



Coombe Bissett Primary

Newsletter 1 (Start of Term 1)

2021-22



WELCOME BACK

A huge welcome back to one and all and a warm welcome to new parents in YR and across the school. Our school continues to be a popular choice and we are delighted to have such wonderful children and families as part of our wider school family.

The children have been amazing settling back in to their classrooms and school routines. It has been so joyful to have them back in school bringing with them the excitement and wonder of learning and playing with friends. We wish you all a wonderful Term 1 together.

NEW RESOURCES AND OLD TABLES

The children are delighted with the new resources around the school.

- Every class has beautiful new tables and will soon have beautiful new chairs to support the children to learn in comfort.
- Ash and Fir class have been re-decorated and have new carpets installed. Last year the toilets, hall, Oak and Ash were decorated so this now means we have a beautiful learning environment for all the children.
- A new pathway has been added on the top field for safety access.
- Sleeper benches have been installed to make a lovely 'welly-boot' changing area, a little drama space at playtimes, and a nice place for parents to sit at collection.
- Later this term the Bishop will be opening the completed Reflection Garden.
- The Pizza-Oven and fire-pit will soon be open for DT and Forest school.

The old tables are available for parents to take home for a small donation to the school. Please take them and give your donation to the school office.

The pupil council will then decide what to purchase with the proceeds.

SCHOOL PERMISSION FORMS

- Please complete and return the school collections permission form where you can name 3 people who will collect your child if you are unable to. This will save you having to call the school each time.

Next week we will be issuing the data collection and GDPR, photograph & video permissions, home-school agreement. Please complete and return these as soon as possible.

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PARENT CLASS INDUCTION EVENING – 8th SEPTEMBER 2021

Next week are the start of the year Parent Class Induction Evening. At this session you will find out more about the learning that goes on in that class, how the class operates, and the routines. There will also be lots of other information issued regarding the curriculum. It would be lovely to see you all.

We have changed the timings a little to enable parents with children in multiple classes to attend all the sessions. Children are welcome to attend as well.

Oak Class: parents had this session in the summer term so they do not need to attend.

Elm Class: 4.30pm

Fir Class: 5:20pm

Ash Class: 6:10pm

Please come into the hall where we can direct you to the classrooms.

KS1 PHONICS EVENINGS DIARY DATE CHANGE

This session will be incredibly useful for parents in KS1 to attend. As phonics forms the key basis for how we teach children to read and write it is highly recommended for parents to attend along with their child. We will go through our how we teach phonics, how we do ‘group decodable readers’ sessions, and we will hold a workshop with you and your child so you can practice some great things to do at home with your child to help them be successful readers.

To enable parents with children in multiple classrooms to attend we have changed dates and times.

Monday 13th = Y2 – 3.15pm in Elm class with the children.

Wednesday 15th = YR and Y1 – 3.15pm in the Oak class with the children.

CONFIRMING PARENT CURRICULUM LEARNING EVENING DATE AND OTHER DATES

Confirming the date for Parent Learning Evening as Wednesday 1st December, 2021 as per the Parent Diary and not as per a recent email.

The parent diary has other key dates for the year. There will be class and school trips and FOCBS events to add as and when they are booked. Oak class are currently in the process of booking a Cathedral visit so please look out for the letter soon!

EARLY AND LATE CLUB

Thank you to many parents who have booked in for Early and Late Club.

If you have yet to do so, please remember to book and pay for your sessions. Children not booked in for Early Club should not arrive at school until 8.40am onwards. Children not booked in for Late Club should be collected at the end of the school day at 3.15pm. Children who are booked in for Late Club must be collected at the end of the session at 3.45pm.

There will be fees incurred for persistent misuse such as late collection after 3.45pm or attendance when not booked.

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SCHOOL DINNERS, PACKED LUNCHES AND FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Every child must come to school with a named drinks bottle.

Please remember to settle your child's lunch invoice by the payment date.

Do not provide nuts or peanut butter for packed lunches as we have children with severe allergies in school. Please do not pack too many cakes / chocolates / crisps in the packed lunch. Each of these themselves is perfectly fine, it is a nice treat, but all of them together does not provide the nutrition needed by the children to help them to have a successful afternoon.

If your circumstances have changed and you believe you are eligible for Free School Meals please contact Mrs Fiander or Mrs Brown in the school office. Your child will not only receive free school meals but may also receive additional funding for additional learning support.

HEALTHY SNACKS

KS1 children receive free healthy snacks from the government. We have no control over what these are and they vary each day. These are usually banana, apple, raisin, pear, carrot. If your child does not like certain fruit or veg you may wish to send a healthy snack in with them instead, just in case.

KS2 children should bring in a healthy snack each day. It is a long time till their lunch and this will help them with their concentration. A healthy snack is either fruit, veg, raisins, yogurt, cheese. No cereal bars please.

CARPARKING AND SCHOOL ACCESS

Thank you all for managing the car parking either in the village, up the lane, or in the village hall. The staff carpark is only for staff or disabled cars.

If you are entering the school through the staff car park please be mindful of taxis and disabled vehicles.

CLUBS LETTER

Please look out for a club's letter. There are even more clubs on offer this year.

If parent(s) would like to run a club please contact the school office, or talk to Mr Basinger-Adams on the playground.

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