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# Headteacher's Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

The time has flown and we only have a few weeks left before the Christmas holidays. It is amazing how the time passes when you are as busy as we are at school. There is a lot going on so I thought it was about time for a round up and a newsletter.



## Road Safety.....

I have received a couple of complaints recently about pupils not being sensible and taking risks when walking home without a grown-up. Our crossing lady and a few concerned parents have reported to me that children are crossing adjacent to the end of St. George's Drive rather than using the lollipop lady. They are also running and being silly as they cross and do not respond when the crossing lady tells them to cross with her. There have also been reports of children pushing each other off the pavement on Ringwood Road. I have spoken to the children about my concern and told them that if I catch them doing the wrong things walking home from school then their right to walk home alone will be withdrawn and a grown-up will need to collect them from school. Please support us and talk to your child if they walk home alone and remind them to be sensible and cross only at the lollipop lady. Thanks.



## New Learning Space...

Big thanks to Mr Saunders who has done a great job of creating yet another super little learning space for our Lions and Tigers to use for phonics and small group work. Learning will now be a much warmer and drier experience for our little stars!



## Christmas Dinner..

this week we enjoyed our school Christmas dinner. It is always a great way to officially begin our Christmas season in school and this year is no exception. We all had a lovely time together.

**Thursday 21st December  
school finishes at 1.30pm,  
lunch as normal.**



## BSA Christmas Fayre...

Don't forget that the **Christmas Fayre** and 'festive' theme MUFTI day takes place this Friday 8th December. Please come along and support our BSA and enjoy a super festive event. There are some exciting new developments for the secret room and a few new surprises to enjoy. Big Red has promised to visit too so let's keep our fingers crossed that he isn't too busy.

## Lost Property!!

**Please come and claim any lost items! We have coats, shoes, hats, gloves, bottles, tracksuits etc all needing their home for Christmas!**

**Coats ....** please ensure that children wear coats to school, the school coats are for PE use only .

**Lateness..**A reminder to all parents and carers that the doors shut at 8.55am, to avoid late marks please be in by this time.



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## Bransgore is "A Loving School" We are looking

at our school values at the moment and we have decided that we will have just one value: **Love**. We think that if we are loving towards each other then all other positive values will be demonstrated as well. We will be holding some parent meetings and sharing this with the children over the coming weeks.



**Did you know that our SCITT has just received an "outstanding" grading in all areas following their recent Ofsted inspection? If you or anyone you know has considered going into the teaching profession, why not train at South Coast SCITT at Bransgore school? Come along to the latest information event on Thursday 7th December between 5-7pm to find out how you can become an outstanding teacher with an outstanding provider. Further information and dates available here: [www.scscitt.co.uk](http://www.scscitt.co.uk)**

**Advent Actions.....** We are teaching the children about advent being about preparation and a chance for us to improve ourselves and do good for others. We would be delighted if the children would try to do a simple good deed every day during advent. It would be lovely to hear about them each week in worship time. We will have a special Christmas stocking where the children can write what they have done and pop it in on a piece of paper. We will be sharing some advent actions that the children might like to do. Please support us and help the children with their advent actions.

## Breakfast & After School Club Parking

We are really pleased that our new breakfast and after school clubs are proving so popular but can I just ask that at drop off and collection that you be considerate with parking. We are experiencing some problems with traffic congestion in and out and have had a few issues where pupils have nearly been hit and some near bumps. If we continue to experience problems with parking we will have to ask you to find alternative parking, sorry if this sounds a little inconvenient but safety must be our top priority wherever possible.

**School Trips ....**Due to worries about the amount of money school is losing on underfunding of school visits, we will be taking a different approach. You will receive notification of intended visits and trips near the start of each term and you will be asked if you would be willing to contribute towards the trip (we hope to be able to give you a rough figure of what the contribution would be.) If we do not receive enough pledges of financial support for the trip then we will not run that trip. This will avoid last minute cancellation and disappointment for children as well as saving staff time planning for school trips that need to be withdrawn at the eleventh hour.

**Christmas Gifts for Staff...** As you know, we are a growth mind-set school and last year we asked you to write to us or send us a card to say thanks for the work that the teachers and helpers do for your little ones. We don't feel you need to bring in gifts as we do not reward the children with prizes etc. rather we congratulate them and tell them why we think they are doing a great job. We want effort to be the thing that is celebrated, doing and being our best. We want people to feel valued and self-motivated. Gratitude changes everything and a thoughtful card can say so much and these are often re-visited by staff when the going gets tough! We know Christmas is a very challenging time for everyone financially and gifts for teachers can cause some children worry and anxiety and can be a little divisive. We don't want you to feel even more pressure at this time of year so please, no pressies. Just send us some lovely letters and cards that we will share together as staff. Hope you understand. Thanks!

**Pupil Premium...** A reminder to apply for Free School Meals/ Pupil Premium if you think you may be eligible. If you think you qualify go online for an immediate decision by using the online Free School Meal Eligibility Checking Service provided by Hampshire County Council Catering Services (HC3S). This self service option is available at: <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/hc3s/freeschoolmeals.htm>

