



# Coombe Bissett Primary

## Newsletter 4 (Early Term 2)

### 2021-22



#### KEY THINGS

To support busy parents each newsletter has a short 'key things' at the top.

- **Covid precautions enhancement continues - reminder:** The enhanced covid precautions continue so Friday workshops are still closed to parents. We are still hopeful to be able to provide the wider opportunities for parents but this will depend on Wiltshire guidance.
- **Dates (some of these may change due to covid precautions – indicated in green)**
  - **Week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> - Please return your Christmas Shoe Boxes this week**
  - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> = Odd socks day (come to school in odd socks)
  - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> – Children in Need = non-uniform for £1 donation. Children come in PJs, / Onesies / something yellow
  - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> (collection morning) = Bags to school (drop them in the Trikes shed)
  - **Parent Learning Evening on Wednesday 1st - 'how to help your child close the gap to national expectations' so they are successful at the next phase (KS1 / KS2 / Secondary) - we highly recommend all parents attend, particularly those whose children are a little behind, whose children don't engage with learning at home and do not read much at home...lots of top-tips and potential for access to extra support (if you attend).**
  - Parent forum on effectiveness of communication - KS2 30<sup>th</sup>, KS1 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - Oak 'stay and play' morning till 9.45am 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - Diary of Reflection church service Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - FOCBS Xmas Mini Fayre Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - Celebration of learning evenings 3.15-4pm - KS2 Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>, KS1 Friday 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - FOCBS Xmas Bingo Friday 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.
  - Christingle Service Monday 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in church meet at school at 5.30pm for lantern / 'candlelight' parade down to the church from 5.45pm onwards.
  - **Change of date from September diary dates = Elm Class Nativity Production to parents 10.30am Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> in Village Hall (currently no restrictions on numbers of family members!) - this is a change of date to the original date issued in September due to Village Hall availability, but has been previously issued recently.**
  - **Oak Class Nativity Production to parents 2pm Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> (currently no restrictions on numbers of family members!).**
  - Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> - £1 donation to Save the Children Charity
- **Term dates:**
  - T1 ends Friday 15/10/21
  - T2 Monday 1/11/21 to Friday 17/12/21
  - T3 Tuesday 4/1/22 to Friday 18/2/22
  - T4 Monday 28/2/22 to Friday 8/3/22
  - T5 Monday 25/4/22 to Friday 27/5/22
  - T6 Monday 6/6/22 to Friday 22/7/22

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## WELCOME BACK – TERM 2

It has been so lovely to see you all again for Term 2. The children have returned well after 2 weeks away, settling back quickly into the high expectations we have for them in their learning and their behavior.

This is the term when the children really begin to click in their learning and start to fly. And it is also the term when there are so many more extra-curricular activities. We look forward to an exciting Term ahead.

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## PARENT / TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

This week we held our Autumn Term Parent / Teacher consultations. Thank you for respecting our staff's safety by wearing a mask. We hope that you enjoyed the communication of both academic and pastoral progress of your children. Thank you to all those who were able to attend, and thank you to the teachers for being able to use their own personal time to accommodate other times for those who could not attend.

## PARENT LEARNING EVENING – WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER

The Parent Learning Evening on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> will be an excellent opportunity for parents to find out how to maximize their child's learning. So many children across the country have fallen behind age related expectations so this evening will be an opportunity for parents to really identify how to help their children to catch-up. If you are unable to attend then we cannot stress enough the vital importance of the following:

- Reading at home with your child at least 4 times a week – national statistics have identified that the gap between children not achieving a grade 4 at GCSE and those that exceeded a grade 4 has been attributed in a large part to early reading at home with parents in their Primary School years.
- Attendance – the same statistical analysis also identified that those attending below 95% did not achieve the 104 standardised score that is the national average, those attending 90% did not achieve the 100% pass mark indicating secondary school readiness.

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## REMEMBRANCE

We hope you enjoyed seeing the remembrance service display in the remembrance garden.

The children and staff joined Rev Jenny for a beautiful Remembrance Service at 11am on the 11<sup>th</sup>. They laid a wreath, presented their memories through artwork and shared prayers. The flag was also lowered to half-mast. A supply teacher we had that day said it was the most beautiful Remembrance service she had ever seen in a Primary School.

In the afternoon, Ash class went to the War Memorial and laid a wreath and called out the names of departed soldiers from this area. They were joined by Rev Jenny, some parishioners and some veterans.

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## NATIVITY PRODUCTIONS – FILMING AND PRODUCTION

Unfortunately, this year Mrs Webster is unable to film the KS1 nativities and produce the copies as she has done on many occasions to great benefit for families and the FOCBS fundraising.

School staff do not have the equipment to do so.

If any parents / family members are able to do so this year please contact the school office or Oak and Elm class.

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## 100 CLUB

If you like to take part in the school /village 100 Club please contact Mrs Kirsten Webster. Numbers are down this year and so the 100 Club will only be able to fund the school Panto unless numbers increase.

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## ATTENDANCE

Term 1 attendance results were:

Overall = 93.6%
VR= 84.8%
Y1= 95.8%
Y2= 92.9%
Y3= 96.2%
Y4= 94.7%
Y5= 93%
Y6= 94%

The National Average sits at 96% - so we are hopeful to improve these figures in Term 2.

Congratulations to Year 3 who won the Attendance Trophy for Term 1, and congratulations to the large numbers of children whose attendance was above 96% - we even had many at 100%!

Thank you to those parents who adapted their school journeys to accommodate the disruptions caused by the train crash in order to ensure their child was still at school at 8.50am and before the register closes and lessons begin at 9.00am.

On the flip-side, we are also very grateful to those parents who followed guidelines around covid safety and school attendance – helping to keep the rest of the children and staff safe.

National guidelines are that attendance falling below 90% is a cause for concern, perhaps even an indicator of a safeguarding concern, and as such schools should hold School Attendance Meetings (SAMs) with parents.

We recognize that many of the children falling below this level in Term 1 was completely due to Covid illness / acute illness and as such we are not issuing SAMs for these. However, where this is not the case a SAM will be issued.

National and Local Authority guidelines are that continued absence below 90% across a couple of terms may be liable to a fine being issued by the local authority (this is nothing to do with the school).

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## SEN FAMILIES – WILTSHIRE SHORT BREAKS

Here are the links for the most recent Short Breaks Bulletin:

[WPCC October Bulletin 2021 Final LQ.pdf \(wiltshireparentcarercouncil.co.uk\)](#)

[WPCC's October Short Breaks Bulletin by WPCC1 - Issuu.](#)

(The second one is an interactive one).

The next one will be in February. It is useful to advise parents/Carers that they should also access the Whats On: [What's on - WPCC \(wiltshireparentcarercouncil.co.uk\)](#).

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## VALUES

This term our school value is BELIEF.

The children will be focusing on:

- Anti-bullying
- Remembrance
- If you dream it, you can do it
- Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive others
- Build your house on strong foundations
- I can do all things through Him
- Put confidence in someone who is trustworthy

The children will learn the following bible passages:

Noah's Ark Genesis 6- 9: 17  
The two houses Matthew 7: 24-27  
The Annunciation Luke 1: 26-38

The Saint in focus this term to represent our Value is of Belief is St **Therese of Lisieux** – 1<sup>st</sup> October. Patron saint of missionaries, florists and the sick. Died 1897.

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