



Coombe Bissett Primary

Newsletter 6 (Start Term 3)

2021-22



KEY THINGS

To support busy parents each newsletter has a short 'key things' at the top.

- **Covid precautions** – See our updated Contingency Plan 2/1/22. Unfortunately, following guidance and until further notice, we continue to not allow parents to attend celebration worships on Fridays, school church services, celebration of learning events and parent forums
- **Covid precautions across England** – schools continue to be required to inform parents of government advice: as such please see the government website for their recommendations <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> which are:
 - **Get vaccinated and get your booster dose**
 - **Wear a face covering in most indoor public places and on public transport**
 - **Work from home, if you can**
 - **Let fresh air in if you meet indoors. Meeting outdoors is safer**
 - **Get tested and self-isolate if required**
- **Parent / Teacher consultations for Spring** – These are on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th of January and will only be via telephone or TEAMS, and only on these two days in order to protect teacher workload. Sign up forms are available until Monday 10th Only. Please call the office before Tuesday 11th.
- **Clubs letters** – please see the separate T3/4 clubs letter to book your child a place. Many clubs still have a lot of spaces available.
- **GDPR** – we are issuing a permission letter regarding Remote Learning in order to enable pupils at home to be able to take part in lessons being delivered in the classroom. Please complete and return ASAP for the benefit of pupils required to learn at home.
- **Term dates:**
 - T3 Tuesday 4/1/22 to Friday 18/2/22
 - T4 Monday 28/2/22 to Friday 8/3/22
 - T5 Monday 25/4/22 to Friday 27/5/22
 - T6 Monday 6/6/22 to Friday 22/7/22

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WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to Term 3 and January 2022. It has been so lovely to see you all back again.

New haircuts, new shoes, new resolutions! It is an exciting time for everyone, and it is an exciting term coming up:

- Panto to the whole school
- Parent Consultations
- County Football Finals
- Y3/4 Football Tournament
- Skip2beFit workshops
- Doodlebug Art and mindfulness workshops
- Ukulele session to the whole school
- Increased clubs at the request of the parent survey Summer 2021
- Internet Safety Day
- Inter team Tournaments
- Church services under Covid guidelines
- Classroom Technician Interviews

PANTO

This year the Panto, today was “Goldilocks: Adventures of a porridge thief” by Treehouse Theatre Company (a company we have been very impressed with in recent years).

It was fantastic – oh yes it was.

The children had a great time – oh yes they did.

The staff had a great time – oh yes they did.

As we cannot have the full school in an inside collective worship part of the performance for each key stage part of the Panto was live in the school hall and part was streamed into their classrooms.

A huge thank you to the FOCBS / 100 Club for continuing to fund this wonderful opportunity for the children.

REMOTE LEARNING AND GDPR – PARENTAL PERMISSION

In order for pupils who are required to learn at home to have live access to lessons going on in school we do require parents to complete a GDPR permission form agreeing to the potential for pupils’ voices, potentially live images and their names to be heard by learners at home, their ‘work’ to be potentially seen by those learning and home, and vice-versa on both counts.

A permission form will be issued Monday – please complete and return it to the office email:

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or physically to the office, ASAP.

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PARENT / TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

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In order to protect staff wellbeing we will not be booking appointments outside of the allotted 2 evenings.

MINI-PARENT SURVEY = AREAS TO SUPPORT PARENTS

Thank you for the return of the Survey regarding the aspects that parents would like support advice on but in a dedicated learning evening for parents. We had 10 returns. The key aspects identified by parents were:

- Learning powers
- Relationships and Sex Education
- Social Media and online safety
- Reading & Phonics, Maths, Writing – things parents could do at home to support

We have identified Wednesday 18th May as a dedicated time for this learning evening, which will focus mainly on Relationships and Sex Education but will also cover learning power, and supporting the core subjects at home.

We hope to be able to employ an outside speaker to provide a parent learning evening on Social Media and we will let you know when this is confirmed.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

All schools are being encouraged to increase their focus on pupil and staff mental health and wellbeing and to have a dedicated qualified Senior Mental Health Lead in school to co-ordinate the development in this area. The SMHL is Mr Basinger-Adams who has completed the training this Christmas.

We define wellbeing as physical, emotional, social, mental and spiritual health combined.

We will be tweaking our curriculum to highlight and support wellbeing for children even further.

We will be adapting our systems and operations to support the wellbeing of staff – working hard to reduce staff workload in line with Government recommendations for education staff.

We will also be providing parents with ideas to support wellbeing. One of these ways is through links on our website. Another way is in a termly section on the newsletter – look out for this in one of the newsletters this term.

In this newsletter we are delighted to be able to welcome you to the Get Set 4 PE family website which offer great active learning ideas and active calendars (great for those new year resolutions):

<https://www.getset4pe.co.uk/ResourceBank/ResourceCategory/1002>

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TERM 3 AND TERM 4 CURRICULUM

Please see the topic web sent home last week providing an overview of the learning for your child's class this term.

VALUES

This term our school value is COMMITMENT. Within commitment we will be focusing on RESPECT (for others) RESPECT (for yourself) and FRIENDSHIP.

The children will learn the following bible passages in collective worship:

- **Abraham** Genesis 22: 1-14
- **Lost Sheep** Luke 15: 3-7
- **Paralysed Man** Mark 2: 1-12

The weekly focus will be on:

- “Show proper respect to everyone”
- “Run the race that lies before us”
- “Do unto others as you would have them do to you”
- Always do your best
- A friend is always loyal
- “Encourage one another and build each other up”

The saint we will focus on for Commitment is **Helena** – 21st May. Mother of Emperor Constantine, empress of Rome. Patron saint of new discoveries and holy places. Died 328.

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