



**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

Dear Parents,

### **Staffing Update**

We have been delighted to welcome Mrs Claire Smith to our school. Mrs Smith is the Learning Support Assistant for Elm Class in the mornings and will be supporting children from across the school in the afternoons, particularly their emotional well-being.

Unfortunately Mrs Hatton has stepped down from her position as Finance Officer. We have not yet been successful in finding a permanent replacement however I am very pleased that Mrs Jane Dicker has stepped forward to cover the position while we continue to find someone.

### **Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds Week**

I would like to thank everyone for a wonderful '**Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds Week**' before the half term holiday. It was wonderful to have the whole school community involved and I would like to thank all the staff, the children, the Friends and parents for all their support. In particular I would like to thank Mrs Macaulay for leading and coordinating a week that enriched all our children's experiences in so many different ways.

### **Remembrance**

This year has been a very special year for Remembrance and as a school we have embraced the opportunity to enrich our children's experiences and understanding. During the week the whole school have reflected on Remembrance and its importance; all the children were able to take part in a poppy making workshop and a wire figure making workshop. I would like to thank Mrs Webster (George and Eadric's Mummy) and her team for the poppy workshop and Mr Wyatt for the wire figure workshops. The poppies and wire figures were used on Friday morning to create a whole school Remembrance display on our Jubilee Orchard Bank. After this Ash Class walked down to the War Memorial outside Coombe Bissett Church where they took part in an Act of Remembrance with members of the armed forces and friends from the village. The children were exemplary in their behaviour and showed great respect for the occasion; capitalising on the opportunity to explore the different tributes in the church and ask questions.

### **Friendship and Anti-Bullying Week – CHOOSE RESPECT**

Every year we take part in the national Anti-Bullying Week ensuring that our children are confident about what bullying is and how to deal with it – a life skill. During the week children will explore what respect means and how our choices effect ourselves and others. As part of the week we are pleased to welcome Barnabas in Schools who have joined us today (Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November) to lead a day about Respect, Resilience and Responsibility. This year the Anti-Bullying Alliance have also linked up with Internet Matters to hold their first Cyber Bullying Day on Thursday (15<sup>th</sup> November) 'Stop, Speak Support'. To support parents they have provided a website (<https://www.internetmatters.org/>) with a range of useful information. There are also lots of resources to support parents on our school website (<http://coombebissett.wilts.sch.uk>) under the tabs learning/parents/e-safety.

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## Flu Immunisations (Reception to Year 5) – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Further to our letter dated 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 the Virgin Care School Immunisations team will be in the school administering flu vaccinations to children whose parents have completed the online consent process using the link provided. The link has now closed but should you wish to speak with a nurse regarding the nasal vaccination or to book your child into a community clinic please call 0333 234 1125.

### After School Clubs

Clubs have now resumed for Term 2 and will continue until w/c 10<sup>th</sup> December. We do not usually run clubs on the first or last week of term. Also, Gardening Club is currently taking a break until the New Year when the weather conditions are better for gardening!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs D Cockrean

Headteacher

### Dates for Your Diaries

#### November

Week Beginning 12 <sup>th</sup>	Friendship & Anti-Bullying Week		Whole School
	Parent Teacher Meetings		Whole School

#### December

Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Lantern Parade		Whole School
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Nativity Performance (in Village Hall)	2pm	Oak and Elm
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Christingle Service (in Coombe Bissett Church)	6pm	Whole School
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch Day		Whole School
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Party Day (details to follow)		Whole School
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Carol Singing (in school hall)	1.15pm	Whole School
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Early Finish CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED	2pm	Whole School

#### January

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Teacher Training Day - NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL		
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Pantomime – Peter Pan Funded by 100 Club; <i>CHILDREN ONLY</i>	1.30pm	Whole School

#### February

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Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Talent Show (in school hall)	2pm	Whole School
Week beginning 18 <sup>th</sup>	HALF TERM HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED		

### March

Week beginning 4 <sup>th</sup>	Book Week (details to follow)		Whole School
	Parent Teacher Meetings (details to follow)		Whole School
Week beginning 11 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair (details to follow)		Whole School
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Life Education Van (details to follow)		Whole School

### April

Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Experience (details to follow)		Whole School
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	EASTER HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED		

### May

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED		
Week beginning 13 <sup>th</sup>	SATs (National Assessments)		Year 2 & Year 6
Week beginning 20 <sup>th</sup>	Arts Week (details to follow)		Whole School
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	HALF TERM HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED		

### June

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Teacher Training Day – NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL		
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Baptism & Confirmation Service (in Coombe Bissett Church)	2pm	Whole School
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day	9.30am	Whole School
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Music Concert	2pm	Whole School
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Reserve Sports Day	9.30am	Whole School

### July

Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Summer Production (in Village Hall)	2pm & 6pm	Fir and Ash
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Trip to Intec, Winchester (details to follow)		Whole School
Week beginning 15 <sup>th</sup>	Science Week (details to follow)		Whole School
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers' Service (in Coombe Bissett Church)	10.30am	Whole School
	Picnic	12noon	Whole School
	Early Finish	1.30pm	Whole School

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