



Coombe Bissett School News



Letter from the Headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a really fantastic week in school, made especially special by Wednesday's visitor to Key Stage 2. We were very fortunate to welcome into school Krishna from Hinduism Educational Experiences who came to share with the children insight into the Hindu faith: what it means to be Hindu and the traditions, beliefs and rituals of the religion. The children were able to learn first-hand through a range of experiences including storytelling, dressing up in traditional Indian costume, plus other topics and activities related to Hindu worship, values and lifestyle. They had an amazing day and have been talking about it animatedly since! Central to Christianity are the values of tolerance, respect and acceptance and I am very grateful to the Christian organisation, Sarum St Michael Educational Charity, based in Salisbury for helping us to sponsor this event which allowed the children the opportunity to learn about others outside of our community.

We had our first Worship Group meeting today involving the children, Rev. Jenny, Mrs Pendleton and myself. There was a lot of deep discussion and head scratching as we considered the question 'What is spirituality?' and I believe that there will be many more conversations to come. It was a very successful meeting and I look forward to the group sharing their thoughts with the wider school community.

We are very nearly at half term and I cannot believe how quickly the last few weeks have gone. They truly seem to have passed in a blur! As the well known phrase says, 'Time flies when you are having fun!' After the half term break, Mrs Portz (formally Miss Gray) will be returning to Elm Class. I know that everyone will be delighted to see her back and I am very pleased to let you know that she will be sharing the class with Miss Freeman who will be joining the team as a permanent member of staff. We are very fortunate to be keeping such an enthusiastic and committed teacher and I look forward to seeing all of the exciting things that the children in Elm can achieve with this wonder team! Of course, this also means that Mrs Pendleton will no longer be sharing the teaching commitment in Elm. However she is not going anywhere and will continue to be an integral part of our school community as she continues to teach RE throughout the school. However, I would publicly like to extend our gratitude for the fabulous job she has done helping to provide maternity cover—thank you!

We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Massie on Monday. She will be leaving her post as SENDCo and I know that she will be missed. We wish her all of the very best for the new stage of her life and hope that she will continue to be a friend to Coombe Bissett. I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Newman will be taking up the post of our new SENDCo and I am sure that you will join me in extending a very warm welcome to her. She and Mrs Massie have already met to ensure a smooth handover and I know that our children are in safe hands.

On November 7th and 8th we will be holding Parents' Evenings. These provide an essential opportunity for you to meet with your child's classteacher and find out about their life at school, their achievements, targets and social development. You will be able to sign up for these from Monday and I would strongly encourage you all to do so. If your child travels by taxi and you are unable to sign up in person, then please ring/email the office and they will schedule an appointment for you.

God bless, Mrs Haworth

Dates for your diary

9 Please note all dates are subject to change

9 13/10/23 Film Night—Elemental

9 16/10/23—Photos

9 19/10/23 to 27/10/23 Half Term

9 30/10/23—First Day of Term 1

9 7/11/23—

Prents' Meetings

9 8/11/23—

Parents' Meetings 27/11/23—

Communion Service at Church 9.30am

06/12/23—Oak Class Nativity

1.45pm at Church 07/12/23—Elm

Class Nativity 1.45pm at Church 15/12/23—

Christingle/Carol Service 6pm at Church

20/12/23 Last Day of Term 2

04/01/23—First Day of Term 3

Mrs



Please make sure that your child has their coat and wellies in school EVERY day!

Sadly,

we had to curtail playtimes this week because children did not have their wellies in school.



Attendance at school is VERY important—I know that it can be difficult to make medical appointments, but where possible, please try to ensure that these are out of school time—

What are we learning?

Our Hindu Day





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TEAM POINT TOTAL

Blue	666
Green	632
Yellow	577
Red	671



Half-Term Tennis Camp
Wednesday 25th October
10am - 3pm

For children & teenagers aged 5-16 yrs
Beginners welcome!

Cost: £40

Downton Tennis Centre, Wick Lane, SP5 3NF

To book or find out more visit:
www.mahonytennis.com/tenniscamps
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Stars this week
Congratulations to our Pupils of the Week: Florian, Ted, Teddy, TomG, Iris, Spencer, Alyssia, Ava, Eva, Gracie-Mae, Ecaterina and Gracie-Rose
Congratulations to who earned a Haworth Heart this week: Daniel
Congratulations Belle N and Ada for telling us all about their out of school achievements too!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY to who celebrated their birthday: Leo W

PARKING REMINDER: If you are parking on the hill outside of school, please make sure that you are doing so safely and that you **DO** not park below the Grit Box. This is for your children's safety, but also to allow access for rubbish and recycling collection. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Coombe Bissett CE VA Primary
Community Coffee Morning**

Mums, dads, grandparents, carers and members of the wider Coombe Bissett community, you are all invited to join us for coffee and biscuits the first Friday of every month!

Come and see our beautiful school, meet our headteacher and catch up with friends old and new.

6th October, 3rd November, 1st December
9.30-10.30am

Coffee & Chat

**Coombe Bissett CE VA School
Parent and Toddler Group**

Come and join us on the third Friday of every month. A chance to make new friends with plenty of songs, stories and fun for our younger visitors!

Open to under 5s and their carers.

A warm welcome is extended to both current members of our school family and families in the wider community. Please let your friends know!

9.30-10.30am
17th November and 15th December

SERVICES THIS WEEK

15 October 19th Sunday after Trinity	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Jenny Taylor
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Ruth H-S
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Biddy Trahair
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Homington	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Parish Communion (CW)	Berwick St John	Ruth H-S
	12.30pm	Harvest Festival (CW)	Knowle Farm Barn	Ruth H-S

'Soar on wings like eagles, run and not grow weary, walk and not be