



Friday 23rd June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

One of the highlights of this week was on Tuesday when we welcomed Olympic gymnast Kelly Simm to our school. Kelly took the children through their exercise activities in the village hall. Kelly followed this by leading a special assembly for the children. She shared the story of her journey and we saw videos of her competing. We were all so amazed by her talents. She was truly inspirational. There were some clear messages for the children too, such as "hard work pays" and "never give up." Kelly showed the children her gold medal, won by her team at the most recent Commonwealth games held in Birmingham. I already know that a great amount of effort has gone into each child finding sponsors for this fundraising event and I would like to say a huge thank you for supporting our school. Please aim to get all monies and forms back into school by Tuesday 27th June.

Mrs Emma Haworth, our newly appointed Headteacher was also in school on Tuesday. We spent quite a bit of time together and agreed our handover process. She also had some time to chat with staff and children. At the end of the day, Emma was on the school playground where she was able to meet with some parents and carers.

On Wednesday 28th June in the morning we have our Sports Day morning and we look forward to welcoming you to support the children in their teams. We aim to be out on the field and ready to start between 9.15-9.30am and we estimate the morning should be over by 11-11.15am. I do need to remind you that we do have a handful of children in school that do not have permission to have their photographs taken. I would like to ask that you take photos of your child only and any photos of the event should not be shared via social media.

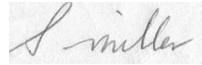
Next Tuesday 27th June I will be holding a virtual Parents' Forum meeting on behaviour between 7.30pm-8pm. The link will be shared with you on Monday.

I had a special time with the children in Oak, Elm and KS2 in separate assemblies on Wednesday to celebrate 'Windrush day'. Windrush day was Thursday 22nd June. I shared the journey of my parents and their move to this country in the 1960's and answered the question, 'How did I get here?' It was truly special to hear the children's views and their level of understanding was excellent. Our Coombe Bissett children are awesome.

Please note that we are closed to the children on Friday 30th June and Monday 3rd July. These days have been set aside for staff Inset days. The children will return to school on Tuesday 4th July.

I do hope to see you at the Coombe Bissett Fete tomorrow between 12-4pm. Please come along and support this joint event between the villages of Coombe Bissett and Homington and our Friends of Coombe Bissett. A special thanks goes out to everyone involved. It should be an amazing day. Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely,



Miss Sandra Miller

Interim Headteacher

REMINDERS

Coombe Bissett & Homington Village Show

Don't forget to buy your tickets for the summer fete tomorrow. It is a great fundraising event for the school so if you can't be there, please do support by donating to the tombola or buying raffle tickets. All details can be found on <https://friendsofcb.co.uk/summer-fete-flower-show-2023/> The raffle tickets can be purchased up until the end of today online

<https://friendsofcb.co.uk/product/raffle-tickets>

Children's entries are still able to be entered up until 9.30am tomorrow morning, please bring to Village Hall.

Annual Baptism, Confirmation and Communion service

On Monday, we celebrate our Annual Baptism, Confirmation and Communion service in St Michael and All Angels Church in Coombe Bissett at 2.00pm with Bishop Andrew. We have 3 children being confirmed and 4 being baptised and our love and prayers go to them. Year 6 will be absent as they are at the Chalke Valley History Festival but it will be lovely to have the rest of the school at this very special service. I do hope that the families and friends of those being baptised and confirmed will be able to join us and I look forward to seeing you there.

Revd Canon Jenny Taylor

Early and Late Club

There are an increasing amount of children coming to Early and Late club without bookings having previously been made. Whilst we understand that emergencies and hold ups can happen, this not only causes an increase in administration time, through manual booking and reconciling, but also can impact the staff to children ratio. Please can we encourage you to use the School Gateway app to book your child(ren) in to Early and Late Club.

Thank you

Summer Reading Challenge

Please click on the link below to see information about this Summer's Reading challenge. We would encourage all children to take part over the summer break [Summer Reading Challenge - Wiltshire Council](#)

Kelly Simm- Olympic Gymnast

Along with Ash Class, Fir Class and Elm Class, Oak Class loved the opportunity this week to meet Kelly Simm, a world class athlete. Kelly gave an inspirational talk to all the children about striving to do their best, being resilient and picking yourself back up after failures in order to achieve your goals. Kelly was the first British Gymnast to win the individual all-around competition at the World University Games in 2015, taking home three medals. Kelly shared videos of her incredible skill and strength in both training and competing. The children were in awe.

Mrs. Bowers





Inset Dates 2023-2024

Inset Dates for the next academic year have been confirmed as follows:

Friday 1st September 2023
 Monday 4th September 2023
 Friday 9th February 2024
 Friday 28th June 2024
 Monday 1st July 2024

Now that Summer is here, please can we remind parents that each child should come in to school with a hat (labelled please) and sun cream applied before drop off in the morning. Thank you

Key Dates – Term 6

Saturday 24th June – School Fete & Village Show
 Monday 26th June – Year 6 to Chalke Valley History Festival
 Monday 26th June – Confirmation Service at St Michaels & All Saints Church, Coombe Bissett 2pm
 Tuesday 27th June – Fir class trip to Throope Manor
 Wednesday 28th June – Sports Day
Friday 30th June – Inset Day – School Closed to pupils
Monday 3rd July – Inset Day – School Closed to pupils
 Tuesday 4th July – Ash Class trip to London
 Wednesday 5th July – Wiltshire Schools Transition Day
 Thursday 6th July – Year 6 Cathedral virtual service
 Friday 7th July – Burgate School Transition day
 Friday 7th July – Elm Class trip to Langford Lakes
 Wednesday 12th July – Reserve Sports Day
****NEW DATE** Wednesday 12th July – Parent Teacher Meetings after school
****NEW DATE** Thursday 13th July – Parent Teacher Meetings after school
 Wednesday 19th July – KS2 Production 2pm & 6pm performances
 Tuesday 25th July – Last Day of Term 6

Team Point Totals for this week & last week:

Well Done to everyone awarded a Team Point or Green Card, with particular Congratulations to Yellow House the winners this week with an amazing 99 points.


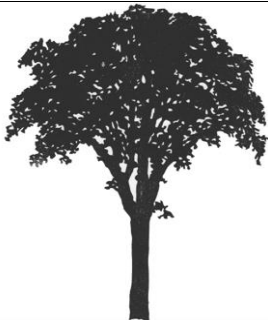




Team Points	93	99	92	85
	Red	Yellow	Green	Blue

Team Point Running Totals for the Year so far

5308	5146	4976	5009
Red	Yellow	Green	Blue

Green Cards by Class

			
70	23	82	49
Oak	Elm	Fir	Ash

There will be a non-uniform day for FIR Class on Thursday 29th June 2023. Please ensure children wear clothes and shoes appropriate for the school day.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

Attendance figures for each class for the week before Half Term (w/c 12th June 2023):

Ash class – 90.3%

Fir class – 97%

Elm class – 94.6%

Oak class – 95%

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

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)

