



Coombe Bissett Primary

Newsletter 2 (mid-way Term1)



THANK YOU, EARLY / LATE CLUB, STAGGERED TIMES

A huge thank you to all parents for managing the staggered drop-off and collection times, especially with the additional challenge of the road works! Your co-operation keeps things running smoothly and helps to protect the children, staff and each other.

Please can we remind all parents that they should not be dropping off children before the staggered start times unless they have registered and paid for early club, and similarly with the late club. Staff have a register for early and late club that they will be following.

Please can we remind all parents with multiple children to adjust the staggered time so that all their children arrive at the drop-off time closest to 9am (8.50am-9.00am) and not at the earliest drop-off in relation to one child. Similarly, for the end of the day, parents with multiple children can collect them all at 3.15pm-3.25pm, and not at the latest child's staggered collection time.

SCHOOL PAPERWORK FOR KEEPING YOUR CHILD SAFE

Please can parents complete and return the paperwork for our data collection (contacts and medical) if there are any changes to the one issued today (YR has not been issued because we have only recently received this), adults who can collect your child, and permissions for photographs. If there are any changes during the year, please notify the school office as soon as you can. All of this helps us to keep your child safe. Thank you to all those who have already completed some of these forms issued this week.

BIRTHDAYS

If you wish to hand out party bags / sweets to other children to celebrate your child's birthday, please can these be shop-purchased / individually wrapped rather than home-made. This helps keep everyone safe. Hand these to the staff and they will ensure they are issued at the end of the day. Regretfully, we cannot issue class lists of names to parents due to GDPR.

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PARENT / TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Parent / Teacher consultations are on Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th October. We are trying to keep face to face at present, but if this is not possible then we keep these booked times and do an online appointment using Microsoft Teams. To keep everyone safe:

- Parents will enter and exit via the class entrance points.
- Parents should arrive just before and wait outside.
- There will be 5 mins between appointments to allow teachers to wipe down the table / chairs.
- Your child's exercise books will not be available before

Paper booking forms will be available on the playground from next week. Please bring your own pen / pencil to book your place on the form, but hand sanitizer will be available if you forget. There may be a small number of parents unable to book their consultation on the paper form (taxi families) and so these parents can call the office and discuss available times with the office staff. If you need to swap an appointment with another parent, then please arrange this directly with that parent yourself.

MEETING WITH TEACHERS AT OTHER TIMES

If you wish to have a meeting with the teacher outside of the Parent / Teacher Consultation, then please write a note in the pink home-school book or call the office to arrange an appointment. The Cedar room has been set up as a teacher / parent meeting room for social distancing with a face mask. A hand sanitiser station has been installed.

CLUBS

Clubs have started this week and it has been amazing to see the children enjoying them. There are lots of spaces so please sign up. Clubs will change frequently to give children opportunities. If your child has an after school PE club (e.g. not Lego club) they can come into school in their PE kit (but please remember a change of clothes in case this gets wet during the day). If your child attends Football Club on a Thursday please can they still wear their school PE kit all day rather than a separate football kit.

PUPIL LEADERSHIP

This last fortnight we have been identifying children for pupil leadership roles, assigning some and holding elections for others. This includes class based monitors, class ambassadors (who explain to visitors the class learning), team captains and vice captains and team reps (who organize their teams in competitions and count up the tokens), worship committee class reps (who help discuss worship and spirituality across the school), school council class reps (who help lead their class council discussions), librarians, and ICT champions.

This year we held whole school elections for 'the big 3' – a chair, vice chair and scribe for school council. The speeches were amazing and every child in the school voted. The votes were so close that for the first time ever for me there are co-positions. Congratulations to the children who were elected as co-chair (Alice and Gilbert), co-vice-chair (Emily and Zach) and co-scribe (Hanna and Kit). And an extra special well done to all the other candidates who showed such bravery and care in standing and congratulating those elected.

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VALUES

This term our core value is – CARE.

Throughout the term the children will be focusing on this value by reflecting on:

- Putting other first
- Caring for yourself (mindfulness and learning)
- How God is love
- Using their gifts to serve others
- Caring for creation

The children will be completing diaries of reflection in school. At some point in the term a home-learning reflection sheet will be sent home so that we can find out how your children are applying their learning and reflections at home.

WELLINGTON BOOTS AND THE PLAY TRAIL

Please can every child have a named pair of wellington boots in school. These will live in the wellington boot shed on the field so that we can take the children onto the field for play even when the grass is wet. Please can the name be visible as this makes a real difference to finding them.

Please can parents avoid using the play trail at the start / end of day so that we can keep to our timetabled bubble time, helping to keep the children safe.

SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Allison Brown to the School Office on Monday 21st September, I am sure you will all give her a warm welcome. She will be working in the School Office on Mondays and Tuesdays.

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