

**BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2008**



**School Calendars**

Children in class 2 and 3 have worked with the local community to produce a fantastic Branscombe calendar to raise money for the school community fund. The children took the photographs, wrote the 'blurb' about each local business and drew the pictures. These perfect Christmas gifts are available in the school office for the very reasonable price of £4.50. Please do come and have a look.

**Christmas Events**

Thank you to all parents and friends of the school who attended the Christmas Play. Thank you also for all the positive comments about the evening. We're glad you enjoyed it. Thank you too for all the work Hazel did to make the Christmas Craft afternoon such a success and to April and her team of helpers for organising the Christmas Fair, it was a lovely evening and we hope very profitable!

I'm sure all the children (and parents of year 6 children) would like to say how much they appreciated the Christmas Dinner cooked by Pauline, Mary Meadows and the other teaching assistants and admin staff at the school. It was, as always, delicious! Thank you.

**Tree of Christmas Wishes**

Last year Eco Club encouraged everyone to reuse and recycle Christmas cards. This year they would like to provide a way for everyone to reduce the numbers of cards they use in the first place. We will have a tree of Christmas wishes and the children can write and decorate a tag that will hang on the tree. If they want they can say on the tag who they are sending their Christmas wishes to, or it can be to everyone. So instead of sending out 30 cards, you use just one tag. The tags are available in the office. Adults are very welcome to use the tree as well. If the children do want to send cards then of course it is fine for them to do so – the Christmas Postbox is now available.

**Mince Pie Afternoon**

We would like to invite all parents and friends of the school for a cup of tea and a mince pie on Monday afternoon at 2.30pm. The children will also be pleased to show you their classrooms displays.

**Christingle Service**

The service will be starting at 6.30pm on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Unless otherwise advised please could the children wear school uniform.

### **Missing Sweatshirts**

We have been advised that several sweatshirts have gone missing recently. Please could you check that all the ones you have belong to you. Charlotte and Aidan have both lost named sweatshirts, please look out for these.

### **Library Books**

Please could all library books be **returned to school on Monday** as Glynis is doing a stock take before the end of term?

### **Tissues!**

All the children have been given a packet of tissues today. This is part of the 'sneeze safe' campaign sponsored by Kleenex. More details can be found on [www.sneezesafe.co.uk](http://www.sneezesafe.co.uk)

### **Wednesday 17th December - Theatre Alibi Christmas Treat**

Theatre Alibi are coming in to perform "Teapot" to the school as our PTFA treat to them this year. Their imagination and creativity is absolutely brilliant and they never fail to amaze. We do have about 50 extra spaces for Mums, Dads (Theatre Alibi have specifically asked us not to invite under 5's as their production is not tailored to this age range). Obviously, PTFA pay for all the school children to watch - but if you would like to come along too (and you won't be disappointed), tickets are available through April and PTFA at £5 each for Adults. This will include refreshments. Cheques made payable to PTFA and please indicate how many tickets you would like on the attached form.

### **PTFA news from April**

Firstly, may I humbly apologise for not mentioning Bill's mince pies after the school play this week! Unforgivable I know. And Bill does bake exceedingly good mince pies.

A few other important reasons to say thank you: Many thanks to Jo and Angie for baking cakes and running last week's cake sale – which raised another £25.50 for school.

Thanks also to Bill for his delicious mince pies. Look forward to actually tasting one after the School Fair (Monday's had all gone by the time I tried to get to them!). Thanks also to Faith and team for serving teas and coffees to everyone at the Christmas Play on Monday.

Thanks to Hazel for running last week's hugely popular Christmas Craft afternoon, and for all her help with the Christmas Fair this year.

Thanks also to all the Mums and Dads and friends who helped with this year's Fair. And thanks Bill for so generously offering to bake your delicious mince pies. They'll taste lovely with a glass of mulled wine ☺

I'll probably leave you alone next week. So just to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a wonderful 2009.

And finally, thanks Bill. You know why.

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### A message from the Governors

The staff and governors at the school feel it is always important to capture the views of the parents. By working in partnership we can identify the strengths of the school and areas which may need developing. We would be grateful if you could spend a few minutes writing positive, productive suggestions which will help us to move the school forward. Please return your comments to the school office. Thank you for your continued support and assistance.