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FROM MRS GASCOIGNE, HEADTEACHER Term 2 Issue 3 2021

This week we have been honoured to show prospective parents around our site, albeit mostly outdoors. Huge thanks go to our House Captains who gave excellent tours of the school site. They were described as shining ambassadors for the school, highly knowledgeable, friendly, fabulous, excellent, amazing, confident, helpful, kind, well mannered, passionate, wonderful and brilliant.

The image to the right contains the words the visitors used to describe our school.



I feel privileged to be the head of such an incredible school.

Interestingly, some parents chose our school as we have a uniform. Other reasons were to do with links to Holy Trinity Combe Down, friends at the school, locality, Ofsted report, reputation and our school values.

As part of Anti Bullying Week, classes focused on "One Kind Word". Many creative activities took place to explore the theme. Monday was a colourful day too with many super odd socks! There were even Super Heroes whose super powers were compassionate, kind skills. Calendars were created giving daily ideas for how we could be kind to others and ourselves.

Well done to the group of Year 6 pupils who represented our school in the Maths Challenge at Monkton Combe School on Thursday. Yannic, Emily and Sophie came 9th out of the 20 schools that took part. Mrs Lee took the children and they represented the school brilliantly. Well done!

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the Book Fair – the school have received £57 to spend on new books for the classrooms.

Special Awards

Special Award Winners this Week

Willow 1	Orion O
Willow 2	Paige F
Yew 1	Gregory B
Yew 2	Harley J
Oak 1	Abbey T
Oak 2	Daniel H
Cherry 1	Jemimah T
Cherry 2	Freya S
Beech 1	Jeyda G
Beech 2	Mir A
Maple 1	Whole class
Maple 2	Nicola P
Red 1	Grace N
Red 2	Ben M

Friday 19th November 2021

Well Done!

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Uniform Reminders

Thank you to all who continue to support the school in upholding our standards of dress. We have returned this year to full school uniform, having relaxed the expectations last year. We make sure our uniform is not overly expensive to purchase and ask all to support us by ensuring their children are in the correct uniform. We allow children to wear their PE /forest school kit on the day the lessons take place; however, at all other times full uniform is expected.

We have introduced a school PE fleece so that when we are in PE lessons and at events we are also sending a message to the wider community that we are proud of our school. This fleece is not an alternative to the school jumper or coat.

The school colours are royal blue and grey and it is requested that the children wear:

- A Combe Down Primary School Sweatshirt/Cardigan
- White polo shirt/blouse
- Grey trousers/shorts/skort/skirt/pinafore (or a blue and white gingham dress in warmer weather)
- Skirts, pinafores and dresses should sit on or below the knee, but not be longer than mid-calf.
- Grey/white socks or tights
- Black school shoes or sandals (enclosed toe and heel).
- Boots and trainers are not permitted
- Plain dark slides, blue or black scrunchies, hair bands or ribbons

All PE Kit (in A Named Bag if not worn) Consisting Of:

- White t-shirt (or in your child's PLAIN 'house' colour – no logos)
- Black/Navy shorts, trainers or plimsolls
- Black/Navy tracksuit bottoms (for those colder days!)
- School logo PE fleece (introduced from September 2021) or usual school jumper/cardigan

Year 5 and 6 Cross Country

Combe Down children from year 5 and year 6, took part in a Cross Country competition at the Glass House Academy on Wednesday. All the children demonstrated fantastic determination in their respective races. Mohammed (Y5), Izzy (Y5) and Tom (Y6) all received silver medals, with Kieran (Y6) achieving a bronze medal, well done team, a brilliant effort!

Mr Bibby, PE Lead



School Twitter Account

The school now has a Twitter account – please give us a follow at Please give us a follow on Twitter at @combe_down

There are no restrictions on the account unlike the previous class blogs, so you can follow this account without having to be accepted. As a result, we will not be featuring children's pictures.

Mercy in Action – Action Pantry Christmas Food parcels

This year we are supporting the Action Pantry who provide food parcels to those in need at Christmas.

They are requesting donations of the following items:

- Yule Logs
- Mince Pies
- Coffee
- Tinned Ham
- Tinned Salmon
- Honey & Sugar
- Olive Oil
- Tinned Custard
- Dried Fruit & Nuts
- Dates
- Chocolate Coins
- Fruit Juice
- Hot Chocolate
- Box of Chocolates

All donations can be left in the hall foyer from now until Friday 3rd December.

Nest Project – Message from Vineyard Church, Bath

We are excited to announce that, after the success of last year's Christmas Box campaign, we are delighted to be giving away Nest Christmas Boxes again this year to bless children and families in need in Bath.

The Nest Project partners with agencies and other charities in Bath, who work with some of the city's most vulnerable families, to distribute Nest Christmas Boxes to mums to be and to families with children aged 0-5. Last year, over 400 boxes were donated, each containing a range of practical items and Christmas treats.



Full details of how to get involved can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3BtwWqh>

Thank you for making a Christmas gift package for a family in BANES this Christmas. Please select which age and gender you'll be preparing a box for.

Please read the guidelines below:

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- please either put your items in a Christmas gift bag or a small box around shoebox sized, decorated in Christmas paper.

-Please add a label to let us know what age and gender the box is for.

-Boxes and bags must be left UNSEALED please.

CONTENTS FOR BABIES AND CHILDREN'S BOXES

Boxes must include:

1. At least TWO essential items from this list:

- wipes
- toothpaste
- toothbrush
- bubble bath
- shampoo
- moisturiser
- small pack of size 1 or 2 nappies for the 0-6 month category
- small pack of Size 3 or 4 nappies for the 6-12 month category

2. Just ONE treat like chocolate or sweets
(this can be for the mum if you're doing a baby box)
3. At least one crafty item such as a colouring book, felt tips or crayons, stickers.
(Not for the baby box)
4. At least one stocking filler type toys /teething toy for a baby / cuddly toy or book.
5. At least one new item of clothing: pants/socks/vests/PJs/Hat and Gloves/baby grows etc

CONTENTS FOR MUMS-TO-BE BOXES

Here are some ideas:

- Something pampering such as nail polish, bubble bath, moisturiser, a bath bomb etc.
- Something for the home such as a candle or diffuser.
- A treat to eat such as chocolate.
- Something practical like nipple cream, sanitary pads, stretch mark cream etc
- A magazine, book, notebook, or nice stationary.

Items NOT to include in any of the boxes:

- Chocolate with nuts
- Used/second hand items
- Small round objects like bouncy balls or marbles
- Toys with batteries
- Chewing gum
- Alcohol

Thank you so much for following these guidelines!

DROP OFF LOCATIONS

(Please note that the last day for dropping off your boxes is Thursday 2nd December).

Once your box (or bag!) is complete and labelled, please drop them to one of these drop off times and locations:

Tuesdays or Thursdays in November between 10-2pm at:
The Nest Project, Unit 9 Brassmill Lane, Brassmill Enterprise Centre, Newbridge, BA1 3JN

Sunday 28th November between 12-2pm at:
Mulberry Park Hub. Look out for our little white van where we will be collecting the boxes!

PLEASE NOTE THE LAST DAY FOR DROPPING OFF YOUR BOXES IS THURSDAY DECEMBER 2ND.

Upcoming dates for November (subject to change, please always check the website):

November 2021

- 15 NOV - 19 NOV: **Anti-Bullying Week**
☐ Whole School

December 2021

- 10 DEC: **Open Day - Prebooking Required**
☐ Open Days
- 17 DEC: **End of Term 2**
🕒 15:15 | ☐ Term Dates

Letters home this week:

Residential trip

Year 6

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