



BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER 12/ 13 14
Friday 14th December 2012

**Achievements to Celebrate
Branscombe Waves Award:**

Autumn: Always giving her best.

Jamie: Being a hardworker and doing his best.

Mason: Being a hardworker and doing his best.

Sid: Perseverance in reading and good progress.

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



The Branscombe Waves

Dear Parents

Thank you so much to everyone who attended the Branscombe School play this week. I thought it was a really super occasion and the children showed off their musical and acting talents brilliantly. The Broadhembury Play is this coming week on Wednesday. A thank you must also go to our two staff teams who put in so much of their own time to ensure the Christmas festivities are so enjoyable for the children and school communities as a whole.

The children at Broadhembury have recorded themselves singing Away in a Manger and sent it off to Chris Evans at Radio 2. He is playing recordings of amateur children's choirs on his show on Wednesday morning – so do listen in and see if Broadhembury is picked!

Class 1 in Broadhembury had a trip to the Fire Station at Middlemoor this week in connection with their Great Fire of London topic. They had a brilliant time learning about fire safety and fire prevention as well as looking around a fire engine and watching a firefighter drop down the pole! One of the key messages that came out of the morning was to test your smoke alarms regularly and, **if you don't have smoke alarms at home, invest in some as an extra Christmas present. I think that is a good suggestion for everyone!**

God bless and we hope you have a lovely weekend.
Best wishes from Katie Gray and the staff at Branscombe School.

Pictures from our School Nativity Play



Key Dates –Mrs Gray will be in school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week
Tuesday 18th December – Sidmouth Primary Kitchen Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 19th December – Branscombe School Christmas Lunch at the Branoc Hall
Thursday 20th December – PTFA's trip to Snail and Whale
Friday 21st December – Last day of 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

Christmas Lunches

Christmas lunch (provided by Sidmouth Primary Kitchen) is served on Tuesday 18th December. There will be no snacks or pack lunches provided by the kitchen on this day. We should have your orders by now.

Branscombe School Christmas Lunch, cooked by our own staff members Pauline Phillips and Glynis Newman, will be served the following day, Wednesday 19th December, at the Branoc Hall. The PTFA have kindly funded this meal for all children so there will be no charge. No packed lunches should be sent to school this day.

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.

PTFA Disco

The PTFA's disco is Friday 21st December from 3.30 to 5.50 in the Branoc Hall. Please remember to return any outstanding permission slips. Children will not be permitted to attend if they have not returned their slip!

Privacy of Information

We are always pleased to speak with parents. Sometimes parents wish to discuss confidential information with school staff; therefore we appreciate it if we only have one family in the office at a time. Please wait outside the office door if we are already speaking with someone.

Snail and the Whale Theatre Trip

The PTFA have kindly suggested paying for the whole school to attend The Snail and the Whale at Northcott Theatre next Thursday 20th December. The trip would have cost approximately £13.00 for each child so we are very grateful to the PTFA for suggesting the visit and agreeing to pay. The PTFA are asking that if parents would like to make a contribution (a suggested amount being £5) then this would obviously help PTFA funds for supporting other events. Please give contributions to PTFA committee members or bring them into school in a **labelled, sealed envelope marked PTFA Theatre Trip Contribution**, so that money doesn't get muddled with school funds. The envelopes can be placed in the box in the entrance hall. Please make cheques payable to Branscombe School PTFA.

Please could children bring a packed lunch for the trip. If your child is eligible for free school meals the school kitchen can provide a packed lunch providing you tell the school office you would like one on Monday.

Children may also bring a healthy snack for the afternoon. They will be eating lunch early in order to get to the theatre on time; therefore, they may be hungry on the journey back to school. So that we don't make a mess on the coach please ensure the snack is not sticky!

The coach will deliver children back to the Village Hall at 3.30pm. Please collect your children from there at this time.

SOE3 Permission Forms are in children's book bags. Please complete and return them to school by Tuesday morning.

Buy a Christmas tree and raise money for our school!

Sidmouth Garden Centre will give the school £2.50 for every Christmas tree purchased with a token. Children took tokens home in their book bags and we have plenty more in the school office. Please give tokens to Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, friends and neighbours.

PTFA Cake Stall

Thank you for supporting our cake stalls. The money raised enables our children to have additional equipment and outings. Please bring any money that is owed to the school office or give it to a PTFA member as soon as possible.

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.

After School Clubs have finished for this term

Please note that after school clubs have now finished for Christmas.

Spring Term

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

Thank you!

It's been lovely to welcome Sasha Jones to the school this week on work experience. She has been a great help during the busy Christmas season and has given of her time, outside of school hours, to help with the play. A big thank you and we wish you every success in your chosen career.