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Willow 1	<i>Not in school</i>
Willow 2	<i>Not in school</i>
Yew 1	Whole class
Yew 2	Whole class
Oak 1	Finley S
Oak 2	Juliet V
Cherry 1	Whole class & Grace
Cherry 2	Elara C
Beech 1	Odelia O
Beech 2	Ruadh O'N
Maple 1	Rhein I
Maple 2	Penny H
Red 1	Whole class
Red 2	Rose E

Friday 10th September 2021

Well Done!

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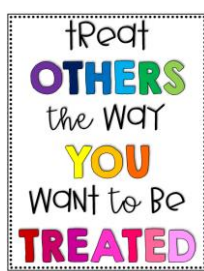
FROM MRS GASCOIGNE, HEADTEACHER Term 1 Issue 1 2021

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

It has been so nice to have all the children back in school, including all our new children in reception and those across the school too. Please make sure the Combe Down welcome is extended to all our new families.

Thank you for all your patience and understanding this week as we settle back into the new year. We really appreciate all the ideas and thoughts you have shared around drop off and pick-ups each day.

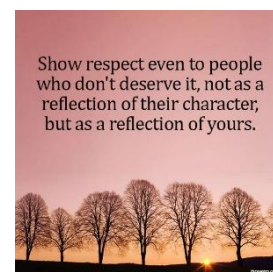
Attached with the newsletter is a plan of the school grounds. As the lower playground has a large number of children and adults congregating both at the beginning and end of the school day, please can parents make sure they wait close to the areas the children will exit their classrooms. This way the gate area will remain accessible. We will keep the separate gates for IN and OUT as this will help the flow. Thank you for your help with this.



This term we are focusing on our Combe Down value of RESPECT. This value is part of our Behaviour Policy - Ready, Respectful and Safe. Over the term we will explore what this value means and how we can show this value in our everyday lives.



The attached Home School Values sheet has lots of ideas to explore at home. There is a creative home school challenge. It would be great to display some of these in our school hall.



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Meet the Teams - Monday 13th September - 6pm

Monday 13th September will be our "Meet the Teams" event.

The presentations will be pre-recorded and shared via TEAMS, and will be available to view from 6pm, but can be viewed at a later date/time if more convenient. There will be one presentation for each year group.

You can access the presentations through your child's TEAMS account.

Reception parents will find a link on the Class Blog page.

There will be a Google docs link below the meeting if you would like to post any questions you may have for the class teachers and the teaching staff will respond to these within 24 hours.

Band/Orchestra Opportunities for children and parents

This is to let you know about some instrumental opportunities both in school and out of school.

School Band

Our **school band club** will take place on Wednesdays after school, (any children from Year 2 upwards are invited to join, they don't have to be able to play an instrument, they just need to be keen to join in with some fun music making!) We'll be playing a mixture of types of music from traditional to pop. Should be fun!

Out of School Opportunities

Jon Gore, an ex-Widcombe, now Ralph Allen parent is going to be running a **Junior Orchestra** in Ralph Allen's music department on Monday evenings (6.00 - 7.30, starting 13th Sept) - it will be open to anyone from year 3 upwards, on any instrument, any level of expertise. They will play a mixture including rock 'n' pop. There will be a very small charge to attend. Do contact him on: JonLGore@gmail.com or 07958 652438.

Jon also runs a **parents' orchestra**, playing a mix of jazz, pop, rock and dance. They rehearse on the 2nd Saturday of each month, usually at WJS, but this month (11 Sep) at our school from 10 - 1pm. Parents are welcome to come along and try this out.

Ms Paterson

Microsoft Innovative Educator Experts - 2021/22

Congratulations to three PAT teachers (and the only teachers in BANES) for being recognised as MIEEs for 2021/22. This is a great achievement and recognition of the work they've done to embrace technology over the last year. They each had to submit a portfolio of evidence demonstrating a range of technologies they've used and the impact it's had on learning within their classes and across their schools. We are proud to say that **Miss Jones**, one of our Year 2 teachers, has been awarded this title. Well done Miss Jones.

Singing lessons at Combe Down

Our singing teacher Paula Smagon, who is not only a qualified teacher (PGCE) but also a published recording artist (<https://www.paulajasminejames.com>) is now available to take on new pupils between Year 3 and Year 6.

On Tuesday the 14th between 1pm and 3pm in the Music Room opposite our Hall, Paula will be offering 15 min tester lessons. Any children who would like to come forward please let her or their teachers know on the day.

You can also email her directly to paulinasmagon@gmail.com to book your tester slot.

You can find more information about Paula on our school website under Music lessons at Combe Down.

Hayesfield Girls' School

We are looking forward to meeting Year 5 and 6 students and their parents at our forthcoming Open Events. Our first Open Event is our Prospective Parents' Evening on Tuesday 14th September. Please arrive at any time between 5.45pm and 7.15pm so that you can see the school in action and have the opportunity to hear a Headteachers' Presentation at either 6.00pm, 6.45pm or 7.30pm.

There is no need to book an appointment for any of our Open Events. However, we are mindful of accommodating large numbers of visitors and have some processes in place. Please visit www.hayesfield.com for further details.

2021/2022 Term Dates (subject to change, please always check the website):

2021/2022



Autumn Term

First Day Of Term	6 September 2021
Half Term	23 October 2021 - 31 October 2021
Last Day Of Term	17 December 2021
Christmas/Winter Holidays	18 December 2021 - 3 January 2022
Further Information	Inset Days: Thursday 2nd September, Friday 3rd September, Friday 24th September (PAT Inset)

Spring Term

First Day Of Term	5 January 2022
Half Term	19 February 2022 - 27 February 2022
Last Day Of Term	8 April 2022
Easter/Spring Holidays	9 April 2022 - 24 April 2022
Further Information	Inset Days: Tuesday 4th January 2022, Monday 7th March 2022 (PAT Inset)

Summer Term

First Day Of Term	25 April 2022
Half Term	28 May 2022 - 5 June 2022
Last Day Of Term	22 July 2022
Summer Holidays	23 July 2022 - 1 September 2022
Further Information	1 x Inset Day to be confirmed

Letters home this week:

None this week

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