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WEEK 14 ~ 18/12/2020



COOMBE ROAD VIRTUAL PANTOMIME:

It has been a difficult year for the theatre with Covid restrictions in place. Thankfully, our children were still able to enjoy a good old-fashioned pantomime, unique to Coombe Road Primary – virtually. The pantomime was performed by Bigfoot Arts Education at The Royal Hippodrome Theatre in Eastbourne. Many thanks to all of them for bringing some magic into our classrooms.



POSITIVE CASES OF COVID-19 OVER THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD:

As Headteachers are the 'track and trace' system for schools, the DfE have informed us of the following arrangements for the Christmas holiday period:

- For the first six days after teaching ends on Friday 18th December, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for Covid-19 **having developed symptoms within 48 hours** of being in school, the Headteacher is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as an individual may have been infectious whilst in school.
- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for Covid-19 having developed symptoms **more than 48 hours** since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents, carers and staff should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS track and trace.

In short, if your child develops symptoms between Friday 18th-Sun 20th (pm) and then tests positive, you must contact me so that I can track and trace those your child has been in contact with (i.e. their class or bubble). You can do this by emailing covid@coomberoad.brighton-hove.sch.uk and attaching the screenshot of the confirmed positive result. I will need:

1. Your name.
2. Your child's name.
3. A contact phone number.
4. The date & time that the symptoms started.

Please only use the email: covid@coomberoad.brighton-hove.sch.uk to ensure that our school staff who have worked so hard this term (and always) can have a much-deserved rest. Your message will come directly to me. Emails to other addresses, phone calls to the school or messages via our Facebook page will not be picked up until Tuesday 5th January.

If I need to contact you due to your child being in contact with a positive case, this will be done via School Ping – so please ensure you check this regularly.

Many thanks – and hopefully you will not need to hear from me, meaning that our Coombe Road family continues to be safe and well.

RULES FOR THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD:

It is crucial that we continue to follow Tier 2 guidelines in the run up to the Christmas period. This will help to prevent the increasing cases in Brighton and Hove and therefore stop the spread of Covid-19 more widely.

At this time of year, shops and public spaces can get very busy. Please consider avoiding busy times, and continue to think, "Hands, Face, Space".

The Government have relaxed the rules for over the Christmas period. These can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/guidance-for-the-christmas-period>

The main message is to think very carefully before forming any 'Christmas bubbles' in order to protect loved ones.

PARKING:

Parking restrictions have now been brought into the area and thankfully our roads are now feeling much safer. The restrictions do not affect drop-off and pick-up, but they will affect parking between 10-11 (please note the hour was incorrect in the last Newsletter). If you need to collect your child in this hour, please be aware if parking.

FAREWELLS:

Halloo everyone – this is just to say a Happy Christmas and a goodbye from me – I'll be leaving Coombe Road in the New Year.

I have had eight wonderful years with you all at the school as a Learning Mentor – I know lots of you have been to visit me (and Gemma and Lisa) in our Tree House and I will really miss every single one of you. It has been difficult this past year to be able to get round the school to see everyone (due to being Covid-secure). I've been down with Poppy Class most of the time, but I hope to come back and visit next year and see you all when things are a little easier.

I am off to do more of the arty things that you know I like to do: stay creative everyone! Loads of love and best wishes, GRAHAM.



After many happy years as being part of Coombe Road Primary School I'm sad to say I will be leaving this wonderful school, the staff and the delightful children who have been a big part of my life. Mrs Lynne Faulkner.

Many thanks to Graham and Lynne. They are both passionate about the education and care of our children and we have been so blessed to have them as part of our Coombe Road family for so many years. The pandemic has made us all think carefully about our futures and I know that Graham and Lynne's decisions were not easy ones to make. We wish them all the best – Graham with his art, and Lynne with spending time with her family, and possible travels. We hope to see Mrs Faulkner back with us as a volunteer in safer times.

WE WILL MISS YOU!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS:

An afternoon of Christmas crafts was enjoyed by all – more photographs will be put on our website.



VIRTUAL VISIT TO RAF MUSEUM:

Sunflower Class enjoyed a virtual workshop held at the RAF Museum (virtually), learning about the development of aircraft through the years as part of their topic, 'On the Move'.



VIRTUAL GAMES:



A massive well done to all 98 children from Year 2 to Year 6 who represented our great school in 'The Virtual School Games' Multi-Skills event. This event gave our children a chance to practise their dribbling and passing skills in hockey, rugby, basketball and football.

Eleven schools from across Brighton and Hove took part, Coombe Road finishing an amazing 5th place overall. The good news doesn't finish there – Emerald Class claimed the highest score of all the Year 3 classes that entered. Well done Emerald!

The individual class scores are as follows:

- Sunflower – 4th
- Emerald – 1st
- Sky – 4th
- Indigo – 9th
- Amethyst – 7th

It was great to see the competitive spirit alive and well in Coombe Road! We look forward to participating in more Virtual School Games events in the new year.



PARENT GOVERNORS:

Congratulations to our new Parent Governors, Claire Spencer and Simon Collie – and to Efchari Kapoli who will be continuing in her role. Governors play a vital role, supporting the Headteacher in the strategic running of the school (policy, budget, staffing, ethos and Headteacher wellbeing).

HOUSE POINTS AND GOLDEN PUPILS:

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR TOP SCORERS AND GOLDEN PUPILS

BRUNSWICK	PALMEIRA	REGENCY	SUSSEX
04/12 4 th	04/12 2 nd	04/12 1 st 	04/12 3 rd
11/12 2 nd	11/12 2 nd	11/12 1 st 	11/12 3 rd
18/12 1 st 	18/12 3 rd	18/12 1 st 	18/12 2 nd

		TOP SCORERS			
04/12 Winter, Tiffany, Jake N, Korede, Finlay B, Bella C, Millie N	04/12 Carlo, Domi, Chase, Dimitrios, Oscar Mc, Cai, Mason	04/12 Junior, Juliette, Sasha, Ethan F, Preston CN, Sheryl, Leonie	04/12 Isabella T, Poppy, Panka, Angel & Ibrahim A, Finley TL, Archie W, Summer		
11/12 Winter, Tiffany, Jake N, Korede, Shaila, Emily-Joy, Rafeef	11/12 Minnie, Daniel, Zain, Dimitrios, Oliver S, Darren, Olly Mc	11/12 Liliana I, Benji, Salim, Charlie H, Regan, Preston CN & Farah, Felipe, Shay	11/12 Hauwa, Labiba, Harry J, Angel, Riley & Finley TL, Sophie TL, Alfie S		
18/12 Mia B, Elliot, Harry T, Lenny, Lilly, Jacob, Kiyer	18/12 Arlo, Daniel, Louie S, Phoenix, Harry T, Reece P, Rhys	18/12 Bertie, Daisy, Eddie, Ethan F, Regan, Lexi K, Alfie H	18/12 Riley R, Poppy, Ava-Rose, Angel, Kayden, Imogen, Sasha M		

GOLDEN PUPILS		
	04/12 Freddie, Labiba, Panka, Louis, Oscar, Jacob G, Rafeef	
	11/12 Atlantis, Lexie, Harry J, Hunter, Farah, Sheryl, Natan	
	18/12 Bella & Florence, Vega, Ava-Rose, Dimitrios, Lilly, Frankki, Summer	



Merry Christmas Everybody

**HAVE A GREAT FESTIVE BREAK EVERYBODY!
PLEASE KEEP YOURSELVES SAFE AND WELL.
WE WILL SEE YOU BACK ON TUESDAY, 5TH JANUARY
2021.**

**FOR THOSE WHO CELEBRATE, A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL.**

Please note that there was an error on the previous document – see highlighted correction below:

Coombe Road Primary School Term Dates 2020-2021



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AUTUMN TERM

First Day of Autumn Term	Monday, 7 th September (INSET Thurs 3 rd and Fri 4 th September)
Half Term (1 week) (children return to school on Monday, 2 nd November)	Monday, 26 th October – Friday, 30 th October
Last Day of Autumn Term	Friday, 18 th December
Christmas Holiday (children return to school on Tuesday, 5 th January)	Monday, 21 st December – Friday 1 st January

SPRING TERM

First Day of Spring Term	Tuesday, 5 th January (INSET Mon 4 th)
Half Term (1 week) (children return to school on Monday, 22 nd February)	Monday, 15 th February – Friday, 19 th February
Last Day of Spring Term	Thursday, 1 st April
Easter Holiday (Children return to school on Monday, 19 th April)	Friday, 2 nd April – Friday, 16 th April

SUMMER TERM

First Day of Summer Term	Monday 19 th April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday, 3 rd May
Half Term (1 week) (children return to school on Monday, 7 th June)	Monday, 31 st May – Friday, 4 th June
Last Day of Summer Term	Wednesday, 21 st July (INSET Thurs 22 nd and Fri 23 rd July)

INSET Days (5 days in every academic year have to be set aside for staff training):

To try and help parents, we have attached our staff training days to existing holidays. The school will be closed on the following days for INSET:

~Thursday, 3rd September 2020 ~Friday, 4th September 2020 ~Monday, 4th January 2021
 ~Thursday, 22nd July 2021 ~Friday, 23rd July 2021