



# Coombe Bissett Primary

## Newsletter 11 (half-way Term 4)



### WIDER CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT

So far this term, the children have benefitted from and fully enjoyed the wider curriculum opportunities we have provided such as:

- Elm, Fir and Ash had 2 online sessions on programming and music with Conductive Music.
- An online session on mental health from the Life Education Van – and Harold the Giraffe.
- A Spring / Easter poetry competition for the Coombe Bissett & Homington Express– the winning entries from each year group will be published in the next issue.
- Red Nose Day fundraising and fun activities – thank you to all parents for your efforts to support this wonderful charity.

Later on this term we will be able to hold:

- the Sports Interteam Tournaments and the Mental Maths Interteam Tournament. We look forward to sharing the results.
- a creative focus on Easter – this year the lovely Easter activities will be run in class bubbles. Please look out for messages from class teachers with regards to anything that will be needed for these activities.
- our 2<sup>nd</sup> creative arts afternoon focusing on our Values. This time we will be focusing on images relating to Commitment and Bravery. The completed artwork will join the work produced in the Autumn on Care and Belief and will be displayed in the hall. Every child has a piece of work on display.
- on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> (the last day of Term 4) we will be holding the fundraising event for the charity decided by the winning Team in the Autumn. The charity was the Ocean Fund as part of the WWF. Ash class has decided this event will have children dressing up in blue or green for the ocean, or as a sea creature such as a crab or dolphin or shark, or as some coral or seaweed. We hope you have fun with the costume! We hope that every child will donate £1 to this wonderful cause – so important for the future health of the whole planet and the future health of our children and grandchildren.

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### RED NOSE DAY

It was a lovely day today! Children dressing up to meet the theme set by their class. Children enjoying quizzes, telling funny stories or jokes, making biscuits, and a sponsored run with wings to soar!

Thank you everyone for all your donations and fundraising efforts. The children raised incredible amounts – Oak class £53.50, Elm class £149.70, Fir class £38.40 and Ash class £44.00 with some sponsor money still to be collected!

Overall our school raised: £285.60 to date. This was a fantastic effort for such a wonderful charity.

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## COVID SAFETY

Thank you to all those who are doing all they can to keep us all safe. Please ensure:

- Those children travelling in taxis must wear face masks unless medically they are unable to
- All adults on the school site to wear face masks
- All adults on site to maintain 2m social distance
- At collection – follow the staggered collection times (unless you have children in multiple classes, in which case collect at 3.15pm)
- At collection collect and go

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## VALUES FOR LIFE

This term our Value for Life is BRAVERY and the children will be thinking about:

- Do the right thing
- Be bold, be strong, act courageous
- Let justice roll on like an ever flowing river
- Act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly
- Notice a need...and come to the rescue

The bible stories we reference for BRAVERY are as follows:

- Courage = David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17)
- Courage and trust/faith = Calming of the Storm (Mark 4: 35-41)
- Forgiveness = Zacchaeus (Luke 19: 1-10)

We have also been focusing on good manners – an important value and linked to BRAVERY through the courage to have that extended conversation, the courage to do the right thing even though others around may not be doing so. We have been delighted to see increased confidence in the children to say ‘how are you’, or ‘I hope you had a lovely evening’ and ‘please’, ‘thank you’, and ‘you’re welcome’. It has also been lovely to see more children helping others and helping adults, making way for adults, and holding the door open for each other.

A huge thank you to all of you for your help with this. It not only makes such a difference to good values and behaviour, but also makes for such a lovely atmosphere around the school for everyone – and as such is great for everyone’s mental health.

Finally, next week we will issue the Easter Day by Day booklets that follow on from the Lent Day by Day booklets. These have daily activities to do at home beginning with Palm Sunday on 28<sup>th</sup> March.

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## LOOKING AHEAD TO TERM 5

Please look out for the following items coming out in the next two weeks:

- new Menu,
  - the Term 5 clubs letter,
  - information about Parent Evenings in Term 5.
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