



Coombe Bissett Primary

Newsletter 12 (end of Term 4)



HAPPY EASTER

On behalf of the staff and governors I would like to wish you all a wonderful and relaxing Easter holiday.

Thank you to all parents for your wonderful efforts this term supporting the children to settle back in to learning in a classroom. Thank you to the children who have been magnificent: there have been wobbles and there have been challenges along the way but they have come through and flourished in their friendships and confidence. We are so proud of each and every one of them for facing their worries, being brave, being kind and engaging with classroom learning. I am also hugely grateful for the outstanding efforts of staff to support the children on this journey. This partnership is one to be cherished and is such a wonderful feature of Coombe Bissett Primary.

We hope that the children enjoy their Easter eggs so kindly donated by FOCBS (a huge thank you to the FOCBS) and that they also enjoy the Easter booklets issued last week.

School returns on Monday 19th April, and we look forward to seeing you all again on that beautiful day.

As part of the government's requirement for schools to continue to be part of the Track and Trace system if any child or parent develops COVID symptoms or tests positive for COVID please ensure you email the school office email address: office@coombebissett.wilts.sch.uk

This email address will be monitored daily by staff during the holiday period, but telephones will not.

TERM 5 – CURRICULUM AND LEARNING

We are delighted with the success of our fabulous focus on wellbeing - reconnecting and rebuilding the children to be with large numbers of their peers and to settle in to learning in class. Much of this will continue in T5 and T6 as it is central to our school ethos - regardless of Lockdown.

Having assessed the gaps in learning we will be tweaking the curriculum to meet the learning needs of cohorts and individuals. This will look slightly different in each class as this is determined by specific needs.

We will also be focusing on rebuilding the learning skills of our pupils in order to enable them to close the gap on the learning they have missed, and to enable them to successfully embed the new learning introduced in the summer.

This will include a return to our high expectations of behaviour, respect, and their approach to learning and also a return to the expectations of the quality and quantity of work that they are capable of producing.

In Term 4 we knew this would not be able to be achieved. But now that the children have settled back so well, to do anything less in Term 5 would be a huge dis-service to the children.

Of course we will continue to be there to support those that have wellbeing issues and wobbles.

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TERM 5 – COVID PRECAUTIONS

Now that numbers are reducing and the vaccination programme is being so successfully rolled out we are able to make some adjustments to our COVID Risk assessments as follows:

- Bubbles will be extended to Key Stages.
- KS1 (both Oak and Elm) drop off will be 8.50-9.00, and collection at 3.15. These will remain at the same doors.
- KS2 (both Fir and Ash) drop off will be 8.40-8.50, and collection at 3.25. This will be at the entrance on the playground as it was prior to COVID.
- If you have children in both key stages then drop off for all is 8.50-9.00, and collection for all is 3.15.
- The staff car park will remain on offer during this time for drop off and collection.
- There will not be an afternoon snack time as children have now settled back in to the school day.

All other precautions remain such as:

- social distancing of adults and masks for all adults on site,
- coming to school in PE kit for PE (or after school club) days
- increased handwashing and anti-bac gel,
- increased cleaning,
- separate resources in bubbles,
- tables facing front in KS2 (but not in KS1),
- no inside collective worship for all pupils together.

It is our desire to merge KS bubbles as soon as possible, returning to a whole school bubble and bringing us in line with bubble sizes seen in Secondary schools and other Primary schools. We hope to do this at some point in Term 5. We will keep you informed as to when this will happen.

PARENT / TEACHER CONSULTATIONS TERM 5

Teachers are very keen to hold the face to face parent consultations that were pencilled in at the start of the year for week 2, Term 5. These will be crucial to enable parents to identify the key aspects to focus on at home to enable their child to continue to close the gap produced by COVID. These meetings will be 10 minutes with 5 minutes in between for cleaning down. Parents can sign up for these on the forms that will be on the school playground as usual from the first day back to school.

AMAZING FUNDRAISING

All the fundraising for Red Nose day has now been received and we are so proud to announce that a staggering £543+ has been raised by Coombe Bissett Primary School! This is a magnificent achievement! Thank you all for your commitment and generosity.

The non-uniform charity day held on the last day of term raised £88.96. This was organised by the pupils who chose the ocean fund for WWF. It was so lovely to see the children dressed up in blue or green or as sea creatures. Well done everyone and thank you for your generosity towards supporting a charity that is close to the hearts of the children here at Coombe Bissett Primary.

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CREATIVE LEARNING EVENTS

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

This week the children have enjoyed:

- A wonderful Easter egg hunt organised by some of our lovely Ash class.
- Making their Easter Garden in a tray using natural resources.
- Decorating hard boiled eggs and then rolling them down the hill.

VALUES ARTWORK

This week every child has created some 'fimo' relief art for two of our core values; Commitment and Bravery. These will be installed next to the artwork previously created around our two core values of Care and Belief.

INTERTEAM ARITHMETIC FLUENCY TOURNAMENT

This week we held our Arithmetic Fluency Interteam competition which focuses on age appropriate mental maths skills of children. Every child took part and scored points for their team so that class variations of team members would be evened out across the school. When the scores were totalled there were remarkably only 4 correct answers between the top two teams. Congratulations to GREEN team who won the tournament. Thank you to Mr Wyatt, our maths leader, for organising the tournament.

LIFE EDUCATION VAN

Recently the Life Education Van held a virtual PSHE session with each class focusing on mental health and wellbeing. It was a lovely session for each class – helping them to find ways to manage their emotions at this time. Thank you to FOCBS and 100 Club for funding this opportunity. Thank you also to Mrs Macaulay for organising this event.

BRAVERY – EASTER HOLIDAY CREATIVE CHALLENGE

This Easter it would be lovely if the children could produce some creative art focusing on Bravery. This could be a picture of them being brave with a caption, some artwork, a poem, a story, some cookery, etc. We would love to see it on return to school, displaying it for all to see.

KS1 READING BOOK RETURNS

In week 2 of Term 5 we will require all the reading books in KS1 (Oak and Elm) to be returned. We will be auditing the reading scheme and identifying gaps in order to purchase more books for decodable phonics. This enhances the work began here at Coombe Bissett a year ago, well ahead of the national and regional training now being given this term to schools to do this task. Reading scheme books will then be re-issued soon afterwards. In the interim there will be other books / reading resources we will issue.

DIARY OF REFLECTION AND BIBLE STORIES FOR OUR VALUE OF BRAVERY

Recently our children held their termly Diary of Reflection worship. This term the focus was on Bravery. It was delightful to hear all their thoughts on what bravery means, who has been brave facing a challenge, who has been brave helping others, who has been brave to do the right thing. Reverend Jenny was overwhelmed with their beautiful thoughts.

The bible stories we have focused on for Bravery have been:

Zachheus- how Jesus showed us all that forgiveness is essential for bravery.

Calming of the storm - how we need to be brave in stormy times and be brave in our trust in those who will help us.

David and Goliath - bravery to face our challenges.

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