



Friday 24th February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was lovely to welcome the children back to school on Monday after the half term break.

On Monday morning, there was sunshine to welcome the new term. It is great to see the children utilising the top field during lunchtime as it was less muddy than it had been during last term. We would encourage, where possible, for all children to bring their wellies into school or spare shoes in a labelled bag to change into for use on the field. We will most definitely be getting some wet days ahead this term. This helps us to stop the mud creeping into school.

On Wednesday, the whole school took a stroll to church. We were welcomed by Revd Jenny. She led a beautiful service for Ash Wednesday. Several children did readings and the singing was amazing. Revd Jenny teased us to think about what we might give up for Lent. Will it be chocolate, crisps, the X-box, playing games on the phone?- I wonder! The children were excellent on the way there, whilst we were in church, and on the way back, a credit to us all. Many children chose to dip their finger in the ash and form the sign of the cross on their foreheads to mark the start of Lent.

I am looking forward to the next Parents' Forum which will take place online via a Zoom meeting, this Tuesday evening between 7.30-8pm. The focus of this meeting will be on 'Attendance'. I do hope I will be able to clarify why attendance is important, why we are tasked to monitor this, and how we support parents with this. The link for this meeting will be sent out to all parents/carers on Monday. I do hope you can join me.

We are keen to welcome volunteers into school to support learning in school. If you have some availability to do this, please contact the school office and we will get back to you regarding the next steps. We appreciate whatever support you can offer.

In my next newsletter, I will update you on some of our school priorities. I am looking for ways in which we can deliver our IT provision in school and I am keen to hear from parents/carers who have some specialism in this. High quality technology is a great tool to further enhance learning and this is an area for development in our school.

I wish you a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Sandra Miller

Interim Headteacher

THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL.....

This week Oak Class have started their new topic learning. We are looking at life on earth, plants, birds, growing and seasonal changes as well as looking at our solar system and space.

We have been collating information for the RSPB bird watch as well as having a go at drawing some of the birds we have seen around the school environment.

We have been giving the outside a spring clean by dead heading plants, raking up leaves and preparing beds for planting. We have loved seeing shoots, buds and bulbs bursting into life.



World Book Day Celebration – Friday 3rd March – In celebration of next week's World Book Day we would like to encourage all children to recognise their favourite book by either dressing up or bringing in a prop or clue. We will be celebrating the day on Friday 3rd March and not on actual World Book Day which is on Thursday 2nd March. This is because of existing curriculum commitments including KS1 PE. Thank you!

PARENT & TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Parent and Teacher Consultations will take place on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th March 2023. Sign-up sheets will be available on the school playground next week. If you are unable to sign up in the playground, please email or telephone the School Office for an appointment.

Morning Drop off review– as you know we have been trialling a system where members of staff are on duty between 8.40 and 8.50 at the pedestrian gate by the village hall and at the bottom of the school drive. This means that, if you wish, rather than walking down, or up to school you can drop off your children and they can walk to school, whilst you are secure in the knowledge that a member of staff is present. Following a review of this trial we have decided to remove the member of staff from the top gate but we will still have a member of staff on duty at the bottom of the school drive should you wish to drop off your children from this point.

Year 1 & 2 Voices Inspire Concert at Salisbury Cathedral on Friday 10th March.

A letter was emailed home this week. Please complete the Microsoft Form to provide consent for the trip and make your contribution towards the trip via bank transfer. Thank you.

Salisbury Schools Mini Marathon – Sat 20th May 2023

A letter was emailed home this week to Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 parents regarding the above event. If your child would like to take part in this year's Mini Marathon please register them via the link in the letter.

Karate Club is currently on hold. We will advise as soon as this is up and running again



We understand and appreciate that children can become ill and it is not always easy to decide whether to send them into school or keep them at home, so to help you with this, here is a useful reference guide. If your child is too ill to attend school, please contact the school office with full details of your child's illness/symptoms. We will ring you to find out why your child is not in school. If we do not hear from you the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

RED- STAY AT HOME

Sickness & diarrhoea- 48 hours must have elapsed before a child can return to school from the last episode.

AMBER – SEEK ADVICE

Headache, Feeling sick, Tummy Ache
Children often feel unwell if they are anxious, so if in doubt do contact us at school for advice.

GREEN – COME TO SCHOOL

Mild cough, cold, sore throat, feeling tired.
We will always contact you if your child is ill during the school day.

If you'd like to know more about how we are managing attendance join Miss Miller for the Parents' forum on Tuesday evening at 7:30pm. The link will be sent out on Monday.

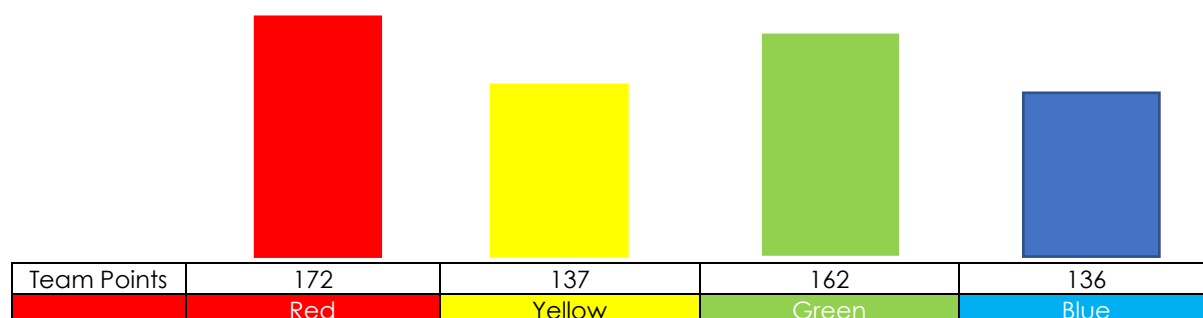
Rewards this Week

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:


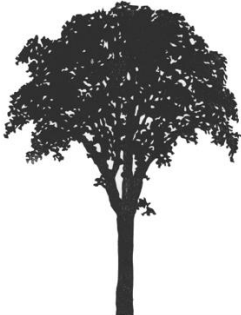


Well Done to everyone awarded a Team Point or Green Card, with particular **Congratulations to Red House the winners this week with an amazing 172 points.**



Team Point Running Totals for the Year so far

3394	3285	3343	3208
Red	Yellow	Green	Blue

Green Cards by Class

			
56	55	48	38
Oak	Elm	Fir	Ash

There will not be a non-uniform day next week as we are celebrating World Book Day

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

Attendance figures for each class for the last week of last term (w/c 6th February 2023):

Ash class – 97.7%

Fir class – 96.8%

Elm class – 95.5%

Oak class – 90.0%

Congratulations to Ash Class who achieved the best attendance at the end of last term.

A note from Mrs Pendleton: As RE Subject Leader I am delighted to inform you of the following event - a Bible Comes to Life exhibition at St Paul's church in Salisbury. We aren't going as a school, but the public can visit from 10-4 this Saturday.

Further details in the Salisbury Journal article:

<https://www.salisburyjournal.co.uk/news/23258918.bible-comes-life-exhibition-st-pauls-church-salisbury/>

The image shows a Facebook post from St Paul's Salisbury and a corresponding exhibition poster. The Facebook post, from 10 hours ago, describes a unique and fascinating interactive exhibition free to the public, featuring ancient artefacts like torah scrolls and biblical replicas, open on Saturday from 10am to 4pm. The poster below provides more details: it is titled 'CMJ's Bible Comes to Life Exhibition' and is open to the public on Thursday 23rd Feb (6.30pm-8pm) and Saturday 25th Feb (10am-4pm) at St Paul's Church, SP2 7QW. The poster includes four circular images: a camel, a man in a white robe, a man in a white robe with a woman, and a building. The text on the poster encourages visitors to 'Come and discover ancient biblical artefacts and replicas'.

VACANCY

Butlers Cleaning Services
Seeking a Cleaner at Coombe Bissett Primary School
Five afternoons per week, 3 hours per day Term Time only
plus 1 – 3 days Deep Clean per year
If you are interested or you know someone who may be
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