



Coombe Bissett Primary

Newsletter 1 (Start of Term 1)



WELCOME BACK

A huge welcome back to one and all and a warm welcome to new parents in YR and across the school. It has been delightful to welcome back all the children and to see their smiling faces and confident return. They have been magnificent – learning all the adaptations to their school and the timetable. Myself and the staff feel ‘whole’ again now that we have your wonderful children back in school.

Thank you so much to all the parents for your trust and confidence to send your children back to school.

We are all looking forward to a wonderful term together rebuilding our friendships and social skills, developing our confidence and enhancing our learning.

TRAVEL TO AND FROM SCHOOL

Thank you all for managing the road closures / diversion during September. Please stay safe during this period and do not worry if there is the odd occasion that traffic jams have caused a later arrival.

MORE THAN ONE CHILD FOR DROP-OFF AND PICK UP

If you have more than one child at Coombe Bissett then please follow the guidance below:

- Early Club = drop off any time from 8.10am. Park in the Village Hall car park, take your children to their KS1 class drop off points in the playground and then escort your KS2 children to their entrances (Fir via the side entrance in the staff car park, Ash via the hall).
- Regular end of day collection = choose the end of the day collection time associated with your youngest child (Oak 3.15pm, Elm 3.25pm, Fir 3.25pm). If your youngest is in Oak or Elm park in the Village Hall carpark, if your youngest is in Fir park in the village or Shutts Lane. Collect your KS1 children from the playground outside of their class, collect your Fir Class child from their exit and Ash class children will be brought to the playground.
- Late Club = please ensure that your children are collected by your eldest child’s collection time. You can collect them all before this time bearing in mind some younger children will have had a long day. Park in the Village Hall car park as all other parents will be gone by then. Collect your KS1 child from the playground outside of their class, collect your Fir Class child from their exit, Ash class children will be brought to the playground.

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PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS AND TOPIC WEB

Next week are the start of the year Parent Information Evenings. Please see the diary dates sent out prior to the start of term. Topic Webs (containing an overview of the learning for the term) will be issued next week as part of the Information Evenings.

FIR AND ASH CRICKET COACH

Next Wednesday Fir and Ash will begin their ‘chance to shine’ Wiltshire Cricket programme.

CLUBS LETTER NEXT WEEK

Please look out for a clubs letter next week. To maintain bubbles, clubs will be assigned to a particular bubble and will run for that term before rotating to an alternative bubble.

SCARF CURRICULUM

As part of our ‘Recovery Curriculum’ for Term 1 we will be having daily teaching times assigned to PSHE following the SCARF program – a week on each of the following: Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship. There will also be daily 5 minute ‘mindfulness moments’ to help the children to develop calming down techniques and daily opportunities to share their emotions through an emotions chart. To help recover some of their academic skills there will be 30 minute sessions for 4 afternoons of the week. In KS1 (and possibly Y3) these will cover phonics and in KS2 these will cover mathematical arithmetic fluency.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your circumstances have changed and you believe you are eligible for Free School Meals, please contact Mrs Fiander in the school office. Your child will not only receive free school meals & a 50% reduction on school trips but may also receive funding for additional learning support. For further information, please use the link below:

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-free-school-meals>

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HEALTHY SNACKS

KS1 children receive free healthy snacks from the government. We have no control over what these are and they vary each day. These are usually banana, apple, raisin, pear, carrot. If your child does not like certain fruit or veg you may wish to send a healthy snack in with them instead, just in case.

KS2 children should bring in a healthy snack each day. It is a long time till their lunch and this will help them with their concentration. A healthy snack is either fruit, veg, raisins, yogurt, cheese. No cereal bars please.

THANK YOU TO MR AND MRS TIDMARSH

A huge thank you to Mrs Tidmarsh for the redesign of the newsletters in order to make them more user friendly on digital platforms. A huge thank you to Mr Tidmarsh for redesigning and supporting the website which had become too unwieldy to manage last academic year. This will be launched in the next few weeks.

NEW SHINY SCHOOL

A huge thank you to the staff who gave up their last few days of summer and their bank holiday weekend to reconstruct their classrooms.

The building work, although it took a lot of management over the summer holidays, has resulted in a lovely new shiny school. All classrooms and other rooms (except Ash and Fir where there was no Asbestos) have been redecorated and had new ceilings installed. All rooms have had new LED lighting installed – which is a much healthier light for the children. Oak has a new interactive whiteboard and new learning resources, and Elm has new outdoor learning resources for a new outdoor learning area. Before Term 2 begins we will have new internal doors, a refurbished hall floor and Solar panels on our hall roof.

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