



Coombe Bissett Primary

Newsletter 36 (19/6/20)



WELCOME BACK AND THANKYOU TO STAFF

It has been wonderful to have been able to welcome back those children eligible to return under the Govt guidelines. We have had on average 10/14 YR's, 10/15 Y1's, 12/15 Y6's and 6/14 Keyworkers. The children have been magnificent coping with the differences of their new classrooms and the limitations around learning and play. The staff have thoroughly enjoyed teaching the children. It has also been great to see and hear all the wonderful learning going on at home – thankyou to parents for continuing to deliver the homelearning produced by teachers. A huge thankyou to the staff this week for delivering schooling as well as homelearning and the weekly telephone contact with those homelearning. Our support staff have been magnificent, running class bubbles without teachers and going above and beyond to support individual children, the YR bubble and teachers.

VALUE FOR LIFE

This week our focus has been on JOY relating to our core value of BRILLIANCE. Next week we will be focusing on LOVE relating to our core value of CARE. The collective worship from Rev Jenny will be issued Monday. The resources are attached to the email and the 'diary of reflection' for children to record their ideas was sent out in the homepacks at the start of term.

NEXT WEEK'S TOPIC AND PICTURE NEWS

Attached to this email is next week's Topic – ART from Mr Basinger-Adams and Mrs Bowers. Also attached is the weekly current affairs activities from Picture News.

EXPANDING BUBBLES

We continue to explore the option of opening up to more children possibly within an existing bubble or possibly even a new bubble. We would love to be able to do this but this is, of course, wholly dependent on the Govt relaxing restrictions and on our capacity to deliver schooling of current pupils. At present our staff are at full capacity. But should schooling be required beyond our current arrangements or staff sickness happen, then even our current provision could be reduced. We hope to be able to avoid this and keep the many successes of this week.

YR MORNINGS ONLY – TO CONTINUE IN W/B 29TH JUNE

The decision to only offer mornings for YR was definitely the correct one – they have coped wonderfully well this week as a result of this, but they have been exhausted each day and as the week has progressed. Each week we review the potential extension to afternoons for YR giving a week's advance notice. We have decided that **for the week beginning 29th June we will remain mornings only for YR** as they will be 'out-of-sorts' with the move to the village hall, and staff will have to adapt to new approaches and accommodation.

Y6 TRANSITION BOOKLET

Y6 have come home today with a Govt. Transition booklet to help parents. It has also been emailed out.

ANNUAL PARENT SURVEY

Next week an annual parent survey will be issued via an online system. Your responses really do help us to determine our provision, potentially keeping things important to parents as well as exploring possible developments.

CATCH-UP – THE NATIONAL TUTORING PROGRAMME

You may have heard the Govt announce funding for a National Tutoring Programme for disadvantaged children in the Autumn. This of course is great news. At present there is only the 'announcement' available to schools with no details. We will let you know once information is made available to us.

The latest school newsletter can always be found on our website using the following link

<http://www.coombebissett.wilts.sch.uk/>

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