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Willow 1	Settling In
Willow 2	Settling In
Yew 1	Lucy P
Yew 2	Arabella B
Oak 1	Noah L
Oak 2	Finley P
Cherry 1	Taya G
Cherry 2	Otto T & Azaan H
Beech 1	Alice S-D
Beech 2	Angelo A, Cassius M & Lydia T
Maple 1	Faye G
Maple 2	Lola B-J
Red 1	Gaia S
Red 2	Jack H

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## Well Done!

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## FROM MRS GASCOIGNE, HEADTEACHER

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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,  
What a great first full week we have had in school. The buzz in the classrooms has been so invigorating. I have been impressed with how the children are adhering to the arrangements and enjoying the new handwashing sinks! The team of teachers, teaching assistants and support staff have been so supportive and adapted to all the new times for drop off, pick up, breaks and lunches. It is because of this that school life feels smooth and slick! Thank you for your supportive comments over the last week. We appreciate all your feedback.

Yesterday, our First Aid Day, was a real success. Children were good at spotting hazards and thinking about how they might overcome these. It was evident that we have some real good actors through our role play. I believe some children continued this at home last night! Thank you to Mrs Bird for the planning and organisation for the day. I am sure the children will benefit from all the input. Children were provided with an information sheet to help them memorise their home address and telephone number in case of emergencies. Please work with them on this.

On Wednesday afternoon, Mr Withers, CEO, and Mrs Marsh, COO, from Palladian Academy Trust came to walk around the site to follow up on our Risk Assessment. This can be found on our school website. They were pleased with all that was in place and grateful to the staff for their support. We would remind parents that where Wraparound Care is being used, one setting should be used consistently and not mixing between settings. We are grateful to parents for their vigilance, where children are showing signs of COVID, in keeping their children at home and participating in testing when appropriate. We are aware, that in the coming weeks and months, with winter on its way, testing will become more common. We will always notify families and staff of any positive results and subsequent required advice.

We look forward to meeting remotely with parents on Monday evening for our Meet the Teams sessions. Do log in to TEAMS to "meet" the team and hear the class teachers talk to you about the plans for this year.

Have a lovely weekend.

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Contact the PTA via [combedownpta@gmail.com](mailto:combedownpta@gmail.com)  
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**Meet the Team event on Teams (Years 1-6)**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September will be our “Meet the Team” event.

This year we will deliver this via the TEAMS platform as we cannot hold such events in school at the moment.

The first session will run from **5:00pm to 5:20pm** and the second session from **5:30pm - 5:50pm**. The sessions will be live at these times, but a recording will be made for those wanting to watch it at a later time.

You will be able to access this via your child’s TEAMS account.

Thank you.

**Foundation Stage outside space - request for help!**

The Foundation Stage team are continuing to add improvements to our outside space! Currently, we are looking to add some seating to our new outside reading area, and some seating to our ‘stage’. We were wondering if we had any resourceful families who could help create some simple seats or even ‘thrones’ from wooden stumps or felled logs. The ‘thrones’ can be simply a stump cut flat to sit on, but with a backrest left attached.

We are also looking to source a feature log for our outdoor space, large enough for the children to climb on and walk along. We do have some leads, but they can be costly and it doesn’t hurt to ask!

Please don’t hesitate to contact Mr Roy with any thoughts or offers, at [a.roy@combedown.com](mailto:a.roy@combedown.com)

Thank you!

**Guitar Lessons - spaces available**

Our Guitar Instructor Jimmy Goodrich has spaces available for one to one lessons. Lessons are £16 for 30 minutes. If your child is interested please call Jimmy on 07808 005903.

Jimmy Goodrich has taught classical and rock guitar for over 10 years at Combe Down Primary School. A seasoned performer in his own right, he has supported Amy Winehouse and Rufus Wainwright, and performed all over the world.

Students are taught everything from the very basics right up to grade 8 level examinations.

Jimmy holds an annual concert to showcase his student’s skills.

**Term Dates:**

2020/2021

**Autumn Term**

<b>First Day Of Term</b>	1 September 2020
<b>Half Term</b>	24 October 2020 - 1 November 2020
<b>Last Day Of Term</b>	18 December 2020
<b>Winter Holidays</b>	19 December 2020 - 3 January 2021
<b>Further Information</b>	Inset Day Tuesday 1st September 2020 Inset Day Friday 23rd October 2020 Inset Day Friday 18th December 2020



## Virtual Open Event

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*Book a place at our live,  
online Q&A Forums*

Sixth Form Tuesday 6 October  
Saint Gregory’s Tuesday 13 October

Join us ‘virtually’ via our new online Virtual Open Event, providing you with a flavour of what you can expect as a student at Saint Gregory’s and the many exciting experiences ahead of you.

Register your interest or book a place at our live, online Q&A forums in the Autumn term.

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### Letters home this week:

Advice on absence due to illness  
House PE t-shirt order form

Whole school  
Whole school

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