



Coombe Bissett School News



Letter from the Headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas came early this week as we received the report from our SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection! I am SO very proud of the report and everything that it says about our school, children, staff and community and it made for the perfect end to a very special term!

As you will see from the full report which is attached with this newsletter and will be available on the website, we have received 'Judgement One'.

This is the highest judgement achievable and suggests that, through the school's vision and practice, we are living up to our foundation as a Church school enabling pupils and adults to flourish. I believe that the inspector really understood our school and she has highlighted how: 'Relationships at all levels are strong and supportive, because the school's values are lived and breathed.'

She also praised the school saying, 'School leaders promote a culture of wellbeing and nurture which supports the flourishing of all members of the community. Relationships, built on trust and mutual respect, sustain a committed staff team. These are modelled well to pupils who, in turn, care for each other'. Mrs Corbyn also commented on how the vision and values of the school 'ensure that creativity and curiosity enable all to thrive'.

It is wonderful to see the staff receiving the praise that they so rightly deserve and I especially liked the phrase: 'the staff are full of warmth and invested on an individual level' with the pupils'. The inspection was also highly complimentary of our relationship with the church and most especially Rev Jenny. Rev Jenny is an incredibly important member who is loved by so many of us and I am so pleased that this unique bond, and its impact on the children and staff, has been recognised.

Quite rightly, the inspection acknowledges the period of uncertainty that the school has been through, but it also states that 'Coombe Bissett's Christian vision is supporting necessary change whilst providing the nurture and care that everyone needs to bring this about'.

I could not be prouder of the report and all that it says about our school.. It is testament to our children, staff, governors and parent body that this report reflects the commitment of the whole school community to 'soar on wings like eagles'. It truly is an extraordinary school, where everyone, child or adult, is known and valued as an individual and our strong Christian ethos and values help ensure that everyone flourishes and I am so very lucky to be its headteacher!

God bless,

Mrs Haworth

I look forward to seeing you this evening at our Christingle Service—6pm at St Michael and All Angels Church

Dates for your diary

9 Please note all dates are subject to change

15/12/23—

Christingle/Carol Service 6pm at Church

19/12/23—

Christmas parties—non uniform day

20/12/23 Last

Day of Term 2

04/01/23—First

Day of Term 3



Please make sure that your child has their coat and

wellies in school EVERY day!



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—thank you!

What are we learning?

OUR CHRISTMAS LUNCH!





Our super duper choir performing at a Christmas lunch for some of the more elderly residents of the village.



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TEAM POINT TOTAL

Blue	1869
Green	1919
Yellow	1843
Red	1847



CONGRATULATIONS to the ****
Team! They are this term's winning
Team!

They will be celebrating their incredible amount of Team Points with a Gingerbread decorating party on Monday! They can also wear non-uniform!

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.



Please find attached to the newsletter a copy of the Chalke Valley Churches Newsletter with information about lots of Christmas events in the community.

Stars this week
Congratulations to our Pupils of the Week: All of Oak, all of Elm, Imogen, Tilly, Jonty, Teddy, Charlie F and Gracie Rose
Congratulations to Iris, Gracie Mae, Imogen and Charlotte—the winners of the Coombe Bissett and Homington Express Front Cover competition! Special congratulations to Iris for being the overall winner!



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



'Soar on wings like eagles, run and not grow weary, walk and not be faint' Isaiah 40:31