



Coombe Bissett Primary

Newsletter 15 (end of Term 5)



WHOLE SCHOOL BUBBLE TERM 6.

Please see the letter sent out this week with regards to a whole school bubble in Term 6.

The majority of precautions have not changed, but the changes that effect parents from Monday 7th June are:

Early club	8.10 onwards drop off at hall door on the playground
Drop-off	Drop-off times will be 8.40am to 9.00am. Children will come straight into their classrooms (Oak via the oak gate, Elm via the fire exit to the playground, KS2 via the hall door) to organise their belongings and to do morning tasks. To make the car parking at the village hall more manageable we suggest KS2 drop off at 8.40-8.50am, and KS1 at 8.50-9.00am, with families across KS choosing as they require.
Collection	3.15pm for all children on the playground (Oak via the oak gate, Elm via the fire exit to the playground, KS2 via the hall door).
Late club	3.45pm from the hall door to the playground.
Staff carpark	We will be returning to the staff carpark being used only by Taxis and those families with children with Special Educational Needs, or those adults who are disabled.

Please remember that parents are not allowed regular access to the school buildings in order to meet with safeguarding regulations.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to discuss these with Mr Basinger-Adams.

PLANTING PROJECTS

Please see the letter issued this week regarding the planting project. Parents are encouraged to provide a plant for their child to plant along the raised bed on the top field according to the plan. Parents are welcome to plant these along with their child either before or after school next Term. We look forward to having a beautiful range of plants all year round on the raised bed running down the side of the pathway on the top field using the map below:

3 rail wooden fence			
Oak zone for the 'rows' below	Elm zone for the 'rows' below	Fir zone for the 'rows' below	Ash zone for the 'rows' below
Nearest to the 3 rail wooden fence - Spring bulbs such as Daffodils, etc			
In the middle - all year plants for interest			
At the front closest to the path – summer bedding flowers			

The sunflowers, planted by every child, continue to sprout – the children are enjoying the daily care they need to provide and the 'competition' of creating the tallest sunflower.

The 'herby heads', planted by KS1, are germinating – we cannot wait to start enjoying their scent in T6 and harvesting them to go on our wild-cooking projects in the Forest School area in T6.

Each class has planted fruit and veg in the raised beds in the Forest School area. It is so exciting to see them beginning to grow in recent weeks. We hope to be able to harvest them at some point this year before winter.

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MAYDAY COUNTRY DANCING

With the weather playing its part all the children took part in the May Day Country dancing this Thursday. It was a lovely afternoon with many parents attending each class dance following Covid guidelines specifically provided by Public Health. The children had a wonderful time and it was great to see how they rose to the challenge of something different for so many of them. Thank you to the additional time put in by all the teachers to make this happen along with many of the older children happily using a playtime to perfect their own personal touches.

VALUES

This term we focused on our core Value of Creativity. We held our termly collective worship where the children shared their reflections on the Value – it was so lovely to hear the children’s thoughts on how we can use our skills to make things a better place, how we can use our skills to solve problems around us in a peaceful and respectful manner. The bible stories we use with the children are:

- Creation Stories – Genesis 1-2
- Baptism of Jesus – Mark 1:9-12
- Sowing the seeds – Luke 8: 4-8, 11-15.

Each class produced a ‘Letter of Creation’ in the form of a Prayer that has been sent to the National Charity Christian Aid as part of their competition. I think they say what is so important - so clearly, so passionately and so beautifully.

<p style="text-align: center;">Oak</p> <p>Dear God, Thank you for the beautiful world and our solar system. Thank you for the trees, plants and flowers. Thank you for all the wild animals, pets, bugs and creatures. Thank you for the seas, rivers and ponds. Thank you for families, friends and safe homes. Thank you for all your hard work, care and love. Thank you God. Love from Oak Class.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Elm</p> <p>Dear God, May I be thankful for all people and all animals. May I learn about beautiful growing plants. May I be thankful for food and our everyday lives. May I learn new things each and every day. May I be thankful for flying creature to swimming creatures. May I learn to inspire others to look after our wonderful world. Amen</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Fir</p> <p>Dear Lord, Thank you for the world you created with all its animals and birds. Thank you for the trees of the forests And the clear waters of the seas and oceans. We are sorry that we have polluted your creation And damaged and disrespected so much of precious nature. Please forgive us and help us to work to make the world better and look after all living things. Help us to stop waste and clear away litter. Amen</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ash</p> <p>Dear Lord, Thank you for the oceans green, For the over-flowing cup of joy that is the Earth’s heart, The rainforests and jungles full of roaming animals, For the rivers bursting with scaled fish shimmering in the shadows. Please give us the knowledge and the courage to stop pollution and deforestation destroying your great Earth. Help us to take steps to protect our planet and realise that how we are behaving is hurting the Earth and everything living here. Help us to be brave and brilliant so that we can have the courage and creativity to commit to caring for creation and curing these ills. Amen</p>

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Each class also agreed a special time they would pray for creation and these dates were recorded on the Christian Aid global prayer map. Furthermore, each class identified an area of global conservation that they want to focus on as part of their Science Lessons next term – we hope that this will lead to each class taking part in actions of courageous advocacy towards these global conservation issues.

Over half term you may want to undertake an activity at home based around creativity. It could be making something, planting, cooking, solving a problem, taking action to help others. If you do, please can you take a picture of it with a caption or bring it in so that we can put it on display for all to see. The children do love seeing great examples set by others.

KS1 BUG HOTELS

Thank you to all those parents who kindly donated items for the bug hotel. This week, with the changeable weather and may day dancing, KS1 did not want to rush the project. The Bug Hotel structure is built and ready for the children to infill during the first week back as part of their exciting science (see below).

THE GREAT SCIENCE SHARE FOR SCHOOLS

At Coombe Bissett School everybody loves science! This year we will be taking part in The Great Science Share and this year's theme is around climate change and the environment.

This is an award-winning annual campaign to inspire young people to investigate and share *their* scientific questions with others. We shall be sharing our brilliant science alongside other schools across the country on The Great Science Share website.

After half-term, all classes shall be focusing on this theme in our science lessons and on the 18th June, we shall be celebrating our science learning with each other during assembly.

There are some wonderful activities that you can also do at home, please follow this link to find them: <https://www.greatscienceshare.org/>

If you would like to share your home learning, please send it in to your class teacher. This can be uploaded on to The Great Science Share website or, it can be shared with others in school. We hope you will have just as much fun as we will!

We hope the children enjoy this exciting new development.
Miss Gray – Science Leader.

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SICKNESS AND AUTHORISED ABSENCE REQUESTS

For all absence please ensure that you either:

- leave a telephone message with the school office
- email the school office

For any requests for authorised absence please ensure that you complete an absence request form available from the school office. Please note that, under government guidance, the school cannot authorise absence unless it is for exceptional circumstances such as a wedding, baptism, or funeral.

STAFFING NEWS

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Bowers has been appointed as the full time Oak Class teacher from September 2021 onwards. Mrs Bowers is a highly experienced Early Years practitioner and a valued member of the staffing team. She will be leading EYFS, Phonics across KS1 and also PSHE across the whole school as Mental Health and the social and emotional development of children is a real passion for Mrs Bowers.

EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM

In Term 6 Coombe Bissett Primary School is taking part in the national 'Eat them to defeat them' campaign which is aimed at encouraging children to eat more vegetables. ITV, Ch4 and Sky will be running TV Advertising to support the campaign. Every child will be given a 'mission pack' to engage with at home. Stickers will be issued at lunchtimes for those engaging with eating these vegetables. HC3S, our hot meal providers will be running 'cook along' sessions and will be issuing weekly quizzes and recipes – please see their website for details.

The weekly vegetable challenge is as follows:

- wb 7/6 = tomatoes
- wb 14/6 = sweetcorn
- wb 21/6 = peppers
- wb 28/6 = carrots
- wb 5/7 = peas
- wb 12/7 = broccoli

We do hope that parents will be able to support this at home – it would be lovely to hear the children telling us about the vegetables they have eaten that week.

CREATIVE ART WORK – SPIRITED ARTS

This week the children have been engaged in the Spirited Arts work. Fir class have created beautiful pieces of art with their own choice of media (watercolour, chalk pastel or oil pastel) based upon representing our Vision: "Soar on wings like eagles, run and not grow weary, walk and not be faint" (Isaiah 40:31). Ash class have completed their artwork for the installation of a reflection / worship space on the field. They also engaged the rest of the school in the production of pieces to go into their design based around Pentecost (the Holy Spirit coming to the disciples as flames and wind) and the central element of Baptism (through the water life). Hopefully, weather dependent, the reflection / worship space will be installed over half term.

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CREATIVE ART WORK – CRANBORNE CHASE FLAG

The flag that all children created design for, and that KS2 painted, will be on display on the Cranborne Chase walks. Please see the information about this emailed out previously. We do hope that you may be able to enjoy one of these walks with your children and maybe even get to see the flag that Coombe Bissett designed and created.

It was wonderful to see some of our Ash children happily engaging in this project in their lunchtime in order for there to be enough time for all KS2 children to have the chance to be involved. This commitment to each other is so wonderful to see – our core values lived out by the children.

If anyone does get to see it on the walk, please could they send the school office email a picture of this as we would love to have our children in the picture with the finished product in situ – and to put this on our website.

READING WITH CHILDREN VOLUNTEERS

As restrictions continue to lift we warmly welcome parent / grandparent volunteers to hear children read in school. Please contact your class teacher or the school office if you would have some time available during school hours – whether it is one hour or half a day – all is invaluable.

SUN SAFETY

Hopefully, we will have some lovely sunny weather in Term 6.

Please ensure each day in school:

- your child has a full water bottle
 - your child has a sun-hat
 - you have applied all day sun-cream / lotion to your child – or your child has a named sun-cream dispenser with them that they can apply themselves (our staff are not allowed to apply sun-cream).
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VIRTUAL SCHOOL GAMES

In Term 6, Wiltshire School Sports will be organizing a virtual school games. There will be daily/weekly activities for pupils in school with follow up challenges to do at home.

If you are interested in any of these activities, please follow the link below.

<https://www.wiltssport.org/schools-new/kids/3020-virtual-summer-school-games>

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PHOTOGRAPHS AND FILMING BY PARENTS

There are many schools locally where parents are not allowed to take photos of or film their children at events. I don't want to become that school. I love the fact that we let you take pictures / film your child as these digital memories are so important to us as parents, and the children love looking back on themselves. But, safeguarding of our children is so important in this digital / social media age, and we also have children who have not been given consent for their images to be shared. So we all need to be responsible for this safeguarding.

To enable us to continue with this family centered approach please remember:

- if your pictures / films contain other children then do not post these pictures / video on social media where 'friends' can view – make sure permissions are locked tightly / or groups are exclusive so that only family can view
 - if you are sharing with family please remind them not to post these on social media
 - if you want to share on social media where 'friends' can view then you will need to get permission from all the parents of the other children in the picture. The parent Facebook page, run by parents and not by the school, could be such an example perhaps where this could happen with permissions given.
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INTERNET AND SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY

We have had a few incidents of our older children trying to access Facebook groups or becoming involved in social media groups that they are not old enough for. We provide education for the children but they do need support at home. Please remember to check your child's social media use in order to keep them safe. Guidance is available on our school website.

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