

BRANSCOMBE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Friday 5th December 2008

Donkey Sanctuary

On Thursday, staff from the Donkey Sanctuary will be bringing a number of ‘child friendly’ donkeys to school. As well as giving the children the opportunity to spend time with the donkeys they would also like to film the morning for their new promotional DVD. Next year will be the 40th Anniversary of the opening of the Sanctuary and so they are releasing a new promotional DVD in May. This will include sections about all the aspects of their work including a piece on their outreach work with schools. The DVD will be on sale in their Visitor Centre and will be used for other promotional purposes. Parents will get the opportunity to purchase the DVD themselves. Sections of the DVD will also be put on the Donkey Sanctuary website. Because the finished product will be in the public domain we do need your permission to allow the children to be filmed. Please return the form below by Wednesday 10th December if you would like your child to take part.

Car Sharing

We were delighted with the success of our Car Share Challenge at the end of last half term. It demonstrated how we can reduce congestion, pollution and travel costs and how travelling to school with your friends can be fun. Eco Club would like to build on that success by setting up a Car Sharing Register.



A register is simply a way for the school to facilitate car sharing. If you are interested in car sharing, we take your postcode and match you up with another parent with a nearby postcode. With your permission we give your phone number to the parent we have matched you with and then, if you want, you can arrange a car share. We keep the register – simply a list of names and postcodes – at school.

If you live within walking distance of the school you may also like to join our Walk Share Register. Again this is just a way to facilitate parents sharing the getting of children to school by foot.

The website www.carsharedevon.com has more information about car sharing, including a cost calculator that shows you how much you can save, both financially and environmentally, by car sharing. Please fill in the form below and return to school.

Be Aware

On Wednesday this week a parent had valuables stolen from her car whilst collecting her children from school. Please ensure that all your valuables are locked out of sight. and be extra vigilant at all times.

Village Hall Christmas Fair – Saturday 6th December 2pm

Cake stall, tombola, craft stalls etc.

On sale at the Fair in aid of the school's Community Fund is a very impressive and reasonably priced calendar, produced by the children in Classes 2 and 3.

CHRISTMAS PLAY ON MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER



“IT’S A BABY!”

AFTERNOON PERFORMANCE with pre-school children

Doors open at 1.30pm and Performance begins at 1.45pm
Children will be collected from school as normal

EVENING PERFORMANCE

Doors open 6.00pm
Performance begins at 6.30pm
Children should arrive in school uniform at 6.00pm.
NOT BEFORE!

All children should be collected from the bar after the performance. Please ensure your child's name is marked off the register and inform us if your child is being collected by anyone else

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The Christmas lunch will be held next Wednesday 10th December for all children and year 6 parents. This is a non uniform day. No meals will be served from St Nick’s on this day and no packed lunches are required. All the children will be involved and there will be no charge thanks to the support of the PTFA.

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. Christmas wishes can be written to a specific person or to everyone. So instead of sending out 30 cards, you use just one tag. The tags will be available at the Christmas Fair for 10p each and you can decorate them at the fair or take them home. After the fair the tags will be 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 will be available from Monday 8th December

SCHOOL FAIR

A reminder that the school fair is next Thursday 11th December, from 6pm until 7.30pm.

INVITATION TO OUR MINCE PIE AFTERNOON

Parents are invited to join their children’s class for a mince pie and an opportunity to see displayed work from 2.30pm on Monday 15th December. We would love to see you all!



CAR SHARE REGISTER

Name of child/children: _____

We are/are not* interested in joining the Car Share Register.

We are/are not* interested in joining the Walk Share Register.

(*delete as applicable)

If you are interested please provide your postcode: _____

Signed: _____ (parent/guardian)

Donkey Sanctuary Promotional DVD

I agree for my child/rento be
filmed on Thursday 11th December for the new promotional DVD for the Donkey
Sanctuary. I understand the finished DVD will be available to members of the public
and may be included on the Donkey Sanctuary website.

Signed.....parent/guardian