



Wednesday 5th September 2018

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to welcome everyone at the beginning of this new academic year. The summer holidays have been busy with the building of a path down from the top field to our school playground and the resurfacing of our school playground. I would like to say a huge thank you to all the families who came in to help with the moving of furniture and setting up ready for the new school year; your help and support is really appreciated.

I am very pleased to welcome the following new pupils and their families to our school.

Oak Class Reception: Harper Morrison; Joseph Wheeldon; Poppy Cooper; Mya Webb; Rose Socorro; Tom Gabriel; Douglas Dew; Felix Soket; Harry Miller; Toby Davis; Emilia Davis; Bella Phillips; Eadric Webster; Lawson Mahony and Charlie Claydon.

Elm Class Year One: Florian Wojtusiak

One Page Profiles

Getting to know each child is important in our school and to support this we are asking all families to help their child complete a One Page Profile. These are a valuable tool for developing a detailed picture of your child and are used to support the children throughout the year. If you need another copy of the One Page Profile they are available from our school office or our school website:

[www.coombebisett.wilts.sch.uk/information/letters and forms](http://www.coombebisett.wilts.sch.uk/information/letters%20and%20forms))

Parking

As is typical with many village schools we have very limited space for parking. There is no parking for parents on our school site except for those who need to use our disabled parking space. However, we are fortunate to have an agreement with the Village Hall that permits us to use the village hall car park. This agreement is renewed annually and it is very important that we use the car park with consideration and patience.

- Please do **not** park on any corners as this often causes an obstruction and reduces visibility
- Please do **not** use the end of our shared access road to the main school gates and our neighbour, Mr Bundy's home to turn around or wait in
- Please drive **slowly** with consideration for pedestrians, especially where there are no pavements
- Please ensure your children are safe as you walk to and from your car

Another way to help is through car sharing. As well as helping with parking this will also help with traffic in the village generally and reduce our school's carbon footprint!

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Finally, for those families who live within our catchment, there is also the option of using Wiltshire County transport. If you wish to find out more please speak to Mrs Fiander or Mrs Hatton in our School Office.

Keeping in touch

If your child is unwell or unable to come to school please phone the school that morning before 9am. If you know your child will be late for a specific reason please inform the school through the message book in their PACT folder or in a letter. Unaccounted absences are followed up each day.

It is important that each child's teacher knows who is collecting them at the end of the day. If you have an arrangement with another parent for collecting your child please could you write the details in your child's message book. We can only allow a child to go with another person if we have their parent's permission.

Tapestry News (Year 1)

Thank you to all the families that have been contributing to and enjoying Tapestry (the Online Learning Journal used in Reception). To enable us to set up for the new Reception intake we will be closing last year's reception children's accounts at the beginning of next week, Monday 10th September. If you wish to save any of your child's journal please ensure that you have done so by Sunday 9th September.

Packed Lunches

We work hard to ensure our school is a safe place for all children. To make lunch time a safe time for all children please ensure that your child's packed lunches do not contain any nut ingredients; this includes peanut butter and Nutella style spreads or 'tubes' of dairy products such as yoghurt into your child's packed lunch, these can be very difficult for children to open and often spray on other children.

Circus Day – Friday 7th September

As I'm sure everyone knows, the circus is coming to Coombe Bissett! This exciting event is all down to the hard work of the Friends of Coombe Bissett. To support the event ALL CHILDREN are invited to 'wear something that makes you feel happy' and bring in £1 on Friday 7th September. If you haven't got your circus tickets there is still time – please see the attached letter from the Friends with all the information.

School Clubs – Term 1 & 2

A letter will be sent home next Tuesday with club information.

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Secondary School places for September 2019

If your child is transferring to secondary school in September 2019 you must apply for a secondary school place by midnight on 31st October 2018. Applications can be made online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs D Cockrean
Headteacher

TERM DATES

September	7 th	Happy's Circus
October	25 th	Half Term
November	5 th	Term 2 commences
December	24 th	Christmas holiday
January	7 th 8 th	Teacher Training Day Term 3 commences

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