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Special Award Winners this Week

Willow 1	Elliot D
Willow 2	Grayson W-R
Yew 1	Joshua R
Yew 2	Leo P
Oak 1	Alex F
Oak 2	Anca P
Cherry 1	Harry H
Cherry 2	Sophie L
Beech 1	Ted K
Beech 2	Ellie B
Maple 1	Rose E
Maple 2	Evie P
Red 1	Tulula W
Red 2	Millie D

Friday 13th November 2020

Well Done!

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FROM MRS GASCOIGNE, HEADTEACHER

Term 2 Issue 2 2020

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

It has been another busy work in Combe Down Primary School. We have been thinking about Remembrance Day and the compassion shown by so many in so many different ways. We have shared stories and decorated poppies to adorn the fences and gates. Owen B and Poppy A from Year 6 accompanied me to the War Memorial on Wednesday morning, where we joined others, socially distanced, to show respect and to lay our school wreath. We listened to the words from the poem, "For the fallen" by Laurence Binyon and stood quietly to reflect.

**They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them"**



The staff want to say a huge thank you to Holy Trinity church for their uplifting words and thoughtful gift of hand cream (much needed with the amount of sanitiser we are getting through!)
"May the Lord bless you and keep you, may he hold you close in the palm of his mighty hands."

A reminder to everyone about snacks for children in school. I have noticed that there is a growing amount of litter in the playground. The majority of it is wrappers from snacks that the children are bringing into school. We have a policy in school that **snacks should be fruit or vegetable**, a healthy filler for mid-morning or mid-afternoon.

Mrs Gascoigne's "Golden Book"

Congratulations to the following children for receiving a Golden Token this week: Kiera W (M1), Emma R (O1), Rhein I (B1), Izzy R (R1).

Contact the Governors via feedback@combedown.com
Contact the PTA via combedownpta@gmail.com
Contact the Prayer Group via prayergroup@combedown.com

A request:

Please do not allow your children to climb on the walls around the school, either inside or outside the school gates. The walls are very old and the stones liable to loosen over time. The fences are also only wooden and with children holding onto them and pulling, they will be weakened. We are about to have some work carried out on the wall by the lower gate. This may mean a little disruption at drop off and pick up times. Please bear with us. If you could arrive at the allocated times it would really help. Please wait, socially distanced, away from the work area too.

Thank you

Anti-Bullying Week - 16th-20th November 2020

Next week is anti-bullying week. More details about the learning going on in school to support this will be sent out next week. Please can children come to school in odd socks on Monday 16th November.

**Amended medicine policy in line with the COVID-19 restrictions and guidance**

Medicines such as antibiotics, will only be permitted in school when the prescribed dose is **four times per day**. Three times per day prescribed medication will not be administered in school unless this has been agreed in exceptional circumstances. The advice given for 3 times per day medication is to give 1 dose before school, 1 dose immediately after school and the final dose as late as possible before the child goes to bed. Please contact the school office with any queries.

Many Thanks

Non-essential trips and visits to school

In line with current government guidance, during the current period of lockdown we will be reducing the number of visitors we allow on site.

Please can we ask that you do not make non-essential journeys to the school site during the day - to support this dropping off items will not be allowed during the school day including forgotten items such as water bottles, snacks, lunchboxes and homework. Please telephone the school office if your child has forgotten an item which you think they will require and we can see if we can assist without requiring a journey back to school.

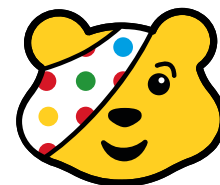
Many thanks

Children in Need - Annual Duck Race 2020

Today is Children in Need Day 2020 and one of the main fundraisers being promoted this year is the Annual Duck Race 2020. This is being shown LIVE on the Children in Need website at 1pm.

As a school, we are going to take part in this event and the children will be watching. The class with the winning duck will win a free play time next week!

Class teams have been allocated the following ducks:-



Willow 1 - Audrey Peckburn
 Willow 2 - Ducktor Who
 Yew 1 - James Pond
 Yew 2 - Flewis Capaldi
 Oak 1 - Hey Duckee
 Oak 2 - Holy Quackamole
 Cherry 1 - Claudia Sinkleman
 Cherry 2 - Bob the Billeder
 Beech 1 - Matt Beaker
 Beech 2 - Quak and Cheese
 Maple 1 - Breaddie Mercury
 Maple 2 - Quackman & Bobbin'
 Redwood 1 - Beakwell Tart
 Redwood 2 - The Quacken



Please click the link below if you would like to donate to the national duck race.

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/fundraising/the-annual-duck-race-sweepstake-2020/meet-the-racers/>

Fundraising for the PTA through online shopping

Don't forget you can support the PTA whilst doing your online shopping this Christmas simply by shopping through the following links:

How to donate via Amazon Smile

Shop on Amazon through smile.amazon.co.uk (not via amazon.co.uk). You will be asked what charity/charities you would like to support. Search for and click on Combe Down Primary PTA. Each time you then shop via smile.amazon.co.uk, Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase price to the PTA.

How to donate via The Giving Machine

Join and shop via the givingmachine.co.uk. You can choose up to 4 charities to support and The Giving Machine is linked to many different online shops which then donate to us (e.g. John Lewis, Amazon, ebay, Sainsburys). Again you need to sign up and shop via this website for us to receive any donations.

Thanks to Amy, mum of William in Year 1 for this fabulous new reminder graphic!

Support the PTA when you shop online by clicking via **Amazon Smile** or signing up with **The Giving Machine**.

smile.amazon.co.uk

The Giving Machine



Neal's Yard - raise funds next week while doing your Christmas shopping!

Thank you to Rose, mum of Eddie in Year 2, who has very kindly offered to set up a Neal's Yard online shopping room for us and donate 10% of the profits to the PTA. There will be 2 opportunities to shop through Rose for yourself or for Christmas gifts, the first being next week from 16th-20th November. We will be sending out the link on Monday 16th November, and any orders placed next week through the link will result in money being donated to the PTA.

Thank you



Forest School Timetable - Term 2

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Term 2

	09.00 – 10.30	10.45 – 11.45 10.45 – 12.00	13.00 – 14.00 13.15 – 14.15	14.00 – 15.00 14.15 – 15.15
Monday, 16 th November	Year R	Year R	Year 5	Year 5
Friday, 20 th November			Year 6	Year 6
Monday, 23 rd November	Year 2	Year 2	Year 4	Year 4
Friday, 27 th November			Year 3	Year 3
Monday, 30 th November	Year 1	Year 1	Year 5	Year 5
Friday, 4 th December			Year 6	Year 6
Monday, 7 th December	Year R	Year R	Year 4	Year 4
Friday, 11 th December			Year 3	Year 3

Upcoming Dates (subject to change, please always check the website):

November 2020

16
NOV
Odd Socks Day
⌚ 08:00 - 13:00 | 🏫 Whole School

December 2020

14
DEC
Christmas Jumper Day
⌚ 08:00 - 13:00 | 🏫 Whole School

17
DEC
End of Term 2, 3.15pm
📅 Term Dates

18
DEC
Inset Day - school closed to pupils
⌚ 08:45 - 13:15 | 🏫 Staff Training Day

January 2021

04
JAN
Term 3 starts, 8.45/8.50am
⌚ 08:45 | 📅 Term Dates

04
JAN
PAT Inset Day - School Closed to Pupils
⌚ 08:45 - 13:15 | 🏫 Staff Training Day

February 2021


12
FEB
End of Term 3, 3.15pm
⌚ 13:15 | 📅 Term Dates

22
FEB
Term 4 Starts, 8.45/8.50am
📅 Term Dates

Letters home this week:

Medicine policy amendment	Whole School
School Food Bank	Whole School

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