



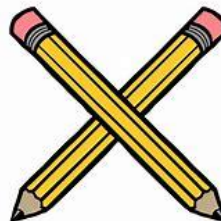
Coombe Bissett School News



Letter from the Headteacher...

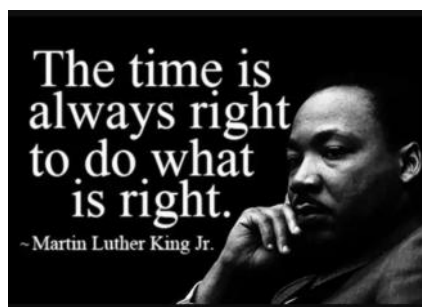
Dear Parents and Carers,

WOW! Thank you for all of your wonderful support. Thanks to the generosity of our school community we have collected close to 500 pencils for Cuiebet Primary School in South Sudan (I think that Mr. Taylor may need a bigger suitcase!). Rev Jenny will be collecting the pencils on Monday, so if there are any last minute donations, please remember to bring them in on Monday morning!



We have had another very busy week in school. Yesterday, just in an afternoon, I had the pleasure of watching Oak giggle their way through parachute games with Joel; hearing Elm Class perform call and repeat songs and rhythms; Fir Class return happy and a little damp from their swimming lessons and Ash Class experimenting enthusiastically with soundproofing and decibel readings! The learning was amazing, but even more importantly the amount of fun being had whilst their brains were working was a delight to see. And, that is only a small snapshot of what our children get to experience every day!

In Monday morning's worship we explored the life and work of Martin Luther King. Despite the March on Washington being more than sixty years ago, his message remains as important today as it was then.



Thank you to everyone who has returned a survey regarding After School provision. I am very aware that this is something that needs reviewing and revamping! I appreciate everybody's feedback and if you would like to provide yours, then the survey is still open!

We are also looking at being able to extend our range of clubs for children. I am delighted to have had such a positive response to our enquiry about an Art Club for Key Stage 2. Look out for more information and how to sign up!

Have a wonderful weekend. God bless,

Mrs Haworth

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!

Dates for your diary

19.1.24: Parent and Toddler Group

22.1.24: Wiltshire Air Ambulance

23.1.24: School Nurse—Reception Checks

30.1.24: Life Education Sessions

31.1.24: Key Stage 1 Oral Health talks

2.2.24: Sale of Sales

5.2.24: Theme Day: Church Learning Day

9.2.24: Children IN school as normal

HALF TERM

19.2.24: INSET Day

20.2.24: Children back to school

⁹ Please note all dates are subject to change

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



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TEAM POINT TOTAL

Blue

Green

Yellow

Red



Stars this week

Congratulations to our Pupils of the Week: Arthur, Chloe, Iris, Jessica, Ava, Anya, Charlie S, Maisie, Imogen, Rozalla, Alfie R, Eliza and Mya

Congratulations to for sharing their out of school achievements: Eadric
Congratulations for earning Haworth Hearts: Chloe

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to who celebrated their birthday: Harper and Ollie

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.

Pencils for Cueibet – can you spare some?



The last visit to our Deanery's link Diocese of Cueibet, South Sudan was made by Dr Sherwood Elcock from Nunton and our Rural Dean, Revd Mark Hayter in November 2019. Because of Covid and Bishop Elijah's visit to the Lambeth Conference and our Deanery, there has been quite a gap. So, there will be a lot of catching up to do when Geoff Taylor and the Revd Ali Alexander from St Thomas's Salisbury fly out on 29th January. One highlight will be to revisit the Cueibet Church Primary School funded by our Deanery and furnished by the Chalke Valley! They won't be carrying much baggage, but they will have room for pencils. The pupils of Coombe Bissett School are already collecting to help their counterparts in Cueibet. If you would like to join in, you can leave pencils* in a box in the Hub Café or give them to Ruth or Jenny when they are whizzing up and down the Valley.
* for lots of good reasons, please don't give your chewed ones or your favourite crossword stub – a simple HB wooden pencil will do – not even the luxury of rubber on the end!

ADVERSE WEATHER

At this time of year, there is always a risk of snow and whilst we never want to disrupt the children's learning, conditions may require us to close the school. Please know that this decision is never taken lightly, but the safety of our children and staff must always be our number one consideration. In the event that school is closed, we will communicate this to you as soon as we are able (by 7.30am at the latest) by email, website and SMS.



SERVICES THIS WEEK

21 January 3 rd Sunday of Epiphany	9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Bowerchalke	Ruth H-S
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Bishopstone	Jenny Taylor
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Odstock	Katharine Robinson
	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

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