



Friday 3rd March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

On Wednesday this week, I had my first meeting with our pupil school council members. It was a brief meeting, but very useful. I am keen to hear the views of the children and over the next week, the council members are tasked with seeking views about our school. I want to hear the children's views about what is great about our school, what isn't great and what would they change if they could? The answers to these three questions will support a plan of action for our school council and will also guide some of our school improvement priorities.

These are the current school priority areas identified as follows:

Priority 1:	Priority 2:	Priority 3:	Priority 4:	Priority 5:
Ensure that the quality of education, across all subjects, is 'good' or better- enabling all pupils at Coombe Bissett to make good or better progress	Ensure that planning for all pupils (including SEND) evidences that the curriculum provision matches their needs	Ensure that the curriculum identifies the key knowledge that the children need to learn and this is sequenced effectively.	Ensure that the school achieves a good or better outcome in its next SIAMs inspection.	Ensure that assessment processes clearly identify what pupils know and can do and identifies gaps in knowledge that can be addressed

I am hoping that any queries about attendance have been answered. First and foremost, if children are not in school, they miss out on learning time. The Parents' Forum on Tuesday was well-attended and there was a brief discussion about how we reward and provide recognition for good attendance and improved attendance. The discussion was very useful, and you will see some of those ideas implemented. I hope that the presentation PDF that was shared with you was informative. I will be having another Parents' Forum meeting towards the end of this term on Tuesday 28th March at 7.30pm. The topic is yet to be confirmed. I will let you know in my next newsletter.

World Book day events have taken place today in school. The children have been engaged in a range of activities and moving around the school to different classrooms and working with a range of staff across the school. Thank you for supporting your child and engaging in this special day with us.

Parents' evenings are scheduled for Tuesday 14th March and Wednesday 15th March. If you have not yet booked an appointment please contact the school office to book. At the meeting, your child's teacher will be able to update you on your child's progress in their learning. We have recently been trialling some new assessment tracking software, which is providing some specific information about areas of learning which are secure and areas for development for an individual child. Your child's teacher should be able to share some of this with you at the meeting.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Sandra Miller

Interim Headteacher

THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL.....

WORLD BOOK DAY

What a fantastic end to the week as we celebrated World Book Day today! There were some amazing costumes, intriguing props and clues. The children and staff enjoyed sharing their favourite books and we are very much looking forward to our Scholastic Book Fair that arrives in school later this month.



Oak Class loved sharing their books this morning. Everyone came into class and shared who they had dressed up as and what their favourite book was. It was lovely to see such enthusiasm around so much wonderful literature. An excellent World Book Day was had by all.



Elm Class



Such an imaginative range of books and outfits! We all enjoyed telling the class about our costumes.



We enjoyed some spotty-themed books, and used them as inspiration for some spotty artwork in our team colours.

Fir Class



Even giant lizards have to do their spellings...The Knights of the (Green) Round Table...and in a galaxy far away, the love of books unites everyone!

Ash Class

Ash Class have made a fantastic effort with their book day outfits and props this year and we have had lots of fun sharing stories and reading together.



Ash Class continued...



PARENT & TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Parent and Teacher Consultations will take place on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th March 2023. Sign-up sheets are now available in the School Reception area. If you are unable to sign up in the playground, please email or telephone the School Office for an appointment.

Salisbury Schools Mini Marathon – Sat 20th May 2023

A letter was emailed home recently to Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 parents regarding the above event. If your child would like to take part in this year's Mini Marathon please register them via the link in the letter.

Karate Club is currently on hold. We will advise as soon as this is up and running again

Upcoming Dates:

- 9th & 10th March – Year 6 Bikeability Group 1
- 10th March – Year 1 & 2 trip to Salisbury Cathedral for Voices Inspire Concert
- 14th & 15th March – Parent & Teacher Consultations
- 15th March – Year Reception – School Nurse for Vision/Hearing Screening & Weights
- 16th & 17th March – Year 6 Bikeability Group 2
- 22nd to 27th March – Scholastic Book Fair
- 30th March – Easter Experience
- 31st March – Last Day of term



Top Tips to prevent absence

- Ensure your child has a good sleep routine, eats healthily and exercises regularly
- Help your child/children to get everything they need ready for school the night before
- [use the NHS guidance on illness](#) Click on this link to take you to their page
- Book all holidays outside of term time
- Book medical and dental appointments outside school hours **if possible** – and if not possible, most importantly ensure your child attends school before and after the appointment

Thank you for supporting us to improve attendance and the outcomes for your child.

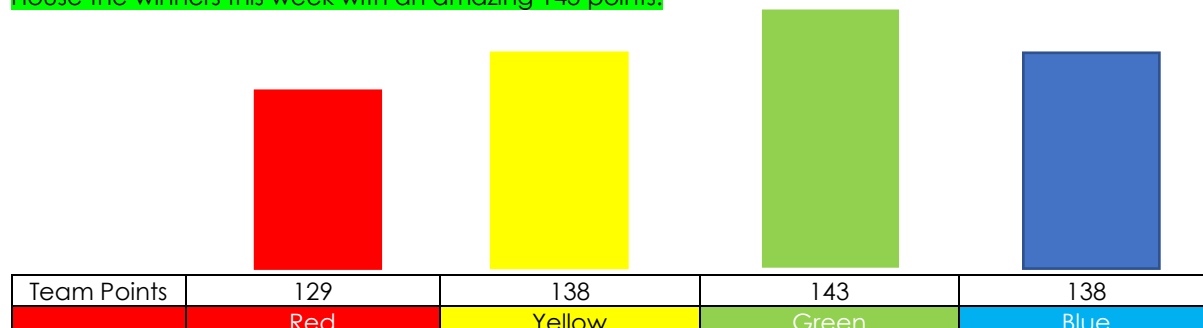
Rewards this Week

A Reminder about Team Points & Green Cards

- **Team Points** are awarded for a pupil's school work
- **Green Cards** are based on school values (this term's is commitment)

Team Point Totals for this week:


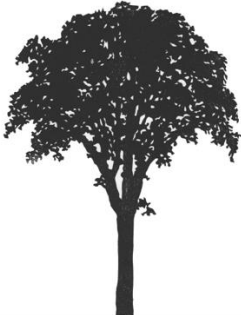


Well Done to everyone awarded a Team Point or Green Card, with particular **Congratulations to Green House the winners this week with an amazing 143 points.**



Team Point Running Totals for the Year so far

3523	3423	3486	3346
Red	Yellow	Green	Blue

Green Cards by Class

			
35	92	48	65
Oak	Elm	Fir	Ash

There will be a non-uniform day for Elm Class next Thursday 9th March (as children will be required to wear full school uniform on Friday 10th March for their trip to Salisbury Cathedral). As a result of this arrangement Elm Class children do not need to wear their PE kit on Thursday 9th March. Please ensure children wear clothes and shoes appropriate for the school day.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

Attendance figures for each class for week (w/c 20th February 2023):

Ash class – 95.4%

Fir class – 91.9%

Elm class – 98.0%

Oak class – 94.2%

Congratulations to Elm Class who achieved the best attendance last week.