



24th July 2018

Dear Parents,

Summer Disco – TONIGHT

This year the disco will be held in Coombe Bissett Village Hall and **all children in our school** are invited. To ensure everyone is safe and enjoys the evening we do ask that all children have a responsible adult at the event to look after them. The event will commence at 5.30pm and there will be hot dogs on sale for £1 each. Please bring a little money for refreshments, a tuck shop, face painting and hair colouring. If any families have a gazebo or similar that we can borrow for this evening or tomorrow's Whole School Picnic please speak with a member of staff or let the school office know.

Last Day of Term – TOMORROW

We look forward to welcoming families and friends to our end of year celebrations tomorrow. Our Leavers' Service is tomorrow morning at 10am in St Michael and All Angels Church, Coombe Bissett – an opportunity for our whole school community to celebrate our year six pupils and wish them well as they embark on the next step of their journey. Following our Leavers' Service we will return to school for a **whole school picnic** on our top field. Everyone is invited to both the service and the picnic and we hope as many people as possible will join us. With the hot sunny weather please can you ensure that your child has a **sun hat** in school and their **water bottle**. It would also be helpful if parents could set up **gazebos** for extra shade.

First Day of Autumn Term 1 – Wednesday 5 September, 8.50am

In September we will be adopting the new school day timings. The school day will begin with the whistle at 8.50am, please ensure your child is ready to line up at 8.50am. The school day will finish at 3.15pm. If you wish to use the Early Drop Off facility (8.20am – 8.50am) or the Late Pick Up facility (3.15pm – 3.45pm) please ensure you inform our school office.

Medicines

All medicines (including epipens and inhalers) will be sent home tomorrow. If your child requires any medicine please ensure the appropriate form is completed and brought in to school with the named medicine (please check that the medicine is in date).

It's important for children to rest and recharge over the summer holidays we therefore do not set homework for the holidays. If your child would like something to do then keeping a summer journal makes a lovely project or they could send a postcard to their class. Children can also continue to use their Athletics and Busy Things log-in if they wish. Some other fun ideas are:

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Summer Reading Challenge (<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>)

Libraries are great places for children to discover reading for pleasure and there is no better time to do this than during the long summer holidays. The Summer Reading Challenge is designed for children between the ages of 4 and 11. It is completely free and last year over three quarters of a million children took part in libraries across the UK. Every year the Challenge has a new theme. This year's Summer Reading Challenge is called **Mischief Makers**, inspired by the much-loved iconic children's title Beano, which celebrates its 80th anniversary. Children will explore a map of Beanotown to find the mysterious buried treasure and become ultimate mischief makers. Dennis, Gnasher and friends will help young readers solve clues and collect stickers, having lots of fun and adventures along the way!

Haiku Poetry Competition – Wiltshire Wildlife Trust

Melissa Spiers (Coombe Bissett Project Officer for Wiltshire Wildlife Trust) has invited children to enter this summer's Haiku Poetry Competition. Haikus should be in the form of 5, 7, 5 syllables in each line. Use inspiration from the reserve or the seasons. The winning poem will be used on the Coombe Bissett Nature Reserve sign and receive a prize. The deadline for entries is Friday 24 August. Entries should be emailed to melissas@wiltshirewildlife.org

Finally, as the end of another amazing year draws close, I would like to thank everyone for all their support and hard work. I am immensely proud to be the Headteacher of such a wonderful school. It is important to recognise how valuable every member of our school is and how hard everyone works to ensure our school is such a special environment for children to grow and learn together. As always, keeping our children safe is important and I would like to share the advice from Public Health England about caution with unfamiliar objects: **If you didn't drop it, don't pick it up.** I wish everyone a very happy summer holiday and a great start to the new school year in September.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs D Cockrean
Head Teacher

CLUB NEWS – Club information for Term 1 & 2 will be circulated at the beginning of next term.

TERM DATES

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| July | 25 th | Leavers Service 10am – followed by Whole School Picnic and school finishes at 1.15pm |
| September | 3 rd | Inset Day (School Closed) |
| | 4 th | Inset Day (School Closed) |
| | 5 th | Term 1 Commences |
| | 7 th | Happy's Circus |

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