



Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I'd like to start by saying "Well Done" to our KS1 children who took part in 'Inspire Voices' at Salisbury Cathedral last Friday. The children sang a whole range of songs they had been rehearsing for most of this spring term. Thanks also need to be mentioned to the KS1 staff who worked hard to 'weave' the rehearsals in for the children, the singing was beautiful.

This week it has been great to have parents/carers in school to meet with teachers for the parent evenings. I also had the opportunity to meet some parents I had not met before.

A special thanks goes out to our 'Friends of Coombe Bissett' for supporting our children for Mother's Day.

On Wednesday, I had my second meeting with the school council to seek some feedback on the three questions I had posed for the children to ask their classes. All members had something to share.

**When asked what is good about Coombe Bissett School?** The children shared the following:

\*Nice staff \* Our friends \*Good views \*Good outdoor spaces \*That we learn \* That we learn how to prepare for our wellbeing \*Teachers help us when we need it \* We like that it is not too crowded in our school \*Having a snack at breaktime \* We like that we do lots of writing and maths \* Teachers choose our lunch spaces \*Class trips \* Our ukulele lessons in Ash class \* Kind people \* Adventure playground \* Football

Many positive comments were made about our school . Next week I shall share the rest of the feedback from the children with you.

Don't forget the next Parents' Forum is scheduled for Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.The presentation will be entitled "Safeguarding your child online"

Happy St Patrick's Day!  
Happy Mother's Day for Sunday  
I wish you a fabulous weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Sandra Miller

**Interim Headteacher**

## This week in Ash....



We enjoyed our 4<sup>th</sup> **ukulele** lesson with Gregory Cook, beginning work on our second song and our fifth chord. Each week, Greg compliments the children on their concentration and he is really impressed with their

progress. No plasters at all needed this week as even our fingers are toughening up!



On Wednesday, we also had the chance to watch Ted and Ralph's grandpa – **Bob Norman** – throw a pot on his wheel. It was fascinating to watch how it grew upwards then outwards before Bob explained the process of firing and glazing. We were all shocked when he then sliced the pot through the

middle to show its base!

Having asked about how and where to learn, there may be some expensive items appearing on future Christmas lists....



Last week and this, Year 6 have been participating in **Bikeability** training to learn how to stay safe when cycling on the roads. This is just one of many opportunities our oldest pupils enjoy as they move towards Secondary school transition.

# Childcare Choices

## Early and Late Club Tax Free Childcare and Childcare for Forces children

This School has now signed-up as a Childcare provider with Gov.uk for Tax-Free Childcare to assist eligible families who use our Early and Late Club.

You can find us as a Childcare Provider on the Gov.uk website and register for tax-free childcare, if eligible.

If you are in the Forces, you can also sign up if eligible.

Parents should go to [Childcare Choices](#) for further information and guidance on all available government childcare schemes.

Please bear with us whilst we also try to navigate this new system.

Any queries, please direct to Mrs Brown in the office.

**Salisbury Schools Mini Marathon** - Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 pupils are invited to take part in this year's Mini Marathon at the Laverstock School's site. Please register them via the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/bFNbdqhRQ8>

The deadline is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Entry fees are £5 and should be paid via BACS to Coombe Bissett School (40-40-14 / 61463004)

**NEW SCHOOL LUNCH MENU** – please submit your child's Menu Choice form for the new menu which commences after the Easter Holidays. The deadline is Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

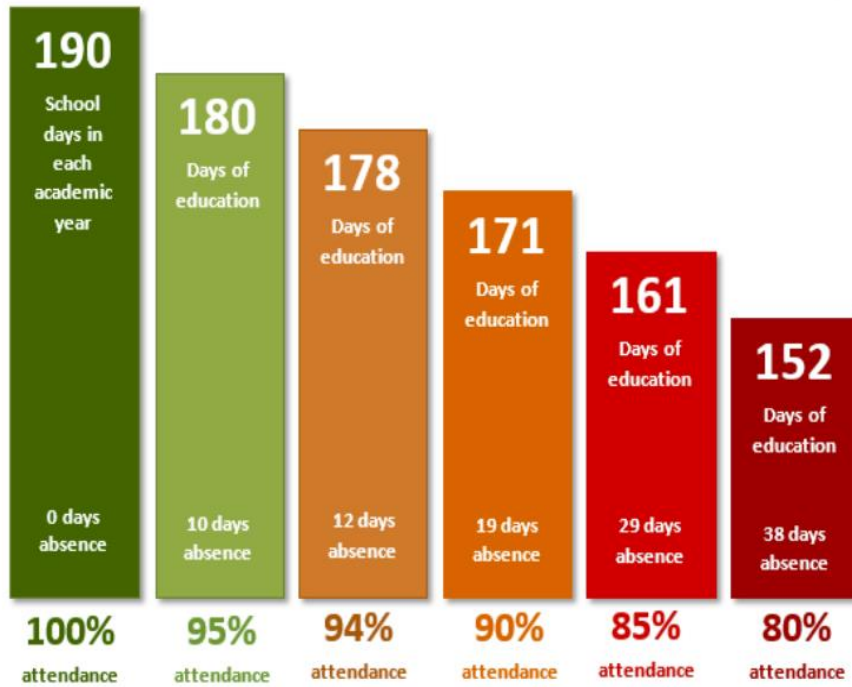
### Upcoming Dates:

- 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> March – Scholastic Book Fair
  - 31<sup>st</sup> March – Easter Experience
  - 31<sup>st</sup> March – Last Day of term
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## Good Attendance means...

being in school at least 95% of the time, or 180 to 190 days



**WELL DONE**

**CONCERNED**

**SERIOUSLY WORRIED**

A good attendance gives you the best chance for success

A poor attendance gives you less chance of success

Very poor attendance has a serious impact and reduces life chances

There are **365 days** in a calendar year

**175 days** are not spent in school

### Did you know?

When children attend school they:

- Can achieve their potential
- Have better career prospects
- Learn how to look after themselves and be healthy
- Grow in confidence
- Keep up with work and homework
- Make new friends

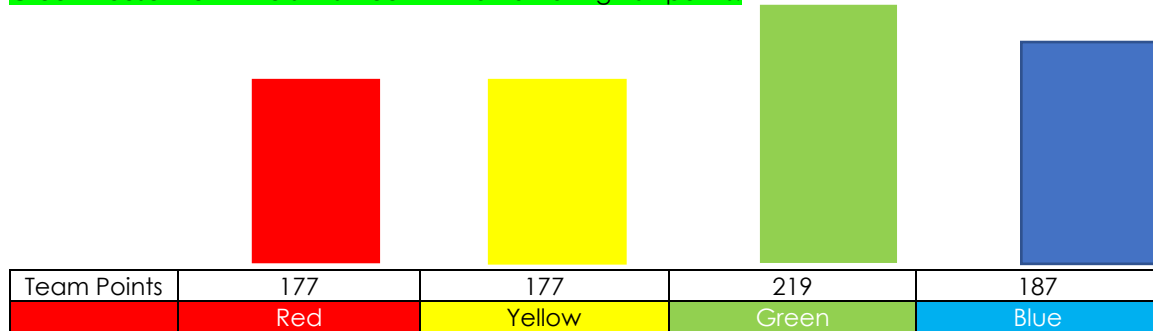
## Rewards this Week

### A Reminder about Team Points & Green Cards

- **Team Points** are awarded for a pupil's school work
- **Green Cards** are based on school values (this term's is commitment)

### Team Point Totals for this week:


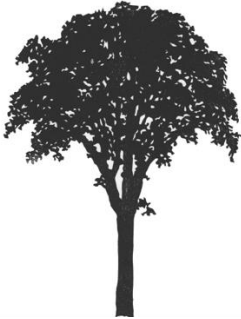


Well Done to everyone awarded a Team Point or Green Card, with particular **Congratulations to Green House the winners this week with an amazing 101 points.**



### Team Point Running Totals for the Year so far

3790	3696	3775	3634
Red	Yellow	Green	Blue

### Green Cards by Class

			
32	63	71	34
Oak	Elm	Fir	Ash

There will be a non-uniform day for Fir Class next Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Please ensure children wear clothes and shoes appropriate for the school day.

### ATTENDANCE FIGURES

#### Attendance figures for each class for week (w/c 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023):

Ash class – 94.4%

Fir class – 96.0%

Elm class – 92.7%

Oak class – 94.3%

**Congratulations to Fir Class who achieved the best attendance last week.**