



Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents/carers,

We have truly settled into the Spring term now. On a Wednesday afternoon, the hall is busy with our sports coach leading a P.E gymnastics session. I cannot fail to hear the excitement in the hall when this lesson is taking place. In the very first lesson I observed the children working collaboratively in small teams, as they formed the letters of the alphabet using their bodies. It required them to think creatively, use strength and poise and they were encouraged to evaluate their own and others work. In that brief observation I observed the children demonstrating our school values of Care, Commitment, Creativity, Belief, Bravery and Brilliance. As time passes, I am beginning to see so many of these values in action across the school day and this is reassuring that Coombe Bissett Primary is a very special place.

I am so looking forward to meeting parents and carers who can attend the first Parents' Virtual Forum on Tuesday between 7.30pm-8pm. The link will go out to all parents on Monday. The meeting room will be open at 7.25pm for a prompt start at 7.30pm. As I will not know how many are attending, I will aim to start promptly.

We have a couple of special week-long events happening in school before the end of this half term.

**Children's Mental Health Week 2023 will take place from 6-12<sup>th</sup> February.** We will provide some information about this in our newsletter next week. This year's theme is Let's Connect.

**National Storytelling Week – 30<sup>th</sup> January to 5<sup>th</sup> February**



National Storytelling Week takes place every year and is a celebration of the power of sharing stories. Stories teach us about the world, they allow us to step into someone else's shoes and feel empathy, they help us to relax and escape and they can help develop essential literacy skills.

We have registered the school for a special online event with a professional storyteller and author – Wendy Shearer. Wendy will be telling the children

some of her favourite stories, as well as providing some tips on how to become a storyteller.  
View these QR codes for some ideas for parents/carers who would like to have a go at storytelling with their child/children. **Have fun!**



I wish you a restful weekend with lots of sunshine.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads "S. Miller".

Miss Sandra Miller

**Interim Headteacher**

## THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL.....

### OAK CLASS REPORT

Today all four classes had a visit from Becky and Harold. They are from Coram Education, they provide the resources we use for our PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education and RSE (Relationships and Sex Education)).

In Oak Class our visit was 'All About Me' - we learnt about our physical body, what our different organs do and the importance of physical health and mental health. We learnt that to be healthy we have to have a healthy body and a healthy mind.

Teaching staff reported that children across the school were incredible and answered so many questions asked by Becky and Harold! Many children asked questions too, enjoying taking part in all aspects of their classes workshop.



## Ash Class

Thursday was an exciting one in Ash class this week, as we donned our coats and went on an adventure to Southampton. We visited the Gurdwara Kharsar Darbar as part of our RE topic of Sikhism. The children were so respectful of the space; covering their heads, taking shoes off and washing their hands as they entered the temple and listening beautifully and asking insightful questions of our guide, Genevieve.

After a tour of the temple we were offered some delicious food, which Ash class gobbled up – many going back for seconds and thirds!



This was followed by a run around in the park before we visited Southampton Central Hall for a special orchestral concert and some surprise magic tricks! It was fantastic to see a live orchestra in action and we even had the opportunity to learn and perform the song 'Running Order!' with them. A real treat.



Thank you Mrs Butterworth and Miss Banks for kindly informing us of the following event:

Fun families Dark Skies and Stargazing event with a planetarium, arranged by Cranborne Chase AONB!

It's at Coombe Bissett and Homington village hall on Friday 10th (schools during the day plus evening stargazing for all) and Saturday 11th February (families/everyone).

Booking is required for some events.

More details here:

<https://www.coombebisett.com/star-fest-2023.html>



### The Sale of Sales - Thursday 2nd Feb - 10 - 3 pm - Coombe Bissett Village Hall

This is an annual charity event we do with Salisbury Hospice in Coombe Bissett Village Hall. The children are not involved in this event as it is on a school day and open to members of the public but it does raise a good amount of money for the Friends usually around £1K.

#### **The FoCB need your support in the following areas:**

- Bottle donation for the Bottle Tombola - donations of bottles (alcohol, soft drinks, cooking oils and sauces, toiletries - whatever comes in a bottle!) We have around 20 bottles so far which is a great start but we do need more, please bring donations to reception, they will be collecting all week.
- Cakes to sell in the Cafe - Please contact Anna Gabriel for more details
- We need helpers on the day from 8 am to help stallholders unload, the more help we offer the more inclined they are to leave us a donation of their takings.
- Help at the event between 10 - 3pm on the door, tombola stall and cafe, you do not need to be available for the whole day we would be grateful for us a few hours.

If you have any questions then please contact Tess Tidmarsh: 07930 497 461.

#### **A polite reminder**

On entry to class each morning, can we ask that wherever possible, children are encouraged to enter into the school building independently. If you wish to speak to your child's class teacher, please do not be offended if they cannot give you the time in the morning. Teachers are often supervising children as from 8:40 am. Please do make contact via the school office and they will pass on any messages to your child's teacher. The class teacher will get back to you as soon as possible.

## Timings for the start of the school day

Early morning club 8:10am-8:40am

Free-flow into classrooms as from 8:40am

Registration : 8:50am

## **Notices for Term 3**

- **Nut Free School** – Please remember we are a nut-free school and ensure that all packed lunches are totally free of products containing nuts – paying particular notice to certain cereal or muesli bars that often contain nuts.

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## **Rewards this Week**

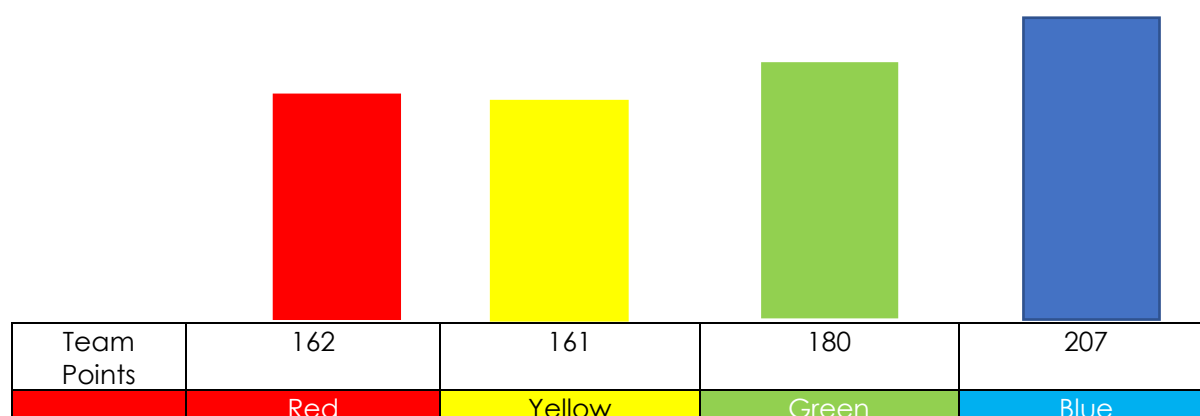
### **A Reminder about Team Points & Green Cards**

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

Each week's Team Point scores will be added to those of preceding weeks to make a cumulative score over the whole year.

### **Team Point Totals for this week:**


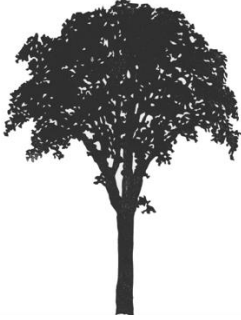


Well Done to everyone awarded a Team Point or Green Card, with particular **Congratulations to Blue House – the winners this week with an amazing 207 points.**



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

2596	2593	2608	2500
Red	Yellow	Green	Blue

**Green Cards by Class**

			
64	61	101	53
Oak	Elm	Fir	Ash

**Congratulations to FIR Class who will have a non-uniform day next Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January.** (Please can children wear sensible clothing suitable for the school day.)

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**Attendance figures for each class for the last week of last term (w/c 9th January 2023):**

Ash class – 98.0%

Fir class –99.4%

Elm class –96.2%

Oak class –98.6%

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

### **Outside Education & Historical Experience for the public on the Harnham Water Meadows**

There will be public demonstrations of “drowning” or “floating” of a section of the meadows by The Harnham Water Meadows Trust on Saturdays 28<sup>th</sup> January and 11<sup>th</sup> February 2023. They start at 10:00am outside Rose Cottage, Harnham (on the Town Path on the far side of the radial gates from Harnham Old Mill Hotel). Adults and children are welcome. Wellington boots and warm clothing are recommended. The ground is rough under foot and will be very wet in some places. There is no charge for attending but donations are welcome because the Trust relies on public donations to keep the Water Meadows maintained and functioning.

Details will be published on the home page of the website: [salisburywatermeadows.org.uk](http://salisburywatermeadows.org.uk) under events and on the sign outside Rose Cottage. The demonstration is always reliant on suitable water-levels in the River Nadder.

The advertisement features a background of rippling blue water. On the left, the text 'Blue Fish Swim School' is written in large, white, sans-serif font. Below this, the Swim England logo is displayed, consisting of a stylized 'SE' in blue and red, followed by the words 'Swim England' in blue and red. On the right side, white text provides details about the school's location, instructor qualifications, pool size, and session times.

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