



Coombe Bissett Primary

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FIRST WEEK IN THE VILLAGE HALL AND MARQUEE

The village hall and marquee has been a huge success. The children have really enjoyed the experience and for the staff to see how much the children have enjoyed it has been such an uplifting experience.

We look forward to next week and more adventures.

Thankyou to all the parents who have managed the drop-off and collection so well, socially distancing from each other and from the school staff.

A huge thankyou to those parents who have shared their thanks with us as to the incredibly positive management of this time, and of the move to the village hall. Hearing this positive feedback really does bring joy to the staff.

VALUE FOR LIFE

This week our focus has been PERSEVERANCE relating to our core value of BELIEF.

Next week we will be focusing on MAKING A DIFFERENCE relating to our core value of COMMITMENT. The collective worship from Rev Jenny will be issued Monday. The resources are attached to the email. The 'diary of reflection' was issued in your packs collected at the start of Term 6 – this can be used for the Tuesday to Thursday collective worship tasks of diary of reflection, wondering questions (which Rev Jenny will use for her collective worship in the last weeks) and artwork ideas on the theme.

NEXT WEEK'S TOPIC AND PICTURE NEWS

Attached to this email is next week's Topic – Singing from Mrs Crossland. Also attached is the weekly current affairs activities form Picture News.

STAFF RETURNING AND BUBBLE EXTENSIONS

Our staff who have been shielding have received their individual further update letters from the NHS this week. Mrs Macaulay has been advised to remain shielding until the end of August. She is very, very sad about this as she misses the children so much, but individual safety is paramount at this time. Mrs Bowers has been told she no longer needs to shield, and Mrs Mould has been advised that she can return so long as 2m social distancing is ensured and other precautionary measures are in place.

So this means:

- For the rest of the term we can offer the YR bubble extended hours on a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday only till 1.30pm, bringing them in line with other bubbles. Children must bring in a packed lunch. But please note the On Friday 17th the YR bubble will close at 12noon on that day. Thus: the YR bubble can stay till 1.30pm on Tues 7th, Wed 8th, Thurs 9th, Fri 10th, Tues 14th, Wed 15th, Thursday 16th, Tues 20th and Wed 21st. Myself and the governors are very grateful to Mrs Bowers for her dedication in offering an extra day.
- Mrs Mould will join the Keyworker / Vulnerable bubble so that Mr Wyatt can provide focused support for vulnerable children in following the Govt guidelines. This does increase the workload on Mr Wyatt and myself and the governors are very grateful for his dedication.

THANKYOU TO KEYWORKER / VULNERABLE PARENTS

Thankyou to those keyworker / vulnerable parents who have been very supportive and generous this week.

THANKYOU TO HOMELEARNERS

Thankyou to all those parents of homelearners. Your continued excellent dedication to homelearning has just been magnificent. We know this has been not only challenging but frustrating for you as other year groups have been allowed to return – we are just so grateful for your support, good will and engagement. You are amazing!

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END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Y6 = We are delighted that our Y6 children will be taking part in a virtual leavers service from the Cathedral this Friday 10th as a replacement to the annual visit. Teachers are sending out songs and activities for them to learn over the week. It would be lovely if the Y6 could bring in their school uniform on Friday 10th to get changed into at lunchtime.

Y6 are also in the process of organising the in-school leavers celebration at the end of term. Teachers will be sending out information to Y6 families early next week.

Finally, Y6 really enjoyed getting their 'leavers hoodies' today. Thank you to the Y6 parents for organising this.

YR, Y1, Keyworker bubbles = will enjoy their last day in their bubbles.

Y2 to Y5 = sadly we have received confirmation from Public Health that we cannot hold in-school celebration days for these year groups, despite the fact that we really wanted to as a school. We will explore the possibilities of a virtual solution for a 'virtual celebration session' (not a whole day), and inform you next week if this is possible.

THE ARTS WEEK – CHILDREN'S ART WORK

A huge thankyou to those parents who have sent in, or emailed in their child's artwork this week. Mrs Bowers is so excited about organising these into a display and permanent art installation. If you have still to send this work in then please do so, we really want every child's artwork to be involved.

The poetry and artwork we have seen in school and from homelearners has been simply magical. We have been blown away by their creativity and compassion.

FLAGS AND SOUND RECORDING

We have not received any offers for flag making or sound-recording.

However, as the children's designs we have received are so fabulous we have now engaged a commercial flag making company.

We will also, all enjoy singing the song for the Singing Topic week, with the knowledge that everyone is engaged in it, both in school and at home – connected together in hearts and minds.

WILTSHIRE PUPIL SURVEY Y4 to Y6

Mrs Macaulay has been informed by Wiltshire that we our school has had a very low rate of pupil responses to the survey. The survey deadline has been extended in order to give additional time to complete. The information we receive really does help us to plan activities and learning to meet the needs of the children as they identify themselves. If you are happy to do the survey please can you enable your child to do so.

SEPTEMBER RETURN

The Govt have issued guidelines as to the return of all children to school in September. We are delighted and cannot wait to welcome back every single wonderful child and their family to the 'new norm'. We will be formulating our plans and will inform you once they are completed.

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