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Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents/carers,

It has been a great first week here at Coombe Bissett. My highlight this week has been meeting your children. On Monday, I weaved my way across the lunch hall to have a chat with the children. They were curious, warm and welcoming. I now need to memorise all the names and I will keep asking the children to test my memory. A number of children looked startled when I said I knew of them and had heard their names. I revealed that I had already held pupil progress meetings with most class teachers and had discussions about individual children's learning and progress.

I have met many parents/carers during the morning drop-off and afternoon collection at the end of the day. I will continue to be around when I am in school. Please do come and say hello if we haven't met.

I was delighted to have a meeting with The 'Friends of Coombe Bissett.' I am so impressed by the contribution they make to the school and their organisation is excellent. I would recommend that if you can spare any time at all to engage with the Friends and help out. This would be appreciated. I can assure you that any help and support is valued, however small. The children here at Coombe Bissett are so blessed to have the benefit of the Friends who provide many additional opportunities and supportive activities for them. Their next meeting is on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January. Why not go along and then stay for the Celebration assembly afterwards.

I am inviting parents to join me for a virtual Parents Zoom meeting on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January between 7.30-8pm**. The focus of the session will be 'Reading with your child'. I will also be seeking to find some more volunteer readers for our school. Books provide so much fun and knowledge. Being able to foster a love of reading opens so many doors for children. We can never have too much reading!

If you would like to attend, please email [office@coombebissett.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:office@coombebissett.wilts.sch.uk) by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 2023. The link for the meeting will be sent out to parents on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. At the end of the virtual meeting, it would be useful to gauge any topics of interest that you would like us to discuss together for future virtual meetings. These will take place monthly.

The first coffee morning date for parents will take place on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 9am-9.30am** in the school hall. I look forward to having a chat over coffee. A further date will be scheduled for an after school session coffee and chat meet up with parents. I will confirm the date in the next newsletter.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Sandra Miller

**Interim Headteacher**

## THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL.....

### ELM CLASS REPORT



One morning Elm Class arrived at school to find a mystery in the classroom... there was flour all over one table with little footprints running through it! There was great excitement as they all wondered who could have made the mess. Mrs Pendleton then found a naughty Gingerbread Man hiding in a book box, who told them that lots of his friends were also hiding in the classroom. The children managed to find them all, even though they were hiding very well! Since then we have learned to recite the story using a story map, acted it out using puppets, and started to think about innovating parts of the story to create our own version.

In Topic we are learning about the properties of materials. We have found out which materials can change shape by being squashed, stretched, squeezed and bent.





**Elm Class News** - We are delighted to announce that over the Christmas Holiday Miss Gray and her partner welcomed Enzo Karl into the world. Both mother and baby boy are doing well and we look forward to meeting Enzo before too long!



Regular attendance at school is a key factor in opening up more opportunities in adult life. Good attendance helps children to make good progress in school and fulfil their potential in life.

One of the most important ways a parent can support the education of their child and the child's social, emotional and academic development is to ensure they attend every day and on time and avoid any unauthorised absences\*.

**\*Any absence not approved by the headteacher is an unauthorised absence. Unauthorised absence includes things like time off for shopping, birthdays, holidays, visiting relatives, arriving late and having days out.**

Did you know that:

- A child who is absent a day of school per week misses an equivalent of two years of their school life
- Ten whole days of school has been missed if a pupil has 95% attendance – that's 50 lessons.
- Twenty whole days of school has been missed if a pupil's attendance is 90%.
- If a pupil is persistently absent (90% attendance) they have missed 4 weeks of schooling.
- Being 15 minutes late each day is the same as missing two weeks of school over the year.
- Catching up on missed lessons impacts on the pupil, the teacher and other pupils in that class.

**Top Tips to prevent absence**

- Ensure they have a good sleep routine, eat healthily and exercise regularly
- Help your child/children to get everything they need ready for school the night before
- [use the NHS guidance on illness](#)
- book all holidays outside of term time
- book medical and dental appointments outside school hours **if possible** – and if not possible, most importantly ensure your child attends school before and after the appointment

### A polite reminder

On entry to class each morning, can we ask that wherever possible, children are encouraged to enter into the school building independently. If you wish to speak to your child's class teacher, please do not be offended if they cannot give you the time in the morning. Teachers are often supervising children as from 8:40 am. Please do make contact via the school office and they will pass on any messages to your child's teacher. The class teacher will get back to you as soon as possible.

### Timings for the start of the school day

Early morning club 8:10am-8:40am  
Free-flow into classrooms as from 8:40am  
Registration : 8:50am

### Notices for Term 3

- **Nut Free School** – Please remember we are a nut-free school and ensure that all packed lunches are totally free of products containing nuts – paying particular notice to certain cereal or muesli bars that often contain nuts.

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### **Rewards this Week**

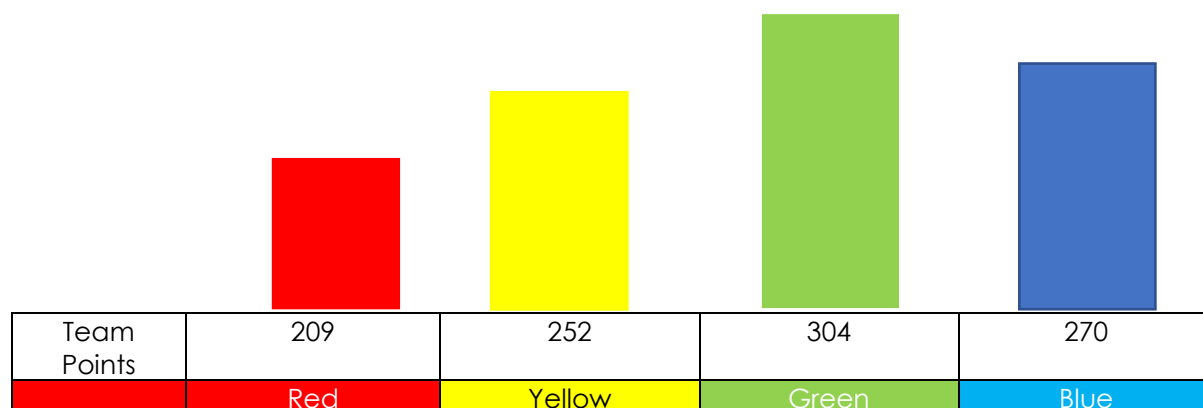
#### **A Reminder about Team Points & Green Cards**

- **Team Points** are awarded for a pupil's school work
- **Green Cards** are based on school values (this term's is commitment)

Each week's Team Point scores will be added to those of preceding weeks to make a cumulative score over the whole year.

#### **Team Point Totals for this week:**


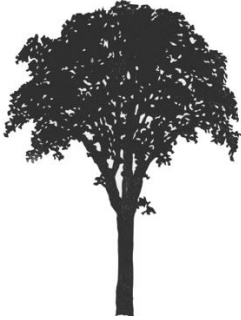


Well Done to everyone awarded a Team Point or Green Card, with particular **Congratulations to Green House – the winners this week with an amazing 304 points.**



#### **Team Point Running Totals for the Year so far**

2434	2432	2428	2293
Red	Yellow	Green	Blue

**Green Cards by Class**

			
75	69	57	76
Oak	Elm	Fir	Ash

**Congratulations to Ash Class who will have a non-uniform day next Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January.** (Please can children wear sensible clothing suitable for the school day.)

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**Attendance figures for each class for the last week of last term (w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023):**

Ash class – 96.1%

Fir class –94.6%

Elm class –95.4%

Oak class –94.3%

**Congratulations to Ash Class who achieved the best attendance last week.**

## EXCITING NEWS STARTING JANUARY 2023

### ANY GIRLS LOOKING TO PLAY FOOTBALL??

Based in West Hamham, Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Hotspire Football Club are on the lookout for Girls of ages 5-18 years who want to come along have fun, make new friends and to build teams ready for September 2023.

No experience needed, we have FA QUALIFIED Level 1 and 2 Coaches who will teach you to love and learn all aspects of the game.

All our Coaches at Hotspire FC have a Fully Enhanced DBS and Safeguarding Certificate and are First Aid Trained.

Hotspire FC also have our very own FA Qualified Goal keeper Coaches, who run weekly sessions.

#### Hotspire FC Girls Free Trial Dates

SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> January '2023' 1.30PM-2.30PM

SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> January '2023' 1.30PM-2.30PM

SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> January '2023' 1.30PM-2.30PM

Equipment needed:

Football Boots

Appropriate Clothing for the weather

Shin Pads                      Water Bottle

Goal keeper Gloves-If required.

Tuck Shop will be available for teas and coffees etc.....

To register your interest or to find out more please get in touch

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