



Friday 2nd December 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

Here are some highlights of the last week in school.....

Oak Class – As we walked to the church on Thursday, for one of our final Nativity rehearsals, we saw a 'baby Jesus' painted stone laying on a bed of hay. We were all very excited and it made us all wonder if there is a whole trail of these stones all around Coombe Bissett village?

If anyone is local and knows about more of these please let us know where to find them..... this simple stone brought such joy to all of us reminding us of the reason for the season.

Also, a photo sneak peek of our Oak Class Nativity which will be performed next week at Coombe Bissett Church. The children have been amazing.... families and friends you have so much to look forward to.



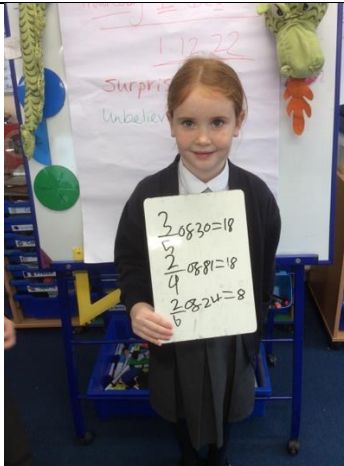
Elm Class - What a busy week – we Elm Class have not only been busy rehearsing their Nativity production this week, but also doing some enjoyable assessments. It's a lovely story (the Nativity, not the assessments) full of fabulous songs which the children are singing beautifully! We are very proud of all our Elm class performers.



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From Ash Class: Here are 2 photos showing Fir working on fractions this week.

We used shape and design understanding, and folding skills, to make our own box Advent calendar.



Fir Class children are reading *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. If you are interested, The National Trust at Mottisfont near Romsey has fantastic themed activities this year.

This is, we understand, not only open to Fir Class, other children and the general public may also be allowed in.

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe: Christmas at Mottisfont

26 November - 8 January: step into a Narnia-inspired world this winter, with decorations around the house and grounds. A family activity trail completes the experience.

BOOKING NOT NEEDED

ADMISSION APPLIES

In Ash class, our Computing topic this term is Coding and we have been building up to coding 'Tina the Turtle' to draw a house. This is an example of the code that we used to create the house; it involves lots of steps for something that looks quite simple! Our next challenge is to add windows and doors.

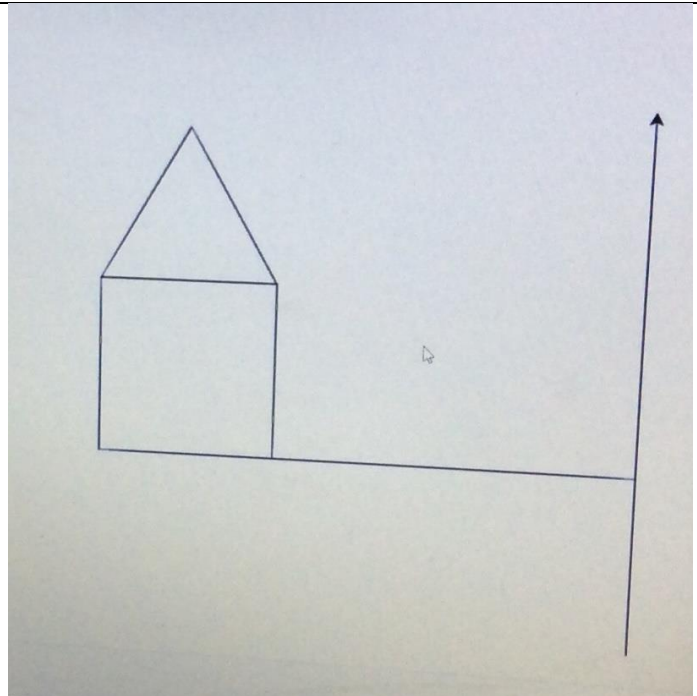
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home() #run the code to s
tina.clear() #always star

# Make a square
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tina.right(90)
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# Position for roof
tina.right(90)

# Make a roof
tina.forward(100)
tina.right(-120)
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Planning for Christmas

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Please do visit the St Thomas's Church Christmas Tree Festival this weekend where you can see the Coombe Bissett School Christmas tree, the festival runs until Sunday 4th December.

Week commencing 5th December the School Christmas post box will be available for children to post their Christmas cards. Please ensure the recipient name and class is written on the envelope. Deliveries will be made on Wednesday 7th and Wednesday 14th.

Wednesday 7th December – Oak class nativity and carols at St Michaels & All Saints Church, Coombe Bissett at 1.30pm.

Thursday 8th December – Elm class nativity and carols at St Michaels & All Saints Church, Coombe Bissett at 1.30pm.

Friday 9th December – Christmas Jumper day in aid of Save the Children - please bring a suggested donation of £1. Friends of Coombe Bissett Christmas Mini Fair during the school day

Thursday 15th December – School Christmas lunch in the Village hall followed by class parties. Children can wear their (sensible) party clothes to school on this day.

Friday 16th December – Last day of term, early finish of 1.30pm. Please join us at 1.10pm for Christmas Carols in the School Hall.

Bags2School – The Friends of Coombe Bissett School have arranged another textile collection in order to raised funds for the school. Please bring your bags to school week commencing 5th December; bags will be collected at 9am on Friday 8th December. See accompanying letter for more information.

Assistance for Serving Personnel - Serving personnel across the UK will be entitled to free wraparound childcare from this September. Service families with children aged 4 to 11 years will be eligible for 20 hours free childcare per week. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/childcare-for-service-children>

Child Care Assistance - HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) is reminding families who may be missing out on Tax-Free Childcare to register. Families receive up to £500 every three months (£2,000 a year) per child, or £1,000 (£4,000 a year) if their child is disabled, helping towards the cost of before and after-school clubs, childminders and nurseries, holiday clubs and other approved childcare schemes.

Hi5's Holiday Club - Please find an attachment advertising Hi5's Holiday Club which includes activities like

Pantomime, Board Games, Yuletide celebrations and a New Year's Eve Party!
Please remember, places are limited, so book to guarantee your place.

Have a great weekend.

Mr L Coles –Acting Headteacher

Rewards this Week

A Reminder about Team Points & Green Cards

Team Points are awarded for work – for example whether it is particularly difficult, particularly challenging for a specific child, or whether they have demonstrated perseverance – stickatitability.


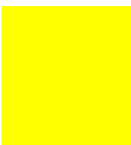


Each week's Team Point scores will be added to those of preceding weeks to make a cumulative score over the whole year.

Green Cards are based on school values (this term's is Belief) and will be awarded to children who show how they fulfil one of the targets on the card. Any member of school staff can award a Green Card to any child. The Green Cards are counted in two ways:

They are counted by House and added to the Team Point Scores, to see which house will get the House Trophy.
They are counted by Class each week to see which class will have a non-uniform day the following week.

Team Point Totals for this week:


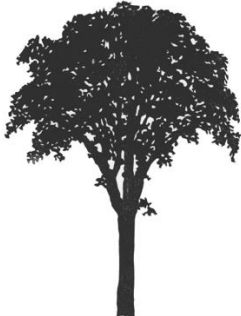


Well Done to everyone awarded a Team Point or Green Card, with particular Congratulations to **Blue House – the winners this week with an impressive 220 points** – again, a very close competition this week.

				
Team Points	210	180	207	220
	Red	Yellow	Green	Blue

Team Point Running Totals for the Year so far

2302	2166	2191	2070
Red	Yellow	Green	Blue

Green Cards by Class

			
25	69	78	79
Oak	Elm	Fir	Ash

Wow, a close run thing this week, however, only one winner, so - Congratulations to Ash Class who will have a non-uniform day next Thursday 8th December please note Thursday – because of the Christmas Jumper day on Friday. (Please can children wear sensible clothing suitable for the school day.)

Attendance figures for each class last week:

Ash class – 89.0%

Fir class – 95.9%

Elm class – 95.2%

Oak class – 92.17%

Congratulation to **Fir class** who had the best attendance last week

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