



Coombe Bissett School News



Letter from the Headteacher...

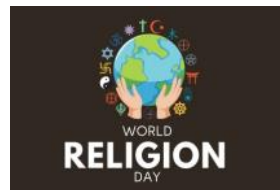
Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a fantastic time on Monday when we welcomed a representative from the Wiltshire Air Ambulance to school. I think that our school may be the safest place around following his visit! The children were taught to do CPR, use a defibrillator, ring 999, what to do if someone is choking (please remember to cut grapes horizontally!) and place someone in the recovery position. Everyday we hope that the children learn something new, but Monday's learning was extra special. It is not every day that we are given the skills to potentially save someone's life. Thank you to Mrs Bowers for arranging the visit.



On Monday we also gave our pencils to Rev Jenny for her husband to take to South Sudan. Together we collected over 600 pencils! This is phenomenal! It is extraordinary to think that something as small as a pencil can make such a difference to someone's life. Our pencils are truly going to make a difference to the pupils at Cueibet School.

Today in Collective Worship as well as celebrating our children and their achievements, I also talked about World Religions Day. World Religion Day is celebrated every year in January. It was established in 1950 as a way to encourage interfaith understanding. The day aims to promote understanding and peace between all religions, encouraging people to learn about other faiths. I read out teachings from each of the six major religions and we discussed that all of them, without exception, talks about treating everyone with love and respect and in the manner we would want to be treated. We know that this is central to our Christian faith, but it is a good reminder in these troubled times, that we have far more in common with people than we do differences and we should always be led by respect, acceptance and kindness.



We have an exciting week next week. On Tuesday the children will be having a series of workshops focussing on the importance of looking after our mental health: The Brain: Calming our Mind (Ash); Protecting Myself—Body and Mind (Fir); Taking Care of our Feelings (Elm) and Bouncing Back (Oak). We will be welcoming a representative from CORAM Scarf education to lead these sessions and I am sure that they will be beneficial for our children.



With a continued focus on looking after ourselves, Key Stage 1 will be having a talk about looking after their teeth and the importance of dental hygiene. Thank you to Matilda's mum for leading these sessions. It is so important to our general health that it is now statutory that we teach dental hygiene in Early Years.

On Friday, it is the annual Sale of Sales. I am reliably told that, 'The best way to describe the Sale of Sales is " **It's like Rockbourne Fair... but it's sale and smaller...**" It's the final date in the trading diary and the last chance to sell off the past season's stock, before the spring fair kicks off at Birmingham NEC the following week. So it is the Sale of Sales! Stallholders come from all around the country to support the event. The profits made from the door, cafe, and stall holders fees are split between the school and Salisbury Hospice.

The event is attended by around 256 people and makes £1600 profit which is split equally. In the past, we have made over £2500.

The Founder Daphne Woolnough lives in Coombe Bissett, she started The Sale of Sales many years ago as she wanted to support The Salisbury Hospice, in 2018 Daphne reached out to our school for support and we've happily working together ever since. Please remember to come and support this fantastic cause!

Have a wonderful weekend. God bless,

Mrs Haworth

Attendance at school is VERY important—I know that it can be difficult to make medical appointments, but where possible, please try to ensure that these are out of school time—thank you!

Dates for your diary

Checks

30.1.24: Life Education Sessions

31.1.24: Key Stage 1 Oral Health talks

2.2.24: Sale of Sales

5.2.24: Theme Day: Church Learning Day

9.2.24: Children IN school as normal

HALF TERM

19.2.24: INSET Day

20.2.24: Children back to school

Please note all dates are subject to change

THANK YOU!
We raised £173.66 for Wiltshire Air Ambulance

Please make sure that your child has their coat and wellies in school EVERY day!



What are we learning?

Our visit from the Wiltshire Air Ambulance





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TEAM POINT TOTAL

Blue	197
Green	250
Yellow	163
Red	285



Stars this week
 Congratulations to our Pupils of the Week: **Maisy, Alyssia, Bertie, Tommy Lee, Evie, Ellis, Yehor, Molly, Charlie F, Zofia, Florence C, Joseph and Poppy.**

Congratulations to for sharing their out of school achievements: **Ada**
 Congratulations for earning Haworth Hearts: **Arthur**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to who celebrated their birthday: **Yehor and Robyn**

PARKING REMINDER: If you are parking on the hill outside of school, please make sure that you are doing so safely and that you **DO** not park below the Grit Box. This is for your children's safety, but also to allow access for rubbish and recycling collection. Thank you for your cooperation.

The primary teaching of every religion?

Christianity: In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets. (Jesus, Matthew 7:12)



Zoroastrianism: Do not do unto others whatever is injurious to yourself. (Shayast-na-Shayast 13.29)



Judaism: What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbour. This is the whole Torah; all the rest is commentary. (Hillel, Talmud, Shabbat 31a)



Sikhism: I am a stranger to no one; and no one is a stranger to me. Indeed, I am a friend to all. (Guru Granth Sahib, p. 1299)



Hinduism: This is the sum of duty; do not do to others what would cause pain if done to you. (Mahabharata 5:1517)



Jainism: One should treat all creatures in the world as one would like to be treated. (Mahavira, Suttrakritanga)



Islam: Not one of you truly believes until you wish for others what you wish for yourself. (The Prophet Muhammad, Hadith)



Buddhism: Treat not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful. (Udana-Varga 5.18)



Taoism: Regard your neighbour's gain as your own gain, and your neighbour's loss as your own loss. (Tai Shang Kan Ying Pien, 213-218)



ADVERSE WEATHER

At this time of year, there is always a risk of snow and whilst we never want to disrupt the children's learning, conditions may require us to close the school. Please know that this decision is never taken lightly, but the safety of our children and staff must always be our number one consideration. In the event that school is closed, we will communicate this to you as soon as we are able (by 7.30am at the latest) by



SERVICES THIS WEEK



**28 January
Candlemas**

9.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Berwick St John	Ruth H-S
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Charlton All Saints	Jenny Taylor
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Barney Hopkinson
11.00am	Family Service	Nunton	Adrian Taylor
11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Jenny Taylor
11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Alvediston	Ruth H-S
11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Homington	Rhoderick Voremberg

'Soar on wings like eagles, run and not grow weary, walk and not be faint' Isaiah 40:31