




Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

The last term of the school year is probably one of the busiest. The workload is endless and everyone in school is focused on the completion of tasks, whilst also focusing on preparation for the next academic year. This term has also been busy for assessment, analysing data and compiling reports. I would like to say a huge well done to all the pupils who undertook their SATS, phonics and multiplication tables check assessments this term. The results are in and I will share an update on this in the newsletter next week. We are so proud of all the achievements and the progress made by all children in the school.

I thought it would be useful to share the poster on the left. The teaching staff have been looking at some scientific research – 'The Science of Learning' Here is one of the posters from Inner Drive. A very useful tool for discussion with a child particularly when we talk about testing performance and the difference to learning.



LEARNING	PERFORMANCE
Long-term change in knowledge and understanding	Short-term, temporary and observable reflection on current ability
No judgement	Feel judged or assessed
Measured against previous self	Measured against others
Low pressure	High pressure
Emphasis on improving yourself	Emphasis on proving yourself
Done in private or public	Often done in public
Development is the primary reward	Winning is the primary reward

A huge thanks goes out to the Friends of Coombe Bissett School who support our school, the Fete which was held in June raised an amazing amount yet to be confirmed.

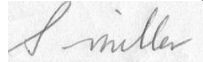
Our sponsored event led by our special Olympic Gymnast Kelly Simm, also raised funds for our school. We have received £1164.31 as a voucher to purchase Sports equipment for our school. Thank you to the children and parents/carers for supporting this event.

I look forward to welcoming you to my final Parents Forum on Tuesday at 7pm. I will be providing an update on work we have undertaken since the Ofsted inspection. The link will be shared on Monday.

This week, I have received a request to ask parents/carers **not** to park vehicles at the entrance to Shutts Lane at pick up or drop off times. I fully support this request and I want to make this special plea to ensure that we keep everyone as safe as possible. The corner of Shutts Lane and Homington road sits on a 'blind bend' and we have been made aware that there have been a few near misses with pedestrians. We do have a number of local children who walk to school. Please do not be offended if you are asked to move your vehicle. Parking arrangements are clear and we need everyone to adhere to what we have on offer in terms of the use of the village hall car park or drop off on the lane (if space is available). The local Parish Council is supportive in exploring ways to improve road safety in Coombe bissett village especially at school drop off and pick up times.

Wishing you all a fabulous weekend.

Yours sincerely,



Miss Sandra Miller

**Interim Headteacher**



### **Key stage 2 Production- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>**

#### **July at 2pm and 6pm- Update**

We look forward to welcoming the parents/carers & family members to the special KS2 performanc 'Star Warts' on Wednesday. **The performance at 2pm will welcome parents/carers who have pre-school children and we can now also extend an invitation to parents/carers & family members who**

**are unable to attend the evening performance at 6pm** . On

Wednesday, the afternoon performance will also be seen by the rest of the school.

The Friends of Coombe Bissett' will be offering refreshments at the evening performance which begins at 7pm.

### **Tuesday July 25<sup>th</sup> – The Last Day of Term**

The last day of term will be a normal day starting at 8.50am and finishing at 3.15pm and pupils should wear full school uniform. There will be classroom based activities during the morning until the whole school go to



St Michaels & All Angels Church, Coombe Bissett for a special Leavers Service at 11am. **Parents of Year 6 children are invited to attend this service.**

We will return to school at 12pm for a whole school picnic **(there will be no hot**

**school lunches therefore please ensure your child brings a packed lunch)**

If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium and you would like to order a school packed lunch for them please inform the School Office as soon as possible. **Parents of Year 6 children are invited to join us for the picnic as**

**we bid a farewell to our leavers.** In the afternoon, The Friends of Coombe Bissett have organised a disco on the school field for the children up until 2.30pm. Your child may bring a £1 donation for a bag of sweets sold by the Friends. School will finish at our normal time of 3.15pm.

On **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July**, Miss Miller will be holding my last Parents Forum at **7.30pm** and would like to invite you to join heer. She will be providing an update on the work that has been undertaken since the Ofsted inspection and sharing with you some of the work we have done towards developing the school curriculum. We have also created a new Curriculum statement. The link will be shared with you on Monday.

## News from Elm Class



Last Friday Years 1 and 2 went on a trip to Langford Lakes. The activities were run by Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and were chosen to support our Science work on Habitats.

We had planned to go river-dipping so had all brought our wellies, but it turned out that the river was too deep because of all the rain earlier in the week. So, our plan changed and we went pond-dipping instead. This proved to be very exciting as we caught lots of baby newts! We also found a wide range of water beetles, and a leech, which we identified using the information cards.

After this we went minibeasts in several habitats: under on trees and in the of different

After lunch we went School area of the learned all about you know a baby a hoglet? We were clay and set the own hedgehogs spines. A real

about 6000 spines, but ours didn't have quite that many! We loved making them and we think the results were great.



hunting for different logs, in long grass, soil. We found lots creatures.

into the Forest nature reserve and hedgehogs. Did hedgehog is called each given a ball of task of making our using sticks for the hedgehog has

This was a brilliant trip. The workshops were fascinating and fun, and the children were amazingly behaved. Anne, who was running the day for us, remarked on how engaged and interested the children all were; we were very proud of them.

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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



**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**

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

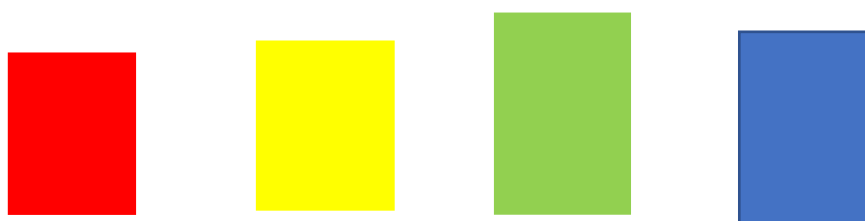
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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

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

### Team Point Totals for this week:

Well Done to everyone awarded a Team Point or Green Card, with particular congratulations to Green House the winners this week with an amazing 199 points.


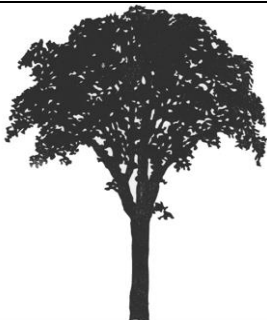




Team Points	150	168	199	180
	Red	Yellow	Green	Blue

### Team Point Running Totals for the Year so far

5600	5399	5286	5259
Red	Yellow	Green	Blue

### Green Cards by Class

			
67	52	40	32
Oak	Elm	Fir	Ash

There was a non-uniform day for Oak Class on Friday 21st 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 – 93.1%

Fir class – 91.3%

Elm class – 86.6%

Oak class – 98.1%

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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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