



Thursday 11th January 2019

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely welcoming everyone back after the Christmas holidays, there is a great buzz of learning and activity around the school.

On Monday this week, before the children returned to school, all the staff were in school for a training day. As part of the day we were delighted to be joined by four of our cluster schools for an afternoon focussed on: 'Developing a whole school approach to mental health and wellbeing - Using a resilience approach.'

"Mental health is emotional and spiritual resilience, which enables us to enjoy life and survive pain, disappointment and sadness. It is a positive sense of well-being and an underlying belief in our own and others' worth"
(World Mental Health Campaign)

The training was led by the Charlie Waller Trust who provide support and resources for schools and parents. The training included looking at an overview of and discussion of key issues relating to children and young people's mental health; examining what a mentally healthy school might look like; exploring what we mean by resilience; examining two approaches to building resilience and identifying key sources of support.

At Coombe Bissett CE VA Primary School we recognise the importance of everyone's mental health and will be using our learning to develop our provision further. In developing a whole-school approach to mental health and well-being is it important for all members of our school community to be engaged, especially parents and carers. We have therefore created an area on our school website where we will share resources and information for parents and carers (www.coombebissett.wilts.sch.uk/learning/parents/mentalhealth). Here you will find some of the slides from our TD day including a slide which signposts useful websites for parents and carers.

Pantomime Thank You

Beginning the Spring Terms with a pantomime has become a tradition at Coombe Bissett Primary School. This year we were all treated to a performance of Peter Pan in our school hall yesterday. This wonderful opportunity is funded by the 100 Club and I would like to thank Mrs McGuire (Hetty and Alice's Mummy) who runs our 100 Club and all the families

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who have joined. All school budgets are very tight and we really do appreciate this extra source of funding to enrich the provision for our children.

Journeys Topic Launch Homework

Yesterday you will have received your child's topic web for our theme this term: Journeys. To launch this topic we have created a display area in our school hall for every child to contribute to. We would like each child to create a fact file for a place in the United Kingdom they have enjoyed visiting. This can be somewhere local or further away (but MUST be in the United Kingdom!) Attached to this newsletter you will find a fact file template with key information to be completed. Please help your child to complete their fact file and return it to school next week so we can add it to our display and celebrate some of the amazing places there are to visit in the UK.

Gardening Club

Mrs Welfare's popular Gardening Club will resume again on Wednesday 6th February 2018 when the children will be busy populating all of our flowerpots and sowing seeds. If your child would like to attend this club please let the school office know as soon as possible.

100 Club Winners – December 2018 Draw

- 1st Mrs Mould
- 2nd Mrs Mary Parsons
- 3rd Jane Cooper

Fir Class Swimming

Please remember that Fir Class commence weekly swimming lessons next Tuesday January 15th and then every week until Tuesday March 26th. Please remember to send your child to school on these dates with their swimming kit. If you have not already returned a swimming consent form please can you do so as soon as possible. We cannot take children swimming without a parental consent form.

Finally, on behalf of the staff and governors, I would like to wish everyone a very happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs D Cockrean

Headteacher

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Dates for Your Diaries

January

Thursday 10th Pantomime – Peter Pan 1.30pm Whole School
Funded by 100 Club; *CHILDREN ONLY*

Monday 28th Wear Something Green Day Whole School
In support of NSPCC – more details to follow

February

Friday 15th Talent Show 2pm Whole School
(in school hall)

Week beginning 18th HALF TERM HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

March

Week beginning 4th Book Week Whole School
(details to follow)

Parent Teacher Meetings Whole School
(details to follow)

Week beginning 11th Book Fair Whole School
(details to follow)

Wednesday 20th Life Education Van Whole School
(details to follow)

April

Friday 5th Easter Experience Whole School
(details to follow)

Monday 8th – EASTER HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 22nd

May

Monday 6th BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

Week beginning 13th SATs (National Assessments) Year 2 & Year 6

Week beginning 20th Arts Week Whole School
(details to follow)

Monday 27th – HALF TERM HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 31st

June

Monday 3rd Teacher Training Day – NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

Wednesday 12th Baptism & Confirmation Service 2pm Whole School
(in Coombe Bissett Church)

Wednesday 19th Sports Day 9.30am Whole School

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Friday 21 st	Music Concert	2pm	Whole School
Wednesday 26 th	Reserve Sports Day	9.30am	Whole School
July			
Wednesday 10 th	KS2 Summer Production (in Village Hall)	2pm & 6pm	Fir and Ash
Friday 12 th	Trip to Intec, Winchester (details to follow)		Whole School
Week beginning 15 th	Science Week (details to follow)		Whole School
Wednesday 24 th	Leavers' Service (in Coombe Bissett Church)	10.30am	Whole School
	Picnic	12noon	Whole School
	Early Finish	1.30pm	Whole School

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