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Willow 1	Osian L
Willow 2	Frazer P
Yew 1	Anna M
Yew 2	Alyssa S
Oak 1	Sophia C & Emily E
Oak 2	Hugh H
Cherry 1	Zachary P
Cherry 2	Connor M
Beech 1	Orla T
Beech 2	Rose E, Christopher N & Bluebelle P
Maple 1	Felix S
Maple 2	James C
Red 1	George M
Red 2	Ruby M

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Well Done!

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FROM MRS GASCOIGNE, HEADTEACHER

Term 2 Issue 4 2019

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,
We are nearly there! I cannot believe we have reached the end of November already. Rehearsals are going on all over the school in preparation for the Concerts, nativities and services! The excitement is building!

Walking Bus

The Walking Bus initiative is coming very close to becoming the drop off Walking Bus. In that, I mean, from Term 3 you will be able to drop your child off safely with volunteers who will walk your child to School. For many families, dropping off at 8:15am, will offer many freedoms and what better way to come to School, than with your friends? So thank you to John, Emma, Emma, Hannah and Jan for working on this! However, we need so many more volunteers. To take 8 junior children safely to school, the walking bus will need one adult. To take 4 infant children the bus will need one adult. Therefore, to make this work we need a lot more volunteers. The drop and go bus will run on a Tuesday morning only at first, so if you can commit to volunteering, could you email Mr Wainer or me as soon as possible please. We will get you trained up and ready to go!



BBC Filming

We have been approached by BBC Points West's Ali Vowles, to request an opportunity to film in school on Tuesday 3rd December during the morning.

They are following the charity **Meningitis Now**, whose vision is a future where no one in the UK loses their life to meningitis and everyone affected gets the support they need to rebuild their lives.

They are likely to be doing some filming in the Yew 2 classroom playground. The film crew may also be around before school begins.

PAT Carol Service

We are delighted to announce that we have a limited number of tickets for the PAT Carol Service on Tuesday 10th December at 6pm in Bath Abbey.

If you would like one of these tickets, they can be obtained from the school office. They will be available on a first come, first served basis from Monday 2nd December

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

Christingle Service

Please provide an orange for your child so that we can all make Christingle decorations. School will provide all other items. Children will need their orange in school for Monday 2nd December.

Today your children will come home with a collection envelope in aid of the Children's Society. Please give as generously as possible. We will collect the envelopes during next week or at the Christingle service and send the donations to the Children's Society. We can make such a difference to so many children's lives through this act of giving.

Our Christingle Service on 5th December will be at 6pm in Holy Trinity Church. The service will conclude by 7pm, when all those who can stay, will be warmly welcome to gather around the Christmas tree outside the Co-op shop.

Friends of The Firs Field have arranged for all the school children to add their decorations to the tree - they are looking amazing! The children have thought about people that they miss in their lives; whether through bereavement, divorce, moving house or other reasons and they have written their names on one side of the decoration.

Mrs Gascoigne, Headteacher

Reverse Advent Calendar

From next week we are going to be having a reverse advent calendar at Combe Down Primary. A reverse advent calendar works by filling it every day throughout advent with items of food that will be taken to a local food bank at the end of term, to help those that are less fortunate and may be struggling at Christmas. There will be a box in the Log Cabin and in the Key Stage 1 building where donations of dried food or long-life items can be placed over the next 3 weeks. Any donations that can be made during this period, however small, will be greatly appreciated. Children are welcome to bring items in on as many or few days during this period as they would like.

Suggested donations: * Fruit juice * Chocolate * Sponge puddings * Tinned fruit * Instant mash * Pasta Sauce (jars) * Jam * Tinned Meat * Tinned Rice Pudding * Soup * Tinned Tomatoes * Tinned Custard * Coffee * Teabags * Biscuits * Tinned Vegetables (e.g. sweetcorn, potatoes, peas, carrots) * Baked Beans *

Mrs Bird

Absence Calls

If your child is going to be absent from school or arriving late, please make sure you **telephone the school office** (preferably before 9.00am) to let us know. Please do not tell the teacher or ask another parent to tell us. There is an answerphone to leave a message if the desk is unattended, thank you.

Christmas Lunch - Thursday 19th December 2019

The deadline to order a Christmas Lunch for Thursday 19th December 2019 has now passed.

If your child does not normally have a hot dinner on a Thursday, and you have not returned the order form and payment, then please ensure that they have a packed lunch with them on this day.

Free school meals eligible by benefit

Please find attached with this newsletter, a poster and application form for Free School meals eligible by benefits.

All children in Key Stage 1 (Years R, 1 and 2) are eligible for Free School meals but if you are also eligible by benefit (EBB) the school will receive extra funding so please do make an application.

Many Thanks

Christmas Jumper Swap Shop

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the Christmas Jumper SWAP last week. It was a great turnout and we raised £17 for the PTA and saved the planet just a little bit by thinking in a different way.

We will be running the swap shop again next year so save your festive tops for us and drop to the school office anytime.

With thanks, Lyndsey Henderson and Emma O'Shea

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

-  5 Dec 19 18:00 to 19:00 – **Christingle service – HTCD, 6pm**
-  6 Dec 19 – **Mufti-Day – bring a bottle for the Christmas Fair!**
-  6 Dec 19 09:45 to 11:15 – **Redwood 2 PAT Tag Tails, Beechen Cliff, 9.45am**
-  7 Dec 19 14:00 to 16:30 – **PTA Christmas Fair – 2pm–4.30pm**
-  9 Dec 19 13:00 to 15:00 – **Year 4 Christmas Experience, HTCD**
-  10 Dec 19 18:00 to 19:00 – **PAT Carol Service, The Abbey, 6pm**
-  11 Dec 19 09:30 to 10:30 – **FS and Year 1 Christmas Show, 9.30am**
-  12 Dec 19 14:00 to 15:00 – **FS and Year 1 Christmas Show, 2pm**
-  17 Dec 19 09:00 to 11:30 – **Year 2 Nativity, 9.00 – 11.30am, HTCD**
-  18 Dec 19 13:00 to 15:00 – **Year 2 Nativity, 1.00–3.00pm, HTCD**
-  19 Dec 19 11:30 to 13:00 – **Whole School Christmas Lunch**
-  20 Dec 19 – **Term 2 Ends, 3.15pm**
-  20 Dec 19 14:00 to 15:00 – **KS2 Carol Service, HTCD time TBC**
-  6 Jan 20 – **Term 3 Starts, 8.45/8.50am**
-  7 Jan 20 09:30 to 11:15 – **Open Morning, 9.30–11.15am**
-  10 Feb 20 – **PAT Inset Day, School Closed to Pupils**
-  14 Feb 20 – **Term 3 Ends, 3.15pm**
-  24 Feb 20 – **Term 4 Starts, 8.45/8.50am**
-  9 Mar 20 – **PAT Inset Day, School Closed to Pupils**
-  30 Mar 20 13:00 to 15:00 – **Year 3 Easter Experience, HTC**
-  3 Apr 20 – **Term 4 Ends, 3.15pm**
-  20 Apr 20 – **Term 5 Starts, 8.45/8.50am**
-  22 May 20 – **Term 5 Ends, 3.15pm**
-  1 Jun 20 – **Term 6 Starts, 8.45/8.50am**
-  17 Jul 20 – **Term 6 Ends, 3.15pm**
-  20 Jul 20 – **Inset Day, School Closed to Pupils**

Letters home this week:

Athletics
Christmas Show
Tag Tails

Years 5 & 6
FS & Year 1
Redwood 2

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