

BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 11 / 12 16 Friday 13th January 2012

Achievements to Celebrate Branscombe Waves Award: Rhys: For settling into school well and being enthusiastic and hard working Izzy: for working accurately on her number work Connor: for settling into school well Max: for being keen to practise his learning over Christmas by doing some extra work



Dear Parents

I have spent much of this week meeting several groups of children, which is always a real treat! The School Council met with me to finalise our plans for a 'buddy' system at lunch time. Older children from each school team will be identified on a rota basis to support children who would like games organised for them or just want a bit of company. If they help a child they will gain a point for their school team. The School Council have chosen some items of clothing that will identify the buddies in the playground and some other items to promote the scheme. Once these have arrived we will launch the new system!

I have also conducted some more 'learning forums'. This is where I meet groups of children to talk about how they feel about their learning, what they are proud of, things they could improve and ways they can help themselves learn successfully. These are really interesting discussions and a great insight into whether the provision we set up in classrooms actually supports our young learners.

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

Attendance records

If your child is away from school please remember to send a note when they return or to complete one of the forms available in the foyer. We are required to have written details from parents in order that the absence can be correctly identified in the registers. Many thanks for your help.

Mummers The Word

A traditional promenade play will take place in Lyme Regis on Saturday 14th January starting at 3.30pm outside Lyme Museum. It is all free with traditional mulled ale at the end.

Key Dates

Mrs Gray will be in school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week. Wednesday 18th January - Netball match at Sidmouth Primary School Friday 20th January - deadline for Puffin Book Club orders Friday 20th January - Class 2 Swimming lesson Monday 23rd January - Chinese New Year lunch Friday 27th January - Class 2 Swimming lesson Sunday 19th January - Family service at St Winifred's church Thursday 2nd February at 2.45pm - Parent forum meeting Friday 3rd February - Class 2 Swimming lesson Thursday 9th February at 2.45pm - Church service at St Winifred's Church all parents and friends welcome to attend. Friday 10th February - Class 2 Swimming lesson Friday 10th February - Iast day of this half term Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February - half term holiday Monday 20th February - return to school

Chinese Lunch

Monday 23rd January is Chinese New Year and Sidmouth Primary School Kitchen will be providing a Chinese Menu in celebration, instead of the usual menu for that day. Please return the slip below if your child would like the Chinese Meal. The cost will be the same as a normal school meal; £2.05.

Netball Match

On Wednesday 18th January the netball team will be playing a match at Sidmouth Primary School. If any parents are available to help transport the children from school to Sidmouth at 3.15pm please speak to Claire Graysmark, or pop into the office. All children are to be collected from Sidmouth Primary School at 4.30pm.

Family Service

On Sunday 29th January St Winifred's Church will hold its first Family Service. The focus will be Candlemas. This will be a shorter service than normal and everyone is welcome to attend. These services will take place every 5th Sunday.

Puffin Book Club

You should all have received the latest Puffin Book Club catalogue. The order deadline is Friday 20th January for both online orders and orders to the school office. Thank you.

Chinese Lunch

Name	Meat – Sticky Chicken	Vegetarian – Spring roll with dipping sauce

Cost £2.05 / meal