



# Coombe Bissett Primary

## Newsletter 5 (End Term 2)

### 2021-22



#### KEY THINGS

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

- **Covid precautions** – at present we do not have any further details as to changes in government guidelines. If we receive any further guidelines these will be issued to parents once we have had time to plan for any changes that may be required. If this happens over the Christmas holiday we will still send you the updates.
- **Parent / Teacher consultations for Spring** – These are on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> of January. Sign up forms will be available at the school from 4<sup>th</sup> January. If you cannot come in to sign up, please ask another parent to book you a slot or call the office from the 4<sup>th</sup> onwards – no bookings will be accepted prior to the 4<sup>th</sup> January. Please note, in order to support staff wellbeing and working hours parents should book their consultation on these dates.
- **Clubs letters** – please see the separate T3/4 clubs letter to book your child a place.
- **Term dates:**
  - T3 Tuesday 4/1/22 to Friday 18/2/22
  - T4 Monday 28/2/22 to Friday 8/4/22
  - T5 Monday 25/4/22 to Friday 27/5/22
  - T6 Monday 6/6/22 to Friday 22/7/22

#### MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to all the parents for your support and understanding during this challenging time. Your good humour around the sickness bugs and Covid, your understanding at the cancellation of events, your support of charities and fundraising activities has helped us all to not only be safe but to feel that we are together, as one big family, during this time. Together we celebrate all that we managed to keep going for the children such as interteam tournaments, santa visits, mini-fayres, decorations, bingo, Christmas lunches and parties and nativities. Something to be very proud of as a community.

The massive thank you to the children who have been magnificent all term in their learning and relationships with each other, and who have really enjoyed all the festive activities. A huge thank you to the staff for all their energy, dedication and love towards the children – they are superb. And finally a great thank you to the governors for all their support and encouragement.

On behalf of all the staff and governors, we wish you a very safe and peaceful Christmas and a happy new year.

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## PERIPATETIC MUSIC LESSONS

On a regular basis we ask parents if they would like their child to learn a musical instrument at school. Sadly, we often do not have enough children to engage a peripatetic music teacher into the school – they won't come out unless they have enough students to make the journey financial viable. But now there is a solution for those small numbers who miss out – SAM Music Service for online lessons. Please see the flier we have sent out this week or go to [www.sammusicservice.com](http://www.sammusicservice.com)

Don't forget, we do have a peripatetic piano teacher come into school every Tuesday. Please contact the office to enquire about piano lessons for your child in school.

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## CLUBS LETTERS T3/4

Please see the separate clubs letter for T3/4 which was sent via email last week. To book your child a place please sign up via the School Gateway App or direct with the Club leader following the guidance on the letter. We have been heavily subsidising all clubs (except Football, Karate and Mad Science which are not school organised clubs) but there simply is no longer any such flexibility in school budgets for such a large subsidy. Therefore, unfortunately costs have had to increase in order to reduce the subsidy from the school.

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## BASKETBALL

As a lovely farewell to a friend, some of the Y5 and Y6 have begun to enjoy basketball in their playtime. In this last week, to show how much they cherish their friendships, they played each other in an exciting, high-paced, lunchtime basketball match – they had a great time. Thank you to the staff for giving up their time to referee and coach this.

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## FESTIVE ACTIVITIES

A huge thank you to the FOCBS who have organised some truly lovely moments this term. The FOCBS have been truly amazing!

The mini-fayre was a massive hit! The children absolutely loved it! YR, Y1 and so many of our children who have joined us from other schools in other year groups have never experienced this – and they could not contain their joy! We hope you enjoy the presents that your child chose for you – it was such a great experience for the children.

The Christmas Decorations event was such fun – glitter, paint and wool everywhere – we loved it! We hope that you enjoy putting out these decorations this year.

The children loved their visit from Santa this year bringing the gift of a new world of imagination through a book – such a generous gift from the FOCBS.

The online Christmas Bingo was a great event for everyone, a very welcome bit of fun at the end of a disappointing week of news from the government!

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## NATIVITY PRODUCTIONS

WOW! Huge congratulations to the children in Oak and Elm for their wonderful nativity productions. We were so thrilled to be able to perform them live to parents, especially as so many schools either chose or were unable to do so because of the impact of Covid. This opportunity was such a joy for parents and children alike.

The children were simply brilliant. I am sure that there were many proud parents in the audience.

A massive thank you to the wonderful KS1 staff who gave up so much of their personal time in the planning and preparation and organisation of these productions. And a huge thank you to the parents who were able to organise the recording and to the FOCBS who set up the facilities and refreshments. A big thank you to all the parents for supporting their child with learning lines, sorting costumes and for following guidelines. This togetherness is something we all cherish at Coombe Bissett Primary – helping us to be the best we can be, to enjoy the good times together and to face the challenges together.

Together we can all:

“Soar on wings like eagles,  
Run and not grow weary,  
Walk and not be faint.”

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## TEAM RESULTS

This term the winners of the INTERTEAM tournament for Tag Rugby were the Red Team in KS2. The winners of the ‘sportspersonship’ trophy were the Green Team in KS2. Unfortunately, KS1 were unable to do an InterTEAM tournament this term due to the impact of covid on staffing.

The winners of the INTERTEAM Boardgames tournament were the RED Team.

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The winners of the Team Tokens for Term 2 were the RED Team. The overall winners for Autumn (term 1 and term 2) were the RED Team. They will choose the next school charity day.

The scores were:

	Term 1	Term 2	Running total
Red	669	1524	2193
Yellow	665	1128	1793
Blue	766	1213	1979
Green	669	1235	1904

## ATTENDANCE

Term 1	Term 2
<b>Overall = 93.6%</b>	<b>Overall = 93.2%</b>
<b>YR= 84.8%</b>	<b>YR =87.1%</b>
<b>Y1= 95.8%</b>	<b>Y1 =89.7%</b>
<b>Y2= 92.9%</b>	<b>Y2 =94.6%</b>
<b>Y3= 96.2%</b>	<b>Y3 =93.2%</b>
<b>Y4= 94.7%</b>	<b>Y4 =92.1%</b>
<b>Y5= 93%</b>	<b>Y5 =95.4%</b>
<b>Y6= 94%</b>	<b>Y6 =95.7%</b>

The National Average sits at 96% in a pre-covid world. Congratulations to YEAR 6 who won the attendance trophy for Term 2.

On the flip-side, we are also very grateful to those parents who followed the ever-changing guidelines around covid safety and school attendance – helping to keep the rest of the children and staff safe.

## VALUES

This term our school value was BELIEF. Of course we focused massively on the belief of the birth of Christ and also on the visit from Santa! We hope that this expression of love will envelope you all this Christmas time.

In our Diary of Reflection, the children reflected on what belief means to them, how they have shown belief, and in KS2 even deeper skills of reflective thinking such as what does belief mean to the world and how it can change the world for the better.

This term, in collective worship, in lessons and as a golden thread across the life of the school, the children focused on: Anti-bullying, Remembrance, If you dream it you can do it, Just as the Lord has forgiven you so you must forgive others, Build your house on strong foundations, I can do all things through Him, Put confidence in someone who is trustworthy.

The children learnt the following bible passages in collective worship:

Noah's Ark Genesis 6- 9: 17, The two houses Matthew 7: 24-27, The Annunciation Luke 1: 26-38.

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The Saint in focus this term to represent our Value of Belief was St **Therese of Lisieux** – 1<sup>st</sup> October - Patron saint of missionaries, florists and the sick. Died 1897.

We hope the children enjoyed the gifts we gave them - the Advent Day by Day 'diary' and the Christingle they made and could enjoy eating.

**If parents would like their child to share a gift of any reflections on BELIEF over the Christmas holidays we would be delighted to see these pieces / pictures and to put them up on display...please bring them in at the start of Term 3.**

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#### CAR PARKING

Please can parents avoid drop-off / collection on the slip-road from Shutts Lane. When doing so it means our neighbour cannot get access to or from their home and that the disabled parking we offer to families at these times cannot be accessed.

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#### ONLINE SEXUAL HARRASSMENT PARENT LEAFLET

Following on from the shocking revelations from last year of the sexual harassment teenagers face, the Children's Commissioner has produced an advice booklet aimed for parents to start using from before they issue a smart phone to their child, or from 9-10yrs old. We have sent this out to all parents even though for some it will not yet be relevant.

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#### VILLAGE HALL

I am delighted that the Village Hall have agreed for the school to put up signs in the Village Hall car park area requesting that dog owners do not let their dogs foul in the Village Hall car park. We know that this is not anyone in our school community and that the use of the Village Hall car park and the behaviour of such individuals is outside of scope of the school. However, we hope to influence behaviour in order to protect our children and parents so that the recent distressing experiences will not be repeated.

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## PARENT MINI-SURVEY RETURNS

We have had very few returns for the parent mini-survey. This survey helps us to identify what further support parents might need. Please return it over the Christmas holidays so that the school can explore prioritised actions for the spring term.

### SAFEGUARDING THIS CHRISTMAS

**PLEASE SEE THE POSTER BELOW, ISSUED BY WILTSHIRE COUNCIL, TO HELP KEEP EVERY CHILD SAFE THIS CHRISTMAS**



**Safeguarding is  
EVERYONE'S  
business!**

- Is there anything that worries you about a child that you know or have seen?
- Are there arguments next door, where a child lives, that worry you?
- Do you see anxious looks, injuries, or not see the child you know at all at times?
- Is that child left alone for hours at a time, or seen to be uncared for?
- Are there young ones in your street, out after dark alone, without warm clothes?
- Would you like advice ?

Then please call: MASH on **0300 4560 108** out of hours on **0300 4560 100**  
For immediate danger dial **999**

 Are you worried reporting could split a family? We support and where possible help families make changes so they can stay together



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