



Coombe Bissett Primary

Newsletter 17 (mid-way Term 6)



EXTERNAL VALIDATION

Last week, the Local Authority conducted a school review of teaching and learning as part of their annual process of support and school evaluation.

I am delighted to say that the LA review said this is a good school. Congratulations to the staff team, the parents for all their support and the wonderful children for all their efforts.

They also said that the strengths in the school were things such as the vision and values, the Early Years provision (indeed they have signposted other schools to our practice), the learning behaviours of the children, our approach to reading and spoken language across subjects, the modelling and support of learning from staff to pupils, the relationships and care, the knowledge and passion of leaders and governors, and the accuracy of school self-evaluation regarding things to improve (which they agreed with).

They also noted the clear improvements made in so many areas across the school.

On Tuesday we held a delightful church service this week for baptism and confirmation, led by Reverend Jenny and the Bishop of Ramsbury. 7 children committed to this life journey and they were so brave and brilliant! The Bishop commented on the beautiful behaviour of the entire school who supported these 7 children during the service. Indeed, he was so impressed he has asked if he can return and do a different service in the Autumn!

SPORTS DAY REMINDER

- Sports day is the afternoon of Monday 28th. If the weather means it has to be cancelled, then the contingency day is Monday 5th. A final decision will be made at 12noon at the latest (perhaps earlier dependent on the weather) and emailed to parents so please look out for it. Even if the sun comes out at 1.15pm a decision has to be made before that, so please respect and support the decision.
- **Please remember to send your child in to school in their PE kit, with their PE t-shirt replaced by a t-shirt that is the colour of their team.**
- Parents should take a LFT if they can.
- Parents should wear a mask unless medically exempt.
- Parents need to sign in as part of our track and trace.
- Parents to park in the village hall car park (and cricket field) and use the top field entrance.
- **Arrival times are 1pm for KS1 parents, 2.15pm for KS2 parents. Parents of children in both stages can stay the full time.**
- KS1 parents not staying for KS2 need to leave promptly to allow space for KS2 parents to enter.
- Please remember to stay in your allocated bubble so that the event can continue, and do not be upset if a member of staff / marshal asks you to stay in your bubble as this is to keep us all safe and allow the event to continue.
- Please do not cross the track to your child as this will be breaking bubbles. Staff will manage pupils who fall over or who are upset.

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VALUES

This term we continue to focus on our core Value of Brilliance. This develops the concepts of Wisdom and Truth / Honesty.

We continue to focus on the following Bible stories:

- Solomon's wisdom - 1 Kings 3: 16-28
 - Transfiguration - Luke 9: 28-36
 - Law of Love – Mark 12: 28-34
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MEDICINES

Please remember that the school cannot administer any medication unless it is prescribed – not even Calpol or Piriton. Staff are not allowed to administer suncream.

Please remember that in the current exceptional circumstances we advise parents not to administer Calpol for anything other than a recognised condition as this may mask Covid symptoms.

STAFF CARPARK REMINDER

Do not use this carpark unless you are registered disabled or your child is SEN. Taxi drivers and disabled / SEN families need this access.

This carpark can be used for late arrivals (we hope there are none) and collection during the day for medical appointments or if the child is unwell.

PHOTOS & ICE-CREAM FRIDAYS

Class and whole school photos will be on 5th July. Please send your child to school in full uniform with their PE kit in a bag (in-case it is sports day, or for Fir and Elm as it is their normal PE day).

The FOCBS are running Ice-Cream Fridays after school every Friday. Ice-creams and Ice-lollies are 50p. Those children staying for late club will be escorted to the stall by staff once the other parents have left so they can still come in with their 50p (we suggest that Late club only have their 50p in a named envelope).

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WIDER PUPIL OPPORTUNITIES

For the next 2 weeks some Ash children (with the support of Mr Basinger-Adams) will be running a lunchtime Coombe Bissett Wimbledon singles Tennis tournament for those children who want to take part – it is optional! Children can sign up on Monday and the tournament will begin Tuesday, if children have not signed up they will not be able to join in the tournament. A sign-up form will be on the playground on Monday.

In the last week some Ash class children will be running a lunchtime Coombe Bisset Euro's football tournament. There are posters around the school for children to make teams (following the rules).

Mrs Evans, a retired teacher from the village, has volunteered to run an Eco Council from September and will be meeting with interested children next week. What a wonderful offer.

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help Beth, our netball coach, on Mondays after school as we have a growing number of children taking part.

PARENT / GRANDPARENT VOLUNTEERS

Our English lead, Mrs Gillet, and the rest of the staff, would love for every class to have weekly dedicated Library time. Mrs Pendleton runs the KS1 afternoon for this. If any parent(s) would like to run a KS2 library afternoon, please can they let the school office know or speak with Mrs Pendleton. It is a lovely afternoon and very easy to do, Mrs Pendleton has kindly set it all up.

We would love a few more volunteers to listen to children read in school. If you are able to give up a regular time slot, no matter how little or how much, please contact the school office or speak to your child's class teacher / learning support assistant.

Finally, with next year in mind I would love to extend our after school club offer.

We will be offering:

- Wednesday KS2 - the club changing each term
- Friday KS1 – the club changing each term
- Thursday KS1 yoga
- Thursday KS1 & KS2 football
- Monday – KS2 netball

If any parent (or group of parents) would be interested in running one of the following, please contact the school office:

- KS1 Lego
- **Choir – we would really love some parents to run a choir club**
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FRIDAY 23RD - THE LAST DAY OF TERM

FOCBS and the school have met and have finalised times as follows:

- Y6 children to bring in a top to be signed
- 11am-12noon = Y6 leavers service in the church for all the children and Y6 parents only
- 12-12.30pm = Picnic lunch on the playground for ALL children and ALL families – please bring your own picnic, picnic blanket, picnic chairs. Children in receipt of FSM will be provided a picnic lunch by school, but there will not be a lunch option on offer for others. Children who do not have a parent attend the picnic will be supervised by staff.
- 12.30-1.45pm = Disco Dion on the field for disco and games for all children. Parents are welcome to stay and join in.
- 1.45pm = children back to school
- 2.00pm (ish) = children and parents to the village hall for a ‘special celebration’
- 3.00pm = children back to school
- 3.15pm = children to be collected from school as normal

PERIPATETIC MUSIC TEACHING

Peripatetic Music lessons are lessons for children to learn a musical instrument run by Wiltshire approved music specialist teachers. Parents need to pay for these session direct with the Music teacher.

We currently run Piano lessons in school. We would love to expand the numbers of children who learn Piano.

We would also love to expand the musical instruments being learnt in school.

Options are below. We would have to know numbers of pupils before being able to identify prices (as prices vary depending on numbers). We do know Piano costs if you are interested.

- Piano
- Strings (violin / cello)
- Brass / Woodwind (trumpet, clarinet)
- Guitar
- Drums

If you are a music teacher and would like to offer this tuition in school, please let us know via the school office.

If you would like your child to learn an instrument from a peripatetic teacher in school, please email the school office with the following details:

- Pupil Name
- Year group
- Instrument

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