



# Coombe Bissett Primary

## Newsletter 14 (midway Term 5)



### EXCITING EVENTS

In the last fortnight we have had some amazing events in school.

Two week's the Cranborne Chase Flag Art Project worked with every child to create ideas for one of their flags to be designed by the school. The design is incredible. This week KS2 will be painting the flag in readiness for it being put on the Cranborne Chase walks.

Last week, Ollie Turner (from STOMP) led a workshop with every class on 'Body Percussion'. It was wonderful and he was very impressed with the skills the children had already developed through lessons with Teachers – so much so that he was able to extend children beyond normal workshops! We do hope your child has shared some of these moves with you. It has been such a wonderful addition to our music curriculum. Thank you to the local Arts Council for funding support. A write up will be seen in local press soon.

Last Friday, Simon from Wiltshire Air Ambulance delivered 1<sup>st</sup> Aid training to every class. It was amazing! Every child came home with a certificate and with some key age-related knowledge. Thank you to all of the staff and children who came to school in green / yellow and made a donation to the WAA charity. We are delighted that Coombe Bissett Primary was able to raise a wonderful £200 for the WAA – an excellent achievement.

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### FOCBS

*As you may know Harriet and Beth stepped down as the chairs of FOCBS (Friends of Coombe Bissett School) last term. As a result, we have set up a committee of friends to keep things going and oversee the events. The committee of people who have stepped forward are:*

*Alex Phillips, Becky Poole, Chloe Bird, Harriet McGuire, Holly Rendell, Jemma Banks, Laura Webb, Louisa Judd, Lucy Paterson, Nancy Wheeldon and Tess Tidmarsh.*

*Please do come and join us for the meetings this term. The next meeting will be on the 11th June and further details will be announced nearer the time.*

*Also, if you haven't already please join the Facebook group*

*(<https://www.facebook.com/groups/871052116755087/?ref=share&exp=e8c2>) to keep up to date with upcoming events.*

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## COVID SAFETY MEASURES + MAYDAY COUNTRY DANCING FRIDAY 21.5.22

Despite 'relaxations' announced for Monday 17<sup>th</sup>, our Covid safety measures continue, as this is in line with SAGE and Education Union advice. Please can all parents / grandparents:

- remember to wear a face mask on the school site unless they have medical exemption. This is obligatory and is a condition of access to our site.
- continue to maintain 2m distance from other adults on the playground continue to be vigilant for symptoms and to err on the side of caution when considering attendance.
- continue to follow track and trace and isolation guidance.

Despite the relaxations there has still been no specific guidance changes to Primary schools so we will need to continue with all precautions. With this in mind we contacted Public Health for direct guidance with regards to the Mayday Country dancing that was penciled in for this Friday 21.5.21. Today I received the go ahead for parents to attend so long as the following precautions are adhered to: Masks worn by adults (unless medically exempt), social distancing, one class bubble at a time to limit numbers, hygiene for children, anti-bac seating after different users, hand-sanitiser available for parents. This is fantastic news!

2 adults from each household can attend the performance time for their child's class as indicated below. Adults can park in the village hall. Adults will need to wear a mask unless medically exempt. 2 seats will be placed next to each other and at a distance from the next 2 seats. If an adult has to wait from one class performance to the following they can do so at their seats on the playground. If an adult has a gap of a class then they will need to wait off site. Gaps in between performances are to allow for rotation of parents and cleaning down of the seats. Each performance is only 5minutes long. Class performances will be:

- Oak 1.15pm
- Elm 1.45pm
- Fir 2.15pm
- Ash 2.45pm

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## ART PROJECTS

This term, in RE, Elm, Fir and Ash have been taking part in a 'Spirited Arts' national competition held each year for children to use creative arts to express spirituality. This year we have used the medium of drawing / painting to focus on our vision and values.

The best work from Elm and Fir will be entered into the competition following the rules.

Ash class have been different, and are creating a whole class piece of 'installation' art – the 'worship space' on the field, which we hope to complete this term and then enter into the competition. I am also so impressed that they want to include the whole school in an element of the installation art as well – this will be done in the last week as the older children lead the worship.

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## VALUES

This Term our school value is continues to be CREATIVITY.

So far we have focused on:

- sowing the seeds – to create a great place to live and learn
- create in me a clean heart – to create a better version of ourselves
- always give thanks for everything – great manners, being thankful for and looking after creation

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- solving problems for the better – as part of Christian Aid week identifying how we can take action to make things better for others

In the final two weeks we will be focusing on:

- go on...open the door = making good choices to create a wonderful place to be, and a wonderful world.
- Pentecost = the holy spirit coming to give us our creative skills as above.

The bible stories we use with the children are:

- Creation Stories – Genesis 1-2
- Baptism of Jesus – Mark 1:9-12
- Sowing the seeds – Luke 8: 4-8, 11-15.

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### ASCENSION SERVICE IN CHURCH

On Thursday, each keystone went to church to celebrate Ascension (Jesus going to heaven). This was the first time we were able to go to the church since Harvest in Term 1. It was a beautiful experience full of peace and joy. A blessing was given to all, and those who wished to receive communion did so – adults and children alike.

Reverend Jenny has asked pupils in KS2 to consider if they wish to take communion. If so, please can parents contact the school or Reverend Jenny. The Bishop will be holding a special Communion service for the school in June and it would be so wonderful for new children to join.

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### SCIENCE DEVELOPMENTS – THE NATURAL WORLD

Fantastic news – Miss Gray has been successful in receiving a National Grant to provide school equipment for gardening equipment and for staff training on developing Science through gardening to fit into the curriculum. The gardening equipment will be perfect for supporting the children with the increased opportunities available in the Forest School Area and on the field fence line – all of which we have built into our curriculum.

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### PARENT / GRANDPARENT VOLUNTEERS – ECO COUNCIL

We are very keen to develop an ECO COUNCIL for our pupils in school.

Their remit would be:

- Gardening
- Litter picking teams
- Waste paper and recycling in school
- Energy saving in school – including the new solar panels
- Other projects the school could become part of – beyond the school gates

If there are any parents who would be able to give up an hour at lunchtime once a week during the gardening season to help the ECO COUNCIL (and others) to do gardening in the school, we would love your help.

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If there are any parents who have a passion for ECO issues to run an ECO CCOUNCIL session (lunchtime or after school) once or twice a term we would love your help.

At present mask will need to be worn, and the volunteer would have to do 2x weekly LFD testing. All volunteers must have passed a DBS – the school office can organize this as current guidance is that any volunteer who has not regularly been in school for 6months will need a DBS renewal.

If any parents / grandparents are interested, please contact the school office.

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#### PARENT / GRANDPARENT VOLUNTEERS – LISTENING TO READERS

We are very keen to begin to rebuild the wonderful engagement we had from parents volunteering to listen to readers in school.

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