



Friday 10th March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week I have reflected upon the support that parents/carers and the community provide for our school. This week, I led the collective worship on Monday afternoon, as Reverend Jenny was unable to join us. Several children helped me along to lead it following the 'Coombe Bissett' way and it was lovely. There was lots of laughter, as I shared a true life story of bravery about a ten year old boy who fought off a leopard (with his school bag and hands) to protect his sister on the way home from school. The children shared with me their own acts of bravery and it was impressive. The key message is that 'God is always alongside us and supporting us on the way'

I also felt this on Wednesday morning when I set off from home, there was no snow on the ground where I live, and so I was guided by others regarding the situation in Coombe Bissett. I did worry about any inconvenience caused, however, above all, the safety of our Coombe Bissett families and children took priority. It took some bravery and I trust that I made the right decision supported by key staff and the chair of governors. Closing a school, is never a decision taken lightly. It has indicated that we need some forward planning to ensure our pupils do not miss out if we have another occasion like Wednesday. I will be reviewing any remote provision for learning as a matter of urgency and will update you at the earliest opportunity regarding this.

The next Parents' Forum is on Tuesday 28th March on the subject of '**Safeguarding your child online**', as a follow up to information that was shared via my newsletter during Internet Safety week. The Parents' Forum in April will focus on 'Behaviour'.

I'd like to thank parents/carers who attended the last session regarding attendance. We are introducing some rewards to recognise improved attendance and awards for children who have not missed a day this term.

We look forward to seeing you at Parents' evening this forthcoming week.

Wishing you a great weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Sandra Miller

Interim Headteacher

THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL.....

It's a busy time in Elm Class. Today (Friday 10th) we sang in a concert in Salisbury Cathedral with lots of Year 1 and 2 children from several other schools in the area. It was an amazing experience!

Over the past week we have also been working on an exciting Art project. Local potter Bob Norman (Mrs Pendleton's Dad) came in to help us make clay tiles with a sea theme. We loved rolling out the clay and using tools to create different textures and patterns. He's taken them home to fire in his kiln, but we will have them back to paint soon.

Miss Freeman has also taken the class on a nature walk around the village to spot some signs of Spring - lots to see, even if it did get covered with snow this week!



PARENT & TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Parent and Teacher Consultations will take place after school on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th March 2023. There are still some parents who are yet to sign up for a meeting. Please do take this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss your child's progress and how best you can support them. Please call the School Office to arrange an appointment.

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/bFNbdqgRQ8>

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

Upcoming Dates:

- 10th & 16th March – Year 6 Bikeability Group 1
- 14th & 15th March – Parent & Teacher Consultations
- 15th March – Year Reception – School Nurse for Vision/Hearing Screening & Weights
- 16th & 17th March – Year 6 Bikeability Group 2
- 22nd to 27th March – Scholastic Book Fair
- 30th March – Easter Experience
- 31st March – Last Day of term



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

Please remember to aim to get your child into their class and seated for 8:50am , the start of registration.

Thank you for supporting us to improve attendance and the outcomes for your child.

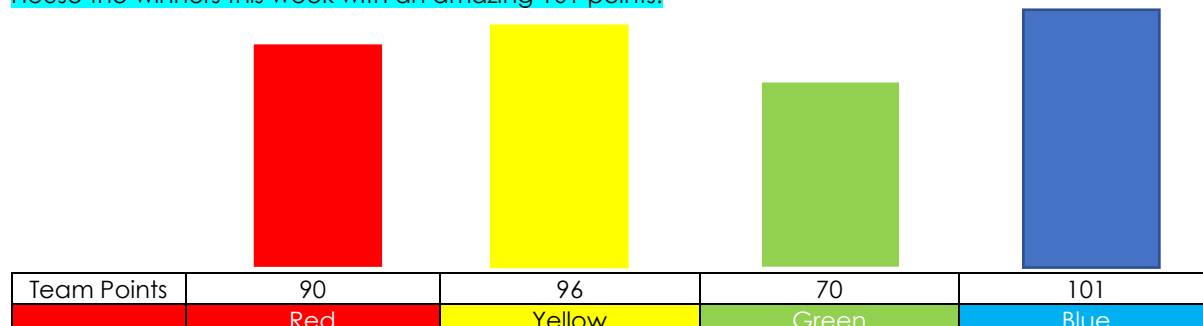
Rewards this Week

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:


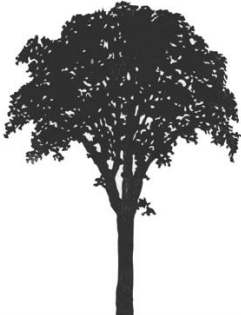


Well Done to everyone awarded a Team Point or Green Card, with particular **Congratulations to Blue House the winners this week with an amazing 101 points.**



Team Point Running Totals for the Year so far

3613	3519	3556	3447
Red	Yellow	Green	Blue

Green Cards by Class

			
40	18	56	59
Oak	Elm	Fir	Ash

There will be a non-uniform day for Ash Class next Friday 17th March. Please ensure children wear clothes and shoes appropriate for the school day.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

Attendance figures for each class for week (w/c 27th February 2023):

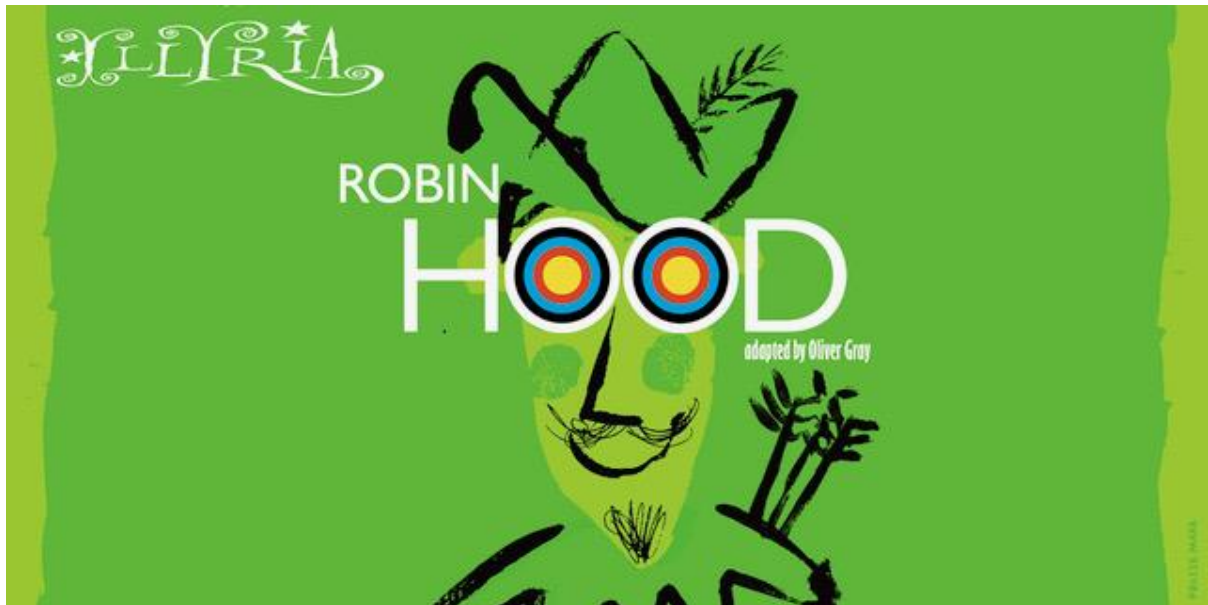
Ash class – 95.2%

Fir class – 98.1%

Elm class – 98.6%

Oak class – 94.5%

Congratulations to Elm Class who achieved the best attendance last week.



Illyria is coming to Salisbury! This summer, the award-winning outdoor theatre company presents Robin Hood, an action-packed heist for the whole family. This fast-moving production delivers huge laughs, swashbuckling adventures and well-deserved revenge! Pack a picnic as Illyria hits the target at Salisbury Cathedral School on Friday, 26th May 2023. Visit <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/illyria/t-moezqad> Robin Hood is being hosted by Amici, The Friends of Salisbury Cathedral Choristers as a fundraising event for Salisbury Cathedral Choral Foundation.

ONLY £10
PER CHILD PER DAY
Every child receives
BREAKFAST

PACKED LUNCHES PROVIDED
FOR THOSE ENTITLED TO FREE
SCHOOL MEALS

ASTRELLA
ACADEMY OF FOOTBALL
& SPORTS CLUB

Monday 3rd April - Thursday 6th April
Pembroke Park Primary School, Devizes Road, SP2 9LY

Tuesday 11th April - Friday 14th April
Sanum Academy, Westwood Road, SP2 9HS

8.30am - 3.30pm

EASTER HALF TERM CAMP
with **Astellia Primary Stars**

Football Fun Factory
Active Sports Club
Hockey - Tennis - Cricket - Rounders - Gymnastics
Dodgeball - Handball - Netball

Dance & Drama Programme

Open to ALL children in Years 1-6
EMAIL your child's name, school, year,
an emergency contact number & medical conditions to

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