



**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER 10/11 10**  
**Friday 19th November 2010**

**Achievements to Celebrate**  
**Branscombe Waves Award:**

**Izzy:** for being a hard worker.

**Natasha:** for being helpful and hardworking at the Harvest Lunch.

**James:** for being a hard worker.

**Max:** for being helpful & hardworking at the Harvest Lunch.

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



**The Branscombe Waves**

Dear Parents

The harvest lunch last week was a lovely occasion. It was lovely to have such support from the local community. The staff and children from class 2 catered for over 100 people. The soup and apple crumble were delicious and the lunch was much appreciated by all our guests. The children were impeccably behaved and made perfect hosts! We raised over a hundred pounds for the School Community Fund.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

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

**Fruit in Key Stage One**

The free fruit deliveries will commence again at the beginning of December now that a new distributor has been found.

**Christmas Dinner from St Nicholas' Kitchen**

On 8<sup>th</sup> December the children will have an opportunity to have a Christmas Dinner delivered from St Nicholas' Kitchen. The menu is:

Roast Turkey or Vegetarian Roast

Served with Sausage, Stuffing, Sprouts, Carrots, Peas and Gravy

Ice Cream and Jelly

Christmas Pudding and Cream

Fresh Fruit Salad

Or Yoghurt

If you wish to order this we need to know by next week. Please fill in the slip below. The cost will be £2.00 and the money can be paid with the slip below or with your normal dinner order.

### **Safe Internet/Parent Forum**

A reminder that we will be holding internet safety training followed by a Parent Forum on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Please fill in the slip below if you will attend the training and forum.

### **Internet Safety**

Do you know what your children are doing on the internet?

Do you know how to keep them safe?

On the 24<sup>th</sup> November, all the children will be hearing about how to keep themselves safe on the internet but it is vital that you as parent /carer have the same knowledge and awareness.

Joel Smith and Tracey Tipton, Parent Support Adviser, will give further information and advice on this important topic on

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 3.15pm-4.15pm  
At School**

### **PreSchool**

PreSchool have a couple of vacancies after Christmas due to some of the older children starting school. If anyone has any family or friends with children aged 2 to 5 please pass on the enclosed leaflet.

### **Easy Fundraising**

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) provides a FREE fundraising service where you can raise funds for our school when you shop online. You can choose from over 2000 of the UK's best-known retailers including many popular names such as Amazon, M&S, Argos, John Lewis and HMV, and when you shop using the links on the site up to 15% from every purchase you make is donated to the school.

It doesn't cost a penny extra to shop and as many retailers now give extra discounts when you buy online, you can even save money!

### **PTFA**

#### **Jam Jars**

Please bring in your jam jars for The Branscombe Village Christmas Fair. Jars can be filled with anything such as sweets, hair bobbles, soaps, colouring pencils. The fair is being held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm so please make sure that you bring any jars in to school next week.

### **School Quiz**

Just a reminder that the school quiz at the Fountain Head is next week on Thursday November 25<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. Teams of 4 are needed to enter. It is only £2.50 per head. The winning team will receive a trophy and a prize!

### **Tea Towels**

School tea towels with all pre-school, school pupils and staff are now available for a cost of £3.00 each or two or more for £2.50 each. What a bargain! They make lovely Christmas presents for grans, aunts, great-grans etc. There is no limit to how many you can buy and there is one on display in the reception area for you to look at. All the profits will go to the school PTFA. If you wish to order any please fill in the attached slip below and return it to the school office with cash or cheques made payable to Branscombe PTFA. Once the forms are filled in the PTFA will distribute the tea towels. Thank you.

### **Important Information about School Sports**

As a result of the government's October Comprehensive Spending Review, 'ring- fenced' funding for our School Sport Partnership (SSP) will cease in 2011. The school has valued the support of the East Devon School Sport Partnership (EDSSP) in supporting and driving the increase of High Quality PE and School Sport that your child has been involved in alongside our Primary Link Teacher.

**This will directly affect your child**, and the impact from this decision will mean that initiatives and programmes such as sports coaches visiting schools, local training for our staff, initiatives designed to support your child's progression in swimming, increasing the breadth of festivals and competition opportunities, creating club/school links etc are likely to cease. Our School Sport Coordinator (SSCo) who enables so much of this to happen will disappear too.

As a school we wish to continue our partnership and enable our pupils to take up these opportunities and benefit from support to deliver high quality PE and school sport.

Young Ambassadors within our local SSP who are responsible for inspiring young people to be active and participate in sport are leading a nationwide petition that will be used to lobby the government in the coming weeks. It is envisaged that with the right amount of publicity and commitment our Partnerships could get up to 1 million signatures on the petition for young people to hand to Michael Gove MP, Secretary of State for Education. If we can achieve this we hope the government will listen to the public concerns and rethink their plans.

How can you help? Quite simply our school has been issued with a copy of the petition. We have a short period of time to collect as many names and signatures as possible before the petition is presented to the Secretary of State for Education in early December. We hope that all parents and carers will add their names to the petition, as we hope that you want the best opportunities for your child. A petition sheet will be located in the school reception for you to sign. Please also feel free to communicate your disappointment to your local MP.

Young Ambassadors are aiming for 1 million names across the country, with support they hope to make the Government 'sit up' and listen to the views of those affected.

### **Messages Sent Home**

As you know we try very hard to keep parents regularly informed of what is happening at school, however when we have an urgent message such as a club being cancelled that day it is sometimes difficult to get hold of you all quickly. To help improve this situation the Sidmouth Learning Community have decided to use a service called ParentMail®, which is used by over 2,500 schools across the UK to communicate with parents by email and text message. ParentMail will be beneficial to you because:

- Messages will get to you reliably
- We can send messages directly to mums and dads at the same time
- You will quickly know about important or urgent messages

**To use ParentMail® we need to collect your email addresses and mobile numbers and we would ask you to complete the attached form and return it to us by 16/11/2010.**

Please be assured that ParentMail® is registered with the Data Protection Registrar and guarantees that all information you provide will be kept private and will not be passed on to any other organisation.

**Important** - When we start using ParentMail, email messages will be sent from [messages@parentmail.co.uk](mailto:messages@parentmail.co.uk). Please add this address to your email address books (or approved sender list) to prevent messages from being blocked by your SPAM/JUNK filters.

### **Christmas Dates**

Branscombe Village Fair - Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm in the Village Hall

Christmas Play - Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Dinner provided by St Nicholas' Kitchen - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

Community Carols and mince pies - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm at school.

Branscombe School Christmas Dinner at Village Hall - Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Christingle Service - Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December (6.30pm)

Break Up for holidays - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

### Christmas Dinner Wednesday 8th December

My child \_\_\_\_\_ would like Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 8th December.

<b>Main Course</b>	Turkey		Vegetarian Roast					
<b>Dessert</b>	Jelly & ice cream		Christmas Pudding & Cream		Fresh fruit salad		Yoghurt	

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### Safe internet

I \_\_\_\_\_ will be attending the safe internet meeting at 3.15 pm on Wednesday 24th November .

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### Tea Towels

\_\_\_\_\_ would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ tea towels and

enclose £ \_\_\_\_\_