



Coombe Bissett Primary

Newsletter 4 (start of Term 2)



WELCOME BACK

It is so lovely to see virtually all of the children back and learning in school after half term. Following the current Government guidelines, we are continuing to be open for all children, and we are delighted to be able to continue to teach the children directly. We look forward to a wonderful term ahead with so many lovely events planned such as Remembrance, Anti-bullying, Florence Nightingale visitors, Rare-breed farm visitors, Interteam Tournaments, Journey day, Nativities and Christmas celebrations organized by both the FOCBS and the school. Please look out for specific letters regarding some of these.

VALUE FOR LIFE

This term our Value for Life is BELIEF. We will be focusing on: believing in yourself; believing in your friends; friendship and anti-bullying; being trustworthy so others can believe in you, forgiveness, building our house on strong foundations. If you do have your reflections from half-term on the value of CARE, please do send them in so we can put them on display. The children love seeing their friends home thinking / activities.

COVID RESTRICTIONS

Unfortunately, the Government has informed schools that we cannot have events for parents such as parent tours of the school, parent evenings, and performances to parents during lockdown.

As such please note that the Parent Forums and Parent Curriculum Learning Evenings have been cancelled for this term. Please note that currently the new website needs all of these events updating on the calendar section.

It is likely that the Stay and Play in KS1 and the Celebration of Learning across the school on Tues 8th and Thurs 10th December will be cancelled – but we will keep you informed as we would be hopeful to go ahead with them.

We are planning on holding the Nativities 'live' to parents. The performances will be limited to Wednesday 14th December 10am for Oak and 2pm for Elm with 2 adults per child.

We are still hopeful to be able to hold the Christingle service on Monday 14th December on the following times: Oak 5.30pm, Elm 6pm, Fir 6.30pm, Ash 7pm.

French Club and after school clubs will continue.

The Government guidelines on school attendance for primary children is as follows:

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Education settings

More evidence has emerged that shows there is a very low risk of children becoming very unwell from COVID-19, even for children with existing health conditions. Most children originally identified as clinically extremely vulnerable no longer need to follow this advice. Speak to your GP or specialist clinician, if you have not already done so, to understand whether your child should still be classed as clinically extremely vulnerable.

Those children whose doctors have confirmed they are still clinically extremely vulnerable are advised not to attend school while this advice is in place. Your school will make appropriate arrangements for you to be able to continue your education at home. Children who live with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable, but who are not clinically extremely vulnerable themselves, should still attend school.

PHOTOGRAPHS

The FOCBS has organised photographs of the children to be on Thursday 12th November. Children can be dropped off at the usual times. Children must be in school uniform, with PE being cancelled that day. Those children who do after school clubs can bring in a change of clothes for their club.

Pre-school sibling photographs will begin at 9am. Please advise the School Office if you plan to attend at this time. In school siblings will follow, and finally individual photos a class at a time.

NEW AFTER SCHOOL CLUB FOR FIR – REPLACING ASH’S MONDAY RUNNING CLUB

Unfortunately, we have not had enough children sign up for the Running Club (Monday after school) which was due to replace the Ash Class Tag Rugby Club and therefore this club will be cancelled. As a result, we have created a further opportunity for Fir Class to have an after school club on Mondays. Having discussed the club with Fir, including the T1 Tag-Rugby group, they would really enjoy a Frisbee / American Football throwing club, with 15 of the children interested.

This club will run on Mondays for Term 2. Please email the school office this weekend if you would like your child to attend.

PSHE – CORAM EDUCATION HOMELEARNIG

Mrs Macaulay (our PSHE lead) would like to point all parents to the home learning opportunities and resources provided by Coram Education via the web link below:

<https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/scarf/lesson-plans/scarf-at-home>

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SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND SITE DEVELOPMENTS

This half term the builders completed the installation of the solar panels and the beautiful new state of the art internal fire doors in all spaces. Soft background display boards have been installed for improved mental wellbeing for the children. The school is looking evermore beautiful now, such a lovely learning environment for the children. With the solar panels we will have a massively reduced electricity bill each year – this sits within of our drive to reduce the carbon footprint of the school as part of our commitment to our children’s future.

Our Reflection Garden pergola has been installed near to the Cedar room – a huge thank you to Mrs Bowers and Mrs Webster for leading on this project. There will be further developments of raised bedding / seating / pathways / prayer items / displays during the course of the year.

Fences have also gone up around the school to keep children safe and to create dedicated spaces for learning such a Forest School area, a Remembrance garden, and a future outdoor classroom.

WEBSITE

Our new website has gone live! A huge thank you to Richard Tidmarsh for designing / constructing the site and for all his hard work populating it with the items produced by all staff. We hope that you find it useful and easier to navigate. There is a calendar feature as well as the usual page for newsletters / letters. There is also a termly ‘blog’ of things that each class has done, populated by class teachers.

It can be found at:

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

STAFFING NEWS

It is with great sadness that we are announcing that Mrs Pascoe will be leaving us at the end of Term 2. Mrs Pascoe wishes to spend more time with her young family and we fully support her in this endeavour – family is all important, especially at this time and especially when our children are younger: these are precious times as a parent.

Mrs Pascoe has been with us for 3 years and recently returned during lockdown from a year’s maternity leave. She will be very much missed by the children and the team.

We wish her all the very best in the future and look forward to welcoming her on supply cover now and again.

The school is now in the process of advertising and appointing a replacement Y5/Y6 job share teacher for Thursday and Friday. Once we have more information we will let you know.

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