



The Branscombe Waves



**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY
SCHOOL**
WITH LITTLE EXPLORERS' PRE-SCHOOL
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Friday 15th December 2017



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Roxie: Developing independence and courage to have a go.

Agatha: Excellent effort, taking responsibility to learn her part in the Christmas play.

Corey: Demonstrating a positive attitude and persevering to complete assessments to the best of his ability.

Dominic: Coping with academic and social challenges incredibly well.

Dear Parents,

This week the children in Class 1 have been busy practising the songs for their Christmas Play; they have also worked hard to complete the scenery for the stage, and are looking forward to sharing with parents and friends the fruits of their labour.

In R.E. sessions the children have looked back at their learning about celebrations around the world, reflecting upon the varied customs in different cultures and religions. In Science sessions, they have made posters and leaflets, to share as much of their understanding about 'taking care of themselves' and 'growing up' as they are able. Miss Harvey-Jones would also like to say a big well done, to her class for completing their end of term assessments!

This week, amid the excitement of Christmas lunch, the PTFA Christmas party and preparations for next Monday's Christmas play, Class 2 have been busy finishing projects, such as making their own kite designs, and preparing posters and scenery for the play. In Collective Worship this week, the whole school has delved a little deeper into the Nativity story, considering the different parts of the story and the messages of peace, love and salvation within it.

This will be our last newsletter of 2017. Please let me take this opportunity to say thank you to all the staff for their hard work, and to you, the parents, for your support. It really does help to make the children's learning more successful. We hope you all have a good break, and we look forward to seeing the children back at school, on January 4th 2018. We wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas, and all the best for the New Year to come.

Thank you for all your continued support.

God bless and have a lovely weekend.

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

Question of the Week

Class 1: How could you make someone else's Christmas happier this year?

Class 2: If Christmas was on the 25th August how might our celebrations be different?

Key Dates

Autumn Term 2017

18th December – Christmas Play- 6pm

19th December- Carol singing at 2.30 in Class 1 and end of Term

Spring Term 2017

4th January – First day of School

9th February- Last day of School before half term

12th-16th February- Half term

19th February- First day back after half term

22nd March- Parents' evening

29th March- Last Day of Term

Exciting News!

From the start of next term our school meals will be from a different provider. They will still be cooked at Sidmouth Primary School but they are being managed by an outside catering firm which specialises in school meals. There are details below about the new company – Aspens – and there is a copy of the new menu which we are sure you'll agree looks delicious.

Mrs Gray met with the manager this week and he is going to organise for a parent 'tasting' session early in the New Year.

All arrangements for ordering lunches will remain the same – it is always helpful if you can order your child's meals on a Friday the week before the meals are due to be taken, but we understand some changes may need to be made on the day. The children can choose from main meal, vegetarian, jacket potato or packed lunch option. Please do give the new meals a try if you don't usually order a school lunch for your child.

Textiles Club

From January until February half term, textiles club will be for Year 6 pupils only. This will enable them to complete a project using the sewing machines. For the second half of the spring term the club will be open to all of KS2.

Netball Club

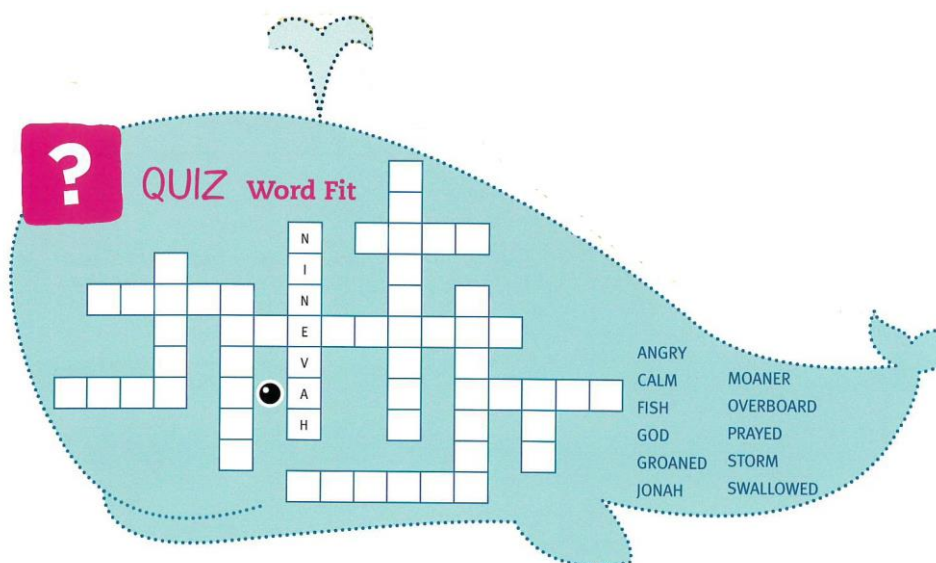
As we are nearing the end of term, there will be no netball club on Monday 18th December.

Sidmouth Kitchen Christmas Lunch

The Christmas lunch provided by Sidmouth Kitchen is taking place on Monday 18th December - this will be the only meal choice available on this day.

Collective Worship Activity

This term we have been focussing in school on the value of Justice. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together. If the children bring back something that you have done at home linked to the Collective Worship activity, or can talk about a discussion they've had at home linked to it, then Mrs Gray will award them with a new special sticker.





Aspens is the company chosen by your school to provide the new meal service. We specialise in providing catering to schools and colleges across the country.

The food children eat at school plays an important role in their wellbeing, and eating a well-balanced diet will not only maintain and improve their health, but will also set them on the right track for later life. We understand this and that's why we are passionate about serving fresh, high quality and locally sourced food that is cooked in our kitchen.

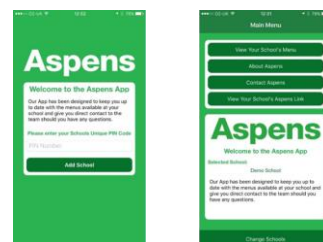
Responsible catering

At Aspens - we take our responsibility of catering for today's children and young adults seriously. All of our dishes are prepared everyday using quality, fresh and seasonal ingredients that are responsibly sourced.

As well as ensuring the food on the plate is healthy, we want our customers to understand the importance of eating the right foods and help them with their food and nutrition journey.

The Aspens App

This is ideal for parents to check out what's on offer for lunch with just a couple of presses on your smartphone. It's simple enough – just search for the app at the App Store, install, add the unique PIN relating to your particular school and you will be able to view the current menu. Ask a member of the team or at the school office for your number.



Great tasting food that your children will love

We know that our menus are good and lots of children enjoy one of our meals every day. But take a look at the other reasons why our meals are great:

- We are proud to support British farmers and producers and we take the sourcing of our ingredients seriously.
- Buying local, British produce enables us to support our farmers and invest in our local communities.
- We have awards from the British Hen Welfare Trust and Compassion in World Farming for our use of free range eggs.
- We make sure we have the freshest and highest quality produce on our menu.
- We buy Red Tractor, farm assured meat and poultry.
- Our menus don't contain any undesirable additives, hydrogenated fats or GM ingredients.

Just as you'd expect, you can trust us to provide meals which meet the Government's School Food Standards. Our menus are full of protein, whole grain rice and pasta, and vitamin-packed fresh fruits and vegetables to ensure your child has the fuel to perform academically throughout the school day.

Special diets and food allergens

Don't think that your child can't enjoy our great food if they have a special diet - they are an important part of our catering service. We can provide food if they have an intolerance, an allergy, or require an alternative choice due to religious beliefs.

Legislation requires caterers to provide allergen information on food sold that is served 'unpackaged'. Aspens already cater for lots of children with allergies and we regularly check the information from suppliers to see if there have been any ingredient changes. It is still important

that our customers talk to us so we can work together and continue to provide meals that are safe for them to eat.

Free school meals

All children that are in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to receive UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS! We think it's a fantastic idea so please make sure you support this initiative. Not only will you be saving money, but you will also be giving your child a nutritionally balanced meal to fuel their bodies for the rest of their learning day.

Please note this is not to be confused with FREE SCHOOL MEALS which is an entitlement that some children can receive due to their parents/carers circumstances. If you feel you may be entitled to receive FREE SCHOOL MEALS, you should request the relevant forms from your school office.

Get in touch

Aspens are experts in school catering and have years of experience when it comes to school food. If you have any questions about our service, or any special dietary requirements - please get in touch. You can contact us via email on info@aspens-services.com or call on 01905 759613. You will also find a host of information on our website – www.aspens-services.com

Spring 2018

1st Jan, 22nd Jan, 12th Feb, 5th March, 26th March 2018

WEEK 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sausage and Mash with Gravy	Pizza Day	Roast Pork with Apple Sauce, Gravy and Potatoes	Chicken in a White Sauce with Wholegrain Rice	Battered Fish with Chips
Sweet Potato and Chickpea Curry with Wholegrain Rice	Choose from a range of toppings	Cheese and Tomato Bake with Potatoes	Maccaroni Cheese with Herby Bread	Homemade Vegetable Burger with Chips and Tomato Sauce
Fruity Ice Cream Sundae	Fruit Tart with Vanilla Custard	Berry Cheesecake	Carrot Cake	Chocolate and Beefroot Brownie

8th Jan, 29th Jan, 19th Feb, 12th March 2018

WEEK 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
All Day Breakfast	Cottage Pie and Gravy	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Gravy and Potatoes	Spaghetti Bolognese with Wholemeal Pasta	Fish Fingers and Chips
Pork or Quorn Sausage, Bacon, Hash Brown, Tomato and Baked Beans	Cheesy Vegetable and Tomato Pasta Bake	Shepherdess Hotpot and Gravy	Cauliflower Cheese	Curried Vegetable Pilaaf
Chocolate Shortbread Biscuit with Fruit Slices	Toffee Apple Crumble and Custard	Iced Fruit Sponge	Berry and Jelly Chill	Chocolate Krispie

15th Jan, 5th Feb, 26th Feb, 19th March 2018

WEEK 3

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken and Roasted Vegetable Pasta Bake	Beef Burger in a Bun with Oven Baked Wedges	Roast Gammon with Pineapple, Gravy and Potatoes	Minced Beef and Onion Slice with Mash	Salmon Fish Fingers and Chips
Baked Bean and Cheese Wrap	Roasted Vegetable, and Bean Chilli with Wholegrain Rice	Quorn Roast with Gravy and Potatoes	Veggie Bolognese with Wholemeal Pasta	Cheese and Tomato Finwheel with Chips
Strawberry Mousse	Fruit Crumble and Custard	Sultana and Oat Cookie	Fruit Jelly with Ice Cream	Chocolate Crunch

Option 1

Served Daily
A baked jacket potato with a choice of toppings

Choose our daily packed lunch with a sandwich or roll with a range of fillings, healthy snack, home baked cake and piece of fruit.

We offer seasonal vegetables, bread, yoghurt and fruit daily. (allergy information is available)



Meat Veggie Jacket Potato Packed Lunch



BUBBLE

HONITON LEARNING COMMUNITY

Here are some of the activities available in your area during the Christmas holiday.

All day activities

Honiton Leisure Centre – SportZmix (Premier Sports)
– Thurs 21st Dec, from £15 per day.

Further contact details: www.ledleisure.co.uk

Tel: 01404 42325

Location: School Lane, Honiton



Swimming

Honiton Swimming Pool – Fun Splash:
Mon – Fri, 1.30pm–2.30pm.

Contact details: www.ledleisure.co.uk

Tel: 01404 42325

Location: School Lane, Honiton

St Paul's Church, Honiton



Sun 17th Dec

Christingle Service – 4pm

Sat 23rd Dec

Crib Service – 11am

For full details of service during Advent please
see www.honitoncofe.org

The Manor Pavilion Theatre

Sidmouth Amateur Dramatic Society Ltd
presents:

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK By Alan Frayn



**Ticket Prices £13/£6.50 under 16's. Group
Discounts available.**

*Fri 29th at 7.30pm Sat 30th Dec at 2pm and
6.30pm Sun 31st Dec at 2pm and 6.30pm Mon
1st Jan at 2pm and 6.30pm. Tues 2nd Jan at
7.30pm Wed 3rd Jan No performances. Thu 4th
Jan at 7.30pm Fri 5th Jan at 7.30pm Sat 6th Jan
at 2pm and 6.30pm*

www.manorpavilion.com, 01395 514413

Saints South West Soccer School at Ottery St Mary



Friday 22nd Dec & Tues 2nd Jan
10am – 3pm, £7.50 per session

Book directly at

saintssouthwest.co.uk/all-courses

Tel: 01803 206350,

info@saintssouthwest.co.uk

Get out and about!

Roundball Wood is a small area of woodland to the south of Honiton. Three footpaths lead to the Wood from public roads (Woodhill View, Battishorne Way and Roundball Lane) and the Wood is about 10 minutes walk from either of these points.

Please take reasonable care and go dressed and equipped for rough walking. Maps available at:

www.eastdevonaonb.org.uk

Donkey Sanctuary



12 Donkeys of Christmas Spotter Trail - until
06.01.18 - 9am-4pm. No booking required. £2 per
sheet - complete the trail and claim a prize

www.thedonkeysanctuary.org.uk

Tel: 01395 573055 Location: Sidmouth

Devon
Libraries Honiton Library



CHRISTMAS STORYTIME CHRISTMAS CRAFT SESSION

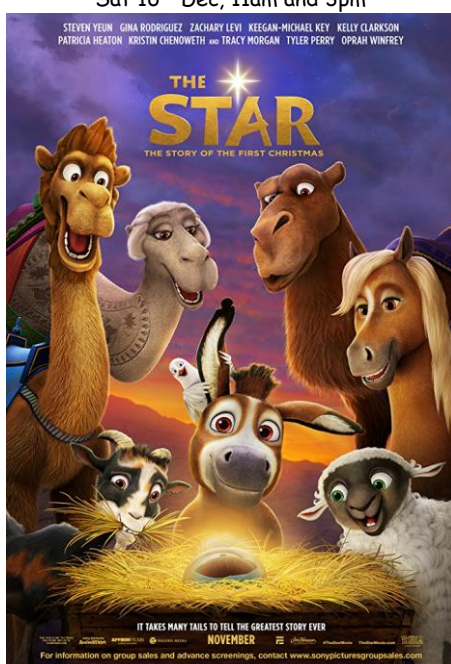
For dates and times, please contact the library on
01404 42818

www.devon.gov.uk/honiton_library

48 - 50 New Street, Honiton

The Beehive - Honiton

Sat 16th Dec, 11am and 3pm



Tickets: Adult £6.50, U16 £5.50, Family Ticket £20
(2 Adults & 2 Children or 1 Adult & 3 Children)

www.beehivehoniton.co.uk

The Beehive - Honiton

Fri 5th Jan, 7.30pm

Sat 6th Jan, 3pm & 5pm



Tickets: Adult £6.50, U16 £5.50, Family Ticket
£20

(2 Adults & 2 Children or 1 Adult & 3 Children)

**Accessible seating available by calling the box
office**

www.beehivehoniton.co.uk



8 miles from Honiton, signposted from A30.

25/11/2017 - 06/01/2018

11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Ferne Animal Sanctuary

Christmas Trail & Crafts

Children are invited to come and enjoy our **Christmas Trail** which will be running through the lovely grounds at Ferne from the **25th of November to the 6th of January**.

Craft activities will start on **Saturday 16th December** and will be running most days between 11am and 3pm until the **6th January 2018**. Please see the home page for details.

<http://www.ferneanimalsanctuary.org/index.php?page=events>

Email: info@ferneanimalsanctuary.org
Tel: 01460 65214

East Devon Countryside Service



Reindeer Trail

Follow the clues around the wetlands to help track down Father Christmas' missing reindeer in time to deliver his presents!

Once you've completed the trail join the Education rangers in the Reed Base for Christmas crafts and hot drinks.

Free. No booking necessary. Mon 18th
Dec 2017, 10:30am - 3:00pm

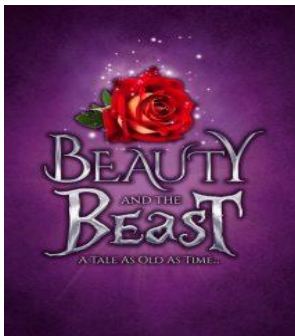
Reed Base at Seaton Wetlands, Colyford Road ,
Seaton

NEAREST POSTCODE EX12 2SP

For all winter events go to;

http://eastdevon.gov.uk/media/2223876/s0184_countryside-aw17-events-guide_lowres.pdf
[01395 517557](tel:01395517557)

exeter **BARNFIELD**
THEATRE
Charity no. 263944



21st – 23rd December, 27th – 31st December, 1st January, 3rd
– 6th January

Tickets £13.50 (£12)

3rd & 4th January all tickets £10

<http://www.barnfieldtheatre.org.uk/beauty-and-the-beast/>



Christmas Family Workshop

16 December 2017

Scandi-inspired Papercraft session

Join artist Kathy Norris for a creative workshop making Christmas decorations inspired by the simplicity of Scandinavian design and paper crafting. Make festive mobiles, garlands and more. There will be something for all ages. Materials are provided just bring your festive spirit!

Drop in anytime between 11am and 3pm.

Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Suggested donation £2/child

Thelma Hulbert Gallery (THG), Elmfield House, Dowell Street,
Honiton EX14 1LXT: 01404 45006 www.thelmahulbert.com