

COMBE C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents,

School Photographs: Colourbox Photography will be in school on Friday 7th November for the annual individual pupil photographs. For any parents that would like their younger 'under school age' children to have a photo taken with their older siblings, please bring them along Friday morning and we will ensure their pictures are taken first. As we have very limited space at the moment Colourbox will set up in the Year 5/6 classroom, access will be via the outside door just past main reception.

Remembrance Service: On Tuesday 11th November we are holding a Remembrance Day Assembly on the Village Green from 10.45am to 11.05am. Poppies are available in school for any pupil that requires one, as we feel it appropriate for all pupils to wear one on that day. Parents are welcome to join us.

Parent Evenings: If your child is in Year 2, 4, 6 or Foundation and you have not already booked an appointment to see your child's class teacher, please do so by Thursday 6th November, available slots are now limited. Confirmation of times will be sent out on Friday 7th.

Children In Need: To support Children In Need this year we are holding two different fund raisers. All children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3,4,5,6) can take part in a non-uniform 'Wear Something Dotty Day' for a donation of £1. This is where some part of their clothing needs to be covered in dots!

All children in Key Stage 1 (Years 1,2) and Foundation can take part in a 'Pudsey Bake Day' where they can decorate a fairy cake for a donation of £1. They are also welcome to take part in the 'Wear Something Dotty Day' for an additional £1!

Pantomime: We have booked a trip to the Chipping Norton Theatre for all Key Stage 1 and Foundation Stage children on Wednesday 19th November to see Sleeping Beauty.

The Theatre trip for all Key Stage 2 children will be taking place on January 9th at the Oxford Playhouse. More details for both trips will be sent out nearer the time.

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Book Fair: The Travelling Book Fair is taking place on Friday 21st and Monday 24th November. This will be open to children during the day and parents after school. If you would like to send your child into school with spending money (in an envelope) they will be given the opportunity during the day to choose a book to purchase. If you prefer to bring your child and choose together then the Fair will be open after school on the Friday and Monday from 3pm to 4.30pm.

Staffing: As I am sure you are all aware we held interviews before the October holiday to recruit a Year 5/6 teacher. This was successful and we have Mrs Lucy Wilkinson joining our team on the 1st of December as the main class teacher for the Years 5 & 6 pupils.

I have also received notification from Barbara Jones that due to unforeseen circumstances she can no longer teach at the school. We would like to extend our thanks to her for all she did in coming back in September to help cover our numeracy and literacy lessons. Hopefully she can now enjoy the retirement she so greatly deserves.

As we will have an interim period from now until the start of December, Mr Tim Collis will provide cover to ensure all lessons continue as normal. The after school Maths Club will also continue for the Years 5/6 pupils which will be run by other members of staff.

Thank you

Wendy Foster