



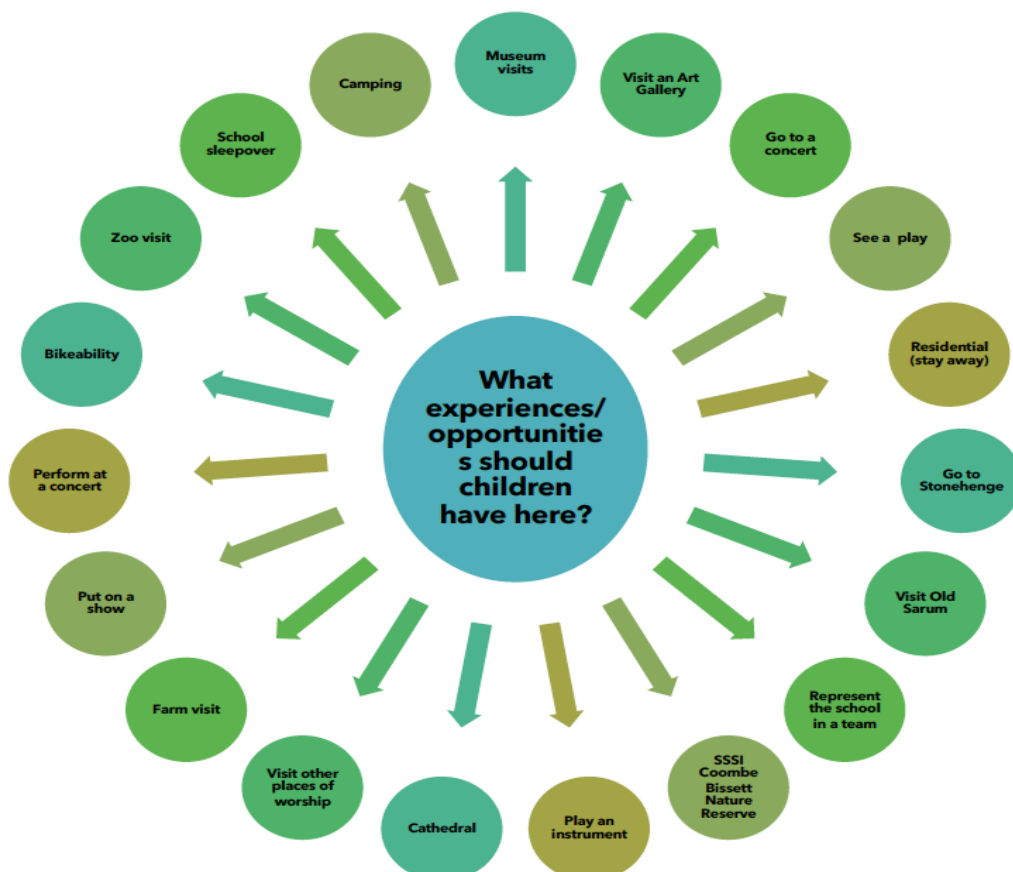
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Since my last newsletter, there has been two inset days for staff. On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June we spent time in school focusing on revisiting our Coombe Bissett School Curriculum Intent- refocusing on the purpose of our curriculum. We then used our newly updated curriculum progression documentation to map out the learning journey for the children for the next academic year. It was time well spent. Several key things fed into the first day including us reviewing the experiences and opportunities that are provided for our children. I was able to share with the staff, the feedback from the children. I had asked the children two questions as follows:

1. What experiences and opportunities would you like to have during your time here at Coombe Bissett Primary School?
2. What do you think you should learn in our school by the time you leave at the end of year 6?

The children's responses are shown in the diagrams below.





We have created a whole school experiences and opportunities map and this will continue to be developed over the school year. It will be available on our website with any curriculum updates at the start of the new academic year.

The end of term is fast approaching and as always , it is busy. Ash class had a fabulous day out in London on Tuesday and today as I write this, Elm class are off on their visit to Longford Lakes.

I'd like to express our thanks to all volunteers who support us on these visits. We couldn't do them without your continued support.

School reports will be with you today, if there are any queries, please do get in touch with the classteacher/s and time has been set aside for drop-ins on Wednesday and Thursday next week if needed.

I will write to you during next week to inform you of our end of term arrangements. I wish you and your families a fabulous weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Sandra Miller

**Interim Headteacher**

## News from Ash Class



It's been a very exciting week in Ash this week, as on Tuesday we went on our class trip to London. It was a long, long journey but the children were superstars and all got into school bright eyed and bushy tailed ready to leave at 7.45am!



We started off in the stunning St Paul's Cathedral, where we learnt that it took just 30 years to build and has been re-built four times! We climbed over 500 steps, which was as exhausting as it sounds, to reach the Stone Gallery where we had a fantastic panoramic view over London. From there, we hot-footed it over the Millenium Bridge – where a police boat kindly put their sirens on for us, along the South Bank and across Westminster Bridge to the Houses of



Parliament. Whilst in the Houses of Parliament we were allowed to go into the Commons, where a live debate was

taking place, and the House of Lords where we witnessed lots of 'Ays' and 'Here heres'. To round off the day we took part in our very own debate – Do



you think we should all have a three day weekend? – and interview our MP, John Glenn. All in all it was a fascinating day, we learnt a huge amount and the children behaved impeccably.





Wow Oak Class, your fabulous books are complete and going home today! Every member of Oak Class has written their own non-fiction book, you are all AUTHORS.

Thank you so much to the lovely Ash Class children for coming into Oak Class and being the most receptive audience for our schools youngest learners.

Oak Class loved reading their books to you all and felt so celebrated and valued by you all.

Mrs Bowers





## NEWS

Following the participation of the children when our Olympian Gymnast visited, and the children obtaining sponsorship, we are pleased to announce the amount raised less costs to Sports for Schools, the school has received a voucher of £1,164.31 for the purchase of sports and leisure equipment. Thank you to all those children and sponsors who took part.

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**We have received the following communication from Wiltshire Council.**

Dear Sir or Madam,

**Shutts Lane, Coombe Bissett**

[Streetview](#)

Following on from highway drainage improvements carried out earlier this year, our contractors are preparing to undertake further improvements on Shutts Lane.

The works are expected to take 5 days under a full road closure, with restricted vehicular access for residents only during working hours.

These works have been requested to be completed during the school holidays, we are currently proposing the 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

Please could you let me know if these dates would suit the school.

Best regards,

Emma

**Emma Biggs** IEng MICE

**Land Drainage Engineer**

Highways Asset Management and Commissioning

**Wiltshire Council**

### **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](#)

## Key Dates – Term 6

**\*\*NEW DATE** Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Parent Teacher Meetings after school  
(optional drop-ins to discuss report queries)

**\*\*NEW DATE** Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Parent Teacher Meetings after school  
(optional drop-ins to discuss report queries)

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July – KS2 Production 2pm & 6pm performances

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July – Last Day of Term 6

## Inset Dates 2023-2024

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

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024

## Team Point Totals for this week & last week:

Well Done to everyone awarded a Team Point or Green Card, with particular congratulations to Red House the winners this week with an amazing 142 points.


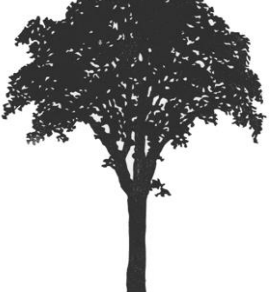




Team Points	142	85	111	70
	Red	Yellow	Green	Blue

## Team Point Running Totals for the Year so far

5450	5231	5087	5079
Red	Yellow	Green	Blue

## Green Cards by Class

			
53	63	22	158
Oak	Elm	Fir	Ash

There was a non-uniform day for Ash Class on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023. Please ensure children wear clothes and shoes appropriate for the school day.

## ATTENDANCE FIGURES

**Attendance figures for each class for this week, will be published in next Friday's Newsletter.**

Ash class – 85.8%

Fir class – 89.1%

Elm class – 92.7%

Oak class – 95.8%

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### Rewards

#### 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)
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