

BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Thursday 23rd October 2008

Car Share Challenge

We did it! All the children walked, cycled or came in just one of 13 cars. That is a fantastic result considering on a normal day we have 28 cars coming to school. We are grateful to Devon County Council Travelwise, who funded our delicious celebration breakfast. The sausages and bacon came up the road from Devon Rose, who were also very generous towards the school. The apple muffins and apple juice used apples collected by children on Tuesday in the village orchard. Many thanks to Guy Bentley who gave up a morning to show the children how to press the apples.

All the car share hats were brilliant and really added to the feeling of celebration. It was almost impossible to choose a winner but congratulations go to Ollie, Charlotte and James. All the children took part in a piece of moving art – we hope you saw it fluttering in the wind under our wooden shelter.

Christmas Cards

Today the children will be bringing home their Christmas card designs in a plastic pocket. An accompanying letter explains when and how to order your child's Christmas cards. Orders must be received by the first Tuesday back after half term. We had some really positive comments about these last year and we hope they prove just as popular this Christmas.

Lunch time duty

When we come back after the half term break we will have very little lunch time cover. We do desperately need Meal Time Assistants. There are a number of ways in which parents could help: a permanent job is on offer of two hours each day; or you could come in just one day a week for an hour at lunchtime; or maybe a group of parents could get together on a rota basis to cover one or two days. If you think you may be able to help at lunchtime in any way, please contact Mrs Gray as soon as possible.

Netball Tournament Monday 3rd November

Just a reminder that any netball club players who wish to attend this tournament must return their permission slips issued today at netball club by Monday 3rd November at the very latest.

Operation Christmas Child

When we return after the half term break the shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child will be collected. If you would like to pack a shoe box with small gifts, the charity's website (www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk) explains how to do it and shows how the poorest and most disadvantaged children in the world are helped. Please can you bring your shoe box to the school office by Friday 7th November.

Christmas Dates

On Friday December 12th at 6pm the Church will be giving a Christmas party for everyone in the Village hall to include carols and a play performed by the Youth Club followed by mince pies and mulled wine. All welcome.

The PTFA had planned to hold the school Christmas Fair on that night. It will now be held on the Thursday, 11th December.

Other news from the PTFA

- **Christmas Craft Session:** Just a last reminder for those of you who want to book in for the Christmas Craft Session with Hazel on December 4th. Cost is £3.50 per child to include all materials and a drink. Parents are welcome to stay for the hour and there will be teas and coffees available. Either complete last week's form - or jot us a note (via school office) with names of children and whether you (parents) are staying - and we'll do the rest!
- **Pub Quiz:** Thanks to everyone who got involved with the Pub Quiz last night at The Fountain. The Young Fathers finally clinched the title after three years of trying - well done to them. Thanks to all the other Mums and Dads and staff who managed to make it - and to everyone else involved, particularly Eric and Martin the Quizmasters, and all the staff at The Fountain Inn. It was a great night and we raised £105.00 for PTFA.

Finally have a lovely half term holiday and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 3rd November.