



Coombe Bissett School News



Letter from the Headteacher...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, can I please say an enormous thank you for all of your kind wishes and get well messages? They are really appreciated—thank you!

Term has got off to a flying (if rather soggy start!) and I really cannot believe that we are at the end of week two already. I know that the rest of term is going to go by in a flash and it is certainly filled with lots of exciting things—cross country competitions, visits to the cathedral, a Roman Day, a visit from the Dogs Trust, the Easter Experience...the list goes on and on!

From an adult perspective, we kicked off the term with an exceptional training day! All of the staff and many of the governors had a wonderful day exploring new ideas for our Foundation Subject (History, Geography, Art etc) curriculum and I know that we are all very excited about implementing these over the upcoming months. Please look out for more information because there is going to be lots to get inspired by.

It doesn't get a lot more exciting than going on residential! This week, Ash Class have gone away to Osmington Bay to enjoy three days (and two nights!) of adventurous outdoor learning. They were all full of energy and enthusiasm when they left on Wednesday morning and I know that they will return later today (a little more tired and grubbier) having made lots of incredible memories. A huge thank you to Mrs Gillett, Mrs Faulding and Mrs Williams for making this a possibility for our children. The benefits of residential are immeasurable and we are so lucky to be able to offer the children such an amazing experience. I am sure that there will be lots to tell you in next week's newsletter.

As you know school attendance is a very high profile issue at the moment. I was at a Headteacher's Conference last week, where the key speaker made an extremely valid point. He said that we do not have an attendance problem, the children who attend school are ok and doing well, what we really have is an absentee problem. That really rang true with me. Some of the language that is used to discuss attendance and absenteeism is very confusing—in any other walk of life 93-96.9% would be extremely pleasing, but in terms of children's attendance, when their rate of attendance hits these figures it is seen as concerning. I think this becomes more understandable and relatable when we can actually see what these percentages mean in real terms.

As a school, we do understand that there are medical appointments that are essential and these should not be bracketed with other unavoidable events, but please think very carefully about taking your child out of school. Would an employer accept 95 hours of lost working time?

Have a wonderful weekend. God bless,

Mrs Haworth

Please note, there will be no Bags2School collection this term.

Dates for your diary

4.3.24: Mothers' Day crafts

5.3.24: Cross Country Competition

5.3.24: Parent/Teacher Meetings

6.3.24: Parent/Teacher Meetings

7.3.24: Friends of Coombe Bissett Bingo Evening

8.3.24: Community Coffee

11.3.24: Fir Class Roman Day

15.3.24: Parent/Toddler Group

18-21.3.24:

Bikeability

18.3.24: Reception trip to Salisbury Cathedral

21.3.24: Friends of Coombe Bissett DISCO

22.3.24: Dogs' Trust Workshops

28.3.24: Easter Experience

END OF TERM

15.4.24: 1st day of term

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



What are we learning?

Oak Class

We love exploring the world around us—even when it is wet! Puddles are fun! Oak went for a walk to the nature reserve and had a great time exploring and learning about the world around them.

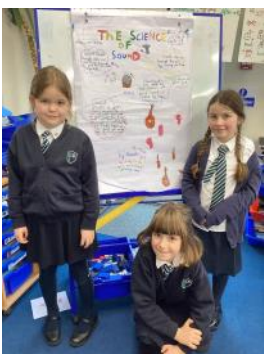




Elm have been artists (and engineers) this week, constructing their own sculpture. We were even fortunate enough to go on our own Sculpture Trail after Collective Worship this morning, so we could all admire their wonderful sculptures and the different techniques they had used.



Fir Class



Fir Class have been Scientists and Artists this week as they created and performed their own educational programmes explaining how different sounds travel to our ears.

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TEAM POINT TOTAL



Welcome to the
Coombe Bissett Family
Delilah and Florence!

Stars this week
Congratulations to our Pupils of the Week: Max, Spencer, Maisie, Ralph, Wilfred, Belle, Anyah, Ottilie, Daniel, Danica and Ruby C.

Congratulations to for sharing their out of school achievements: Gracie-Mae (and family!), Mia, Freya and Isabella.

Congratulations for earning Haworth Hearts: Gracie-Rose, Rozalla, Poppy C, Ruby, Harper and Rose

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to who celebrated their birthday: Arthur

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.



Our pencils being very gratefully received!

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.



During Lent, a short service of Communion is held each Wednesday at 12noon:

6th March - St John the Baptist, Bishopstone, 13th March - St Mary's, Homington

20th March - St Mary's, Odstock

3 March 3rd Sunday of Lent	9.30am	Family Communion (CW)	Broad Chalke	Tony Monds
	9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)	Britford	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Ebbesbourne Wake	Tony Monds
	11.00am	Family Communion (CW)	Coombe Bissett	Jenny Taylor
	11.00am	Family Service	Odstock	Adrian Taylor
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Berwick St John	Lay Led

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