



Coombe Bissett Primary

Newsletter 8 (middle of Term 3)



THANKYOU

Dear Parents,

We all want to say a huge thank you to each and every one of you. To the 'in-schooler' families thank you for all you are doing to keep our communities running in this very worrying time. To the 'home learner' families thank you so much for all your wonderful efforts with the home learning for your children, whatever amount you can do that is fine. Thank you also for all the lovely comments you have passed on to staff – it really does help. Thank you to the staff who have worked tirelessly to support and encourage – they are real 'gems' who 'go the extra mile'. And finally, a huge thank you to the children – their courage, their commitment, their joy in their learning, their kindness and their beautiful smiling faces really enrich our lives.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Next week is children's mental health week. To celebrate we have decided that, instead of the SCARF activity (see collective worship), our PSHE next week will be the following:

- watch as many times as you like the Cat Stevens song and enjoy singing along = <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dzy1O3NOE4s>
- Teachers may send out some activities in addition to the ones below
- have a go at the 'squiggle game' = <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ozKW1M97JXE&feature=youtu.be>
- maybe try the 'draw your feelings' activity = https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=STdJ_8ORyE&feature=youtu.be

As part of our core value of CARE we also want to support parents. We know that lockdown learning is a real challenge and that it feels especially so this time round. But we just want to let you know that we think you are doing a terrific job and that we want to say a huge thank you for all that you are able to do. Don't struggle on:

- Remember that it is ok not to be able to do everything we offer - just focus on the core subjects.
- To help, the home learning planners now indicate the key learning.
- Remember the BBC live lessons are also a good source of home learning.

To say thank you, as part of children's mental health week, we are also sending out a KitKat (for parents only, not for the children). This will be in the book packs issued this Friday in KS1, and KS2 staff will let you know how to collect yours. There will be a silly story video next week - we hope you can settle your children to watch this, sit down with a cup of tea and the KitKat and enjoy the break - on us.

The following link also includes lots of forums for parents and ideas for helping parents to manage their mental health. <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>

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

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

Email the school at admin@coombebissett.wilts.sch.uk

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VALUE FOR LIFE AND COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This term our Value for Life is COMMITMENT. Please see the collective worship diary for the focus for each session. We hope that you are enjoying the collective worships following the links on YouTube. These are emailed out to all parents, but in case you missed them the links are below.

Collective Worship Monday 25.1.21 <https://youtu.be/maHed31viKc>

Collective Worship Tuesday 26.1.21 <https://youtu.be/WGYe4EgoX5I>

Collective Worship Wednesday 27.1.21 <https://youtu.be/iElx-o3FNao>

Reverend Jenny's Worship on Thursday 28.1.21 <https://youtu.be/yCcxqS5rUz0>

Reverend Jenny's worship next week will be answering the children's 'I wonder' questions on COMMITMENT – if any child has any questions to ask Reverend Jenny, please can they email the dedicated email:

community@coombebissett.wilts.sch.uk. The weekly songs for the worship can be found on Fischy Music using the username and password we previously issued (please do not share these outside of our school community).

The songs are also just a nice activity to do if you want to do them at other times. There is also a weekly 'singing assembly' run by Fischy music that might be a fun activity for music lessons - see previously issued.

If anyone would like their child's home learning achievements in relation to the weekly focus for collective worship to be shared in school, then please email: community@coombebissett.wilts.sch.uk

LAPTOP LOAN

We still have a small number of laptops available to loan to families who do not have enough devices to support remote learning. Please contact the school office if you need to borrow one giving the details of the reason why (so we can prioritize if there are more requests than laptops available). A loan agreement will need to be signed before issue.

RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH

This weekend is the annual RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch. It is easy to get involved and upload the bird activity in your garden this weekend – just follow the link below.

This would be a lovely activity to do this weekend to support mental health.

[https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-](https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/?sourcecode=BWMITH0230&channel=paidsearch&&gclid=EA1aIQobChMI84KEt)

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HANDWRITING – A NEW RESOURCE

To further support home learning we have purchased a subscription for 'Letterjoin' - an online handwriting and grammar resource. Parents will be emailed a school wide username / password (please do not share this outside of the school community). Class groups have been set up but please note that individual teachers may not use this resource as they may be providing something else for handwriting. There are instructional videos and practice activities if anyone would like to use it as an additional resource. The regular practice of handwriting is not only good for letter formation but also for developing stamina for writing – both essential for school.

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