



Coombe Bissett Primary

Newsletter 39 (10/7/20)



SECOND WEEK IN THE VILLAGE HALL AND MARQUEE

It continues to be a lovely experience in the Village hall and Marquee for all involved. Thankyou to all the staff and parents for making this happen with such good nature and care of each other.

We have removed the 'party tent' due to the high winds on the weekend causing it to be damaged, but the children have continued to enjoy lots of outdoor learning. A huge thankyou to the villagers who came out to help dismantle the party tent along with myself, some staff and staff families.

Finally, a huge thankyou to all of those who continue to put huge efforts into their homelearning!

VALUE FOR LIFE

This week our focus has been MAKING A DIFFERENCE relating to our core value of COMMITMENT. Next week we will be focusing on CELEBRATION of all that each and every one of us have achieved this year as individuals and as part of groups, bubbles, and wider communities. The 'diary of reflection' was issued in your packs collected at the start of Term 6 – this can be used for the Tuesday to Thursday collective worship tasks of diary of reflection, wondering questions (which Rev Jenny will use for her collective worship in the last weeks) and artwork ideas on the theme.

DIARY DATES

As a reminder to the diary dates issued early in the academic year, **the last day of school will be Wednesday 23rd.**

However, due to COVID-19 regulations there will be a staggered collection as follows:

- YR = 1.30pm (those in YR with siblings in Y6 can stay till 2pm)
- Y1 = 1.45pm
- Y6 = 2pm
- Keyworker = 3.15
- Teatime club = 3.45
- If you have children in school across these then choose the earliest time or 2pm if one of those is Y6

School Term dates for 2020/21 are below (and a Wiltshire PDF was sent out this week)

T1 = 1/9/20 to 21/10/20 but closed for INSET on Tues 1/9/20, Wed 2/9/20, Mon 19/10/20, Tues 20/10/20 and Wed 21/10/20

T2 = 2/11/20 to 18/12/20

T3 = 4/1/21 to 12/2/21

T4 = 22/2/21 to 1/4/21

T5 = 19/4/21 to 28/5/21

T6 = 7/6/21 to 23/7/21

This means that the **first day of school in September will be Thursday 3/9/20.**

The school INSET days have been programmed at the start of the year for two reasons – both focused entirely on children and families:

- To enable staff to embed all adaptations to the 'new norm' as quickly as possible in order to maximise learning outcomes for children who may need to catch-up post lockdown
- To enable parents to take advantage of 2 full weeks in October to enjoy a family holiday that they may have missed this summer – not effecting school attendance figures and hopefully cheaper for parents as well

NEXT WEEK'S TOPIC AND PICTURE NEWS

Attached to this email is next week's Topic – PSHE from Mrs Macaulay. Also attached is the weekly current affairs activities form Picture News.

The latest school newsletter can always be found on our website using the following link

<http://www.coombebissett.wilts.sch.uk/>

Email the school at admin@coombebissett.wilts.sch.uk

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END OF YEAR REPORTS

This Friday you will be emailed your child's End of Year Report. Whilst we may reference some of the wonderful homelearning achieved our assessments of pupils attainment and progress can only be based on where they were before lockdown. Of course, all children would have achieved higher than this if Covid-19 had not struck. Similarly, the attendance figures are based on pre-lockdown records, but the average attendance should still have been in the region of 96%. Attendance below 90% is termed as persistent absence.

If you wish to discuss your child's report with your child's class teacher then please email the school office office@coombebissett.wilts.sch.uk and the class teacher will be prepared to discuss this with you when they call during the week of 13th July.

END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Class teachers will be messaging their classes with details as they are organising each event as we cannot hold whole school celebrations due to COVID-19.

Y6 = all day Wednesday 22nd July until 2pm collection. There will not be a whole school service this year due to COVID-19. Parents of Y6 only arrive at 11am to join in with a socially distanced picnic and planned events. From Monday 13th onwards pupils will need to bring a school shirt for signing and a photo of themselves in YR and in Y6. The FOCBS are organising a leavers present involving artwork – teachers and FOCBS will send out details.

YR = all day Wednesday 22nd July until 1.30pm collection.

Y1 = all day Wednesday 22nd July until 1.45pm collection.

Keyworker = all day Wednesday 22nd July until normal end of school collection

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN ACROSS THESE RANGES CAN COLLECT AT THE EARLIEST AGE GROUP TIME – SIBLINGS OF Y6 CAN STAY IN THEIR BUBBLES UNTIL 2PM.

Virtual celebrations – teachers will message parents of how this will be done (Zoom or TEAMS) and of the details of what they will do. These will replace the weekly 'call' to homelearners that last half-week.

Y2 = Tuesday 21st 12.50pm to 1.30pm

Y3 = Tuesday 21st 12noon to 12.40pm

Y4 = Tuesday 21st 1.40pm to 2.20pm

Y5 = Tuesday 21st 2.30pm to 3.10pm

100 CLUB

Please see the email attachments for details about the 100 club run by the FOCBS.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS ELIGIBILITY

Due to the unprecedented nature of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, the DfE are providing additional funding for a **Covid Summer Food Fund** which will enable children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals to claim vouchers for the 6-week holiday period. **IF YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE CHANGED YOU HAVE UNTIL 10TH JULY TO APPLY – PLEASE DO SO WITHOUT DELAY.**

BREAKFAST AND TEATIME CLUB

Please take the time to read the attached letter regarding changes to parental fees for Breakfast and Teatime costs in order to make-up the large annual deficit in costs to the school. Do please respond so that we will be able to plan for a provision that may or may not be wanted / needed by parents.

SUMMER HOLIDAY PROVISION

Please see attached to the newsletter email the Braeside flyer for summer holiday camps and the Wiltshire summer holiday camps flyers. The Wiltshire flyer is a live document so you might want to regularly check it for updates:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-coronavirus>

Also attached to the email is the 'author talk' and Wiltshire Libraries holiday provision.

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