakes in the playground after school on Monday 4th February. We appreciate everyone who helps at the cake sales, especially to Amanda Darragh and Ruth Thomas who are making cakes this time. There is a list of volunteers on the noticeboard; please tell the office if you can help.

Swimming

Class 2 had a great time swimming yesterday and are looking forward to going again next Thursday. We would appreciate it if a parent (who has a current CRB check) could accompany the group on any of their next 5 lessons. The coach leaves school at 12.45 and returns at 3.15. An extra adult would be very helpful. Please let Nicola or Paula in the office know if you can help in any way.

School Survey

We would love to hear how much your children enjoy our school; and find out if there is anything we can do to improve. We would appreciate it if you would complete our very own School Survey which can be found at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/T3J88GF. If you do not have access to a computer please let us know and you can use one at school; or we can provide you with a printed survey. The survey closes at the end of February. We look forward to viewing your comments.

Shrove Tuesday

Parents are welcome to join us at the pancake races that take place at the Branoc Hall from 2pm on Tuesday 12th February. All children require a light frying pan and one pancake for tossing brought in to school in the morning. In addition, this year, we would be grateful if each family could provide 6 pancakes for the tea afterwards in the Branoc Hall.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Sainsbury's have restarted their Active Kids campaign to help encourage young people to lead healthier more active lifestyles. Please collect vouchers from Sainsbury stores, petrol stations and grocery online shopping and put them in the box in the school entrance. The more vouchers we receive the more sports equipment we can claim so ask your friends and family to give you their vouchers too.

School lunch celebrates the Chinese New Year

On Wednesday 13th February the School lunch will be sticky Chinese chicken or vegetarian sticky quorn fillets, with vegetable rice or noodles accompanied by peas and sweetcorn. For dessert there will be dim sum (similar to custard tart) plus fruit salad and yoghurts. Jacket potatoes and packed lunches also available. This is to celebrate the Chinese New Year of the Snake which is on Sunday 10th February.

Our Value This Term - Wisdom

In Collective Worship this term the children are thinking about Wisdom. There is a display in the entrance hall about this. Please encourage your children to write some 'words of wisdom' on the apple templates which can then hang on 'The Wisdom Tree'. We hope you enjoy having a try at the Wisdom Wordsearch included below.

