



Letter from the Headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

December has arrived! Not only has the weather got considerably colder, but the Christmas lights are up in school and excitement is starting to build! The children in Oak and Elm have been working very hard at practising their nativities. It is lovely to hear them singing their songs not only in the classroom, or church, but also out in the playground and around the school. I have no doubts what so ever that we are going to be in for a treat next week when they perform their nativities for their families at the church.



We were all at church on Monday for our Communion Service. It was a really incredible experience. The children were impeccably behaved, the singing was spectacular and there was a true sense of awe and reverence. We were fortunate enough to be joined by two of our governors who were equally impressed, *'The children clearly enjoyed and understood what they were participating in and showed a very impressive level of concentration, engagement and excellent behaviour, even the youngest children'*. Please remember that you are always welcome to join us at these services and we hold one alternate terms.

Thank you to the Friends of Coombe Bissett for arranging 'Bingo' on Thursday night! A lot of fun was had and a special thanks to Joseph's mum for calling! It was a really fun way to spend an evening and so lovely to see families enjoying the time together. It would be lovely to see even more people join us next time!



Next Friday is our 'Christmas Mini Fayre. I have heard so much about the event and cannot wait to see it in action! Please remember that it is also our Christmas Jumper Day! Children can wear any festive top (e.g. red, green, or accessorised with tinsel) as they enjoy doing their own Christmas shopping!

As we have demonstrated so exceptionally already this year, our school community is committed to supporting good causes and those who are less fortunate than ourselves. This is especially true of causes close to our hearts. In the run up to Christmas, we would really appreciate anything that you are able to contribute in order to help support a cause very important to Mrs Bowers:

This Christmas marks the 500 days of loss for my dear friends of 25 years. Their daughter Emily tragically lost her short battle with an incurable brain tumour 500 days ago in mid December.



Emily's family have gone on to mark her memory in the most remarkable way. Already raising more than 20 thousand pounds for the Brain Tumour Charity and her brother Harry recently got Recognition for being a young fundraiser of the year.

Their mantra is 'Be more Emily' - show kindness to everyone you meet. In Emily's memory this year I am joining in with their family's plight to give to those in need. I will be collecting for Trussell Trust and will take all the items donated to a local depot just before Christmas. These can include: UHT long-life milk, tinned fruit/vegetables, pasta, pasta sauces, curry sauces, tinned rice pudding, tinned custard, roll on deodorant, shampoo, shower gel, bubble bath, feminine hygiene products...

If you would like to join me in being a 'bit more Emily' and spreading love, peace and kindness this Christmas your donations will be gratefully received.

Finally, as you are aware, we are being visited by Virginia Corby on Monday for our SIAMS inspection. I am really looking forward to showing her around so that she can see for herself the amazing ethos and sense of community spirit that is embedded in the fabric of our extraordinary school.

Have a wonderful weekend. God bless,

Mrs Haworth

Dates for your diary

Please note all dates are subject to change

Church 9.30am
06/12/23—Oak Class Nativity 1.45pm at Church
07/12/23—Elm Class Nativity 1.45pm at Church
08/12/23—Christmas Mini Fair & Festive Jumpers
14/12/23—Christmas Lunch
15/12/23—Christingle/Carol Service 6pm at Church
20/12/23 Last Day of Term 2
04/01/23—First Day of Term 3



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



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!

What are we learning?

Oak Class



Oak class have been practising their Nativity at the church.



This week in PE, Key Stage 1 have been enjoying playing tag rugby and have been developing their throwing and catching skills.

Fir Class



Fir have been working together in groups to write instructions to the Roman army about formations for fighting!



Ash Class



Our School Council suggested that we set up a newsboard for Key Stage 2. They have matched the news stories to our values

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TEAM POINT TOTAL

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| Blue | 1482 |
| Green | 1533 |
| Yellow | 1424 |
| Red | 1220 |



Stars this week
**Congratulations to our Pupils
of the Week: Eadric, Harry,
Harper, Toby, Charlie N,
Leo B, Amelie I, Sophie,
Frankie, Florence, Harriet
and Max.**

**Congratulations to Iris and
Harry M for sharing their
out of school achievements,**



CHRISTMAS MINI FAYRE

Each year the Friends of Coombe Bissett School run a fun Christmas Mini Fayre for the children where they have the opportunity to buy and wrap surprise Christmas gifts for their families.

This year the Christmas Mini Fayre will be held in the school hall on **Friday 8th Dec**. The children will be able to go shopping at the fayre during the school morning to buy gifts with their own money. Parents are not expected to attend but helpers are warmly welcomed to assist on the stalls and wrap the presents. We will be putting a shout out for helpers on Facebook, if you would like to come along then please sign up there.

On the day, please send your child(ren) to school with a carrier bag (to put their gifts into), some money and a maximum of 5 gift labels per child – each filled out with the name of who the gift is for and who it is from. The gifts on sale will be relatively inexpensive, ranging in price from 50p to £2 (wrapping service included). £5 should be plenty per child to buy 5 gifts.

In order to stock the Christmas Mini Fayre we ask that each child bring in 5 small gifts which can be sold. These can be donations of unwanted gifts or small new items such as soap, bars of chocolate, diaries, socks, pens, candles, hair accessories, key rings, books, stickers etc.

So that we can ensure a wide range of gifts we are asking for each class to bring items suitable for a specific group of people:

- OAK CLASS – GRANDPARENTS
- ELM CLASS – MUMS & AUNTS
- FIR CLASS – BROTHERS & SISTERS
- ASH CLASS – DADS & UNCLAS

Please bring in your unwrapped donations from Monday 27th November and by **Friday 1st Dec**. Any extra gifts outside of your category are very welcome. We also need Christmas Elves (Class Reps) to collect and monitor the donated presents (to ensure we have well-stocked stalls), if you wish to get involved then please let one of us know.

Thank you
Jemma & Holly
THE FRIENDS OF CB

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT FO CB VISIT OUR WEBSITE FRIENDSOF CB.CO.UK

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.



**Coombe Bissett CE VA Primary
Community Coffee Morning**





Coffee & Chat

Mums, dads, grandparents, carers and members of the wider Coombe Bissett community, you are all invited to join us for coffee and biscuits the first Friday of every month!

Come and see our beautiful school, meet our headteacher and catch up with friends old and new.

6th October, 3rd November, 1st December
9.30-10.30am



**Coombe Bissett CE VA School
Parent and Toddler Group**





Come and join us on the third Friday of every month. A chance to make new friends with plenty of songs, stories and fun for our younger visitors!

Open to under 5s and their carers.

A warm welcome is extended to both current members of our school family and families in the wider community. Please let your friends know!

9.30-10.30am
17th November and 15th December

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