

# Comberton Update

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022

## Attendance

Years 1-3 Class Winners – Year 2 Miss Lewis with 100% - WOW!

Years 4-6 Class Winners – Year 4 Mrs Wassell 97.8% - They knocked Mrs Ilyas' class off the top spot, putting a halt to the first chance of the £100 prize for 3 consecutive winning weeks!

Congratulations and keep it up!

## Learning

Year 2 have been continuing their learning linked to Space and have carried this into their artwork, where the children have created some of the most beautiful paintings, experimenting with a variety of brush techniques. In year 3 writing, there has been a focus on effective language choice and the children have been engaging the reader through their selection of powerful verbs and adjectives with their writing linked to the text *The Stone Age Boy*. Year 4 children have also been developing their use of language and focussing on extending their sentences in descriptions of their beasts! What brilliant imaginations they have!

## The Golden Shelf

We are proud to present Comberton's NEW Golden Shelf!



The teachers at Comberton asked themselves "What books do we think our children need to read or have heard before they leave Comberton?" These are the books the staff have chosen. Our children will have the opportunity to read these books in school, in the library and also at home through Seesaw.

## **Who can help?**

We are always keen to support you and your children in any way that we can. If you do have any worries or concerns, then your child's class teacher would always be your first point of contact.

Our Phase Leaders play a vital role in our Senior Leadership Team and are also there to oversee all the children and staff within their phase. They are always available for you to reach out to and would be your second point of contact.

**Miss McIntyre** – Early Years Leader (Nursery and Reception)

**Mrs Hartley** – Phase 1 Leader (Years 1,2 and 3)

**Miss Poyner** – Phase 2 Leader (Years 4,5 and 6)

Most of you are aware that Mrs Phillips is our Deputy Head and SENDCO and would therefore be the best point of contact regarding Special Education Needs after initial liaison with your child's class teacher.

## **Phonics Workshop**

It was lovely to see so many faces at our phonics workshop for Reception parents last night. There was a lot of information to take in but hopefully you will have taken a few little nuggets away with you. Mostly – read as much with your children as possible and make sharing stories a really special part of the day. Thank you to Mrs Waters, Miss McIntyre and Miss Poulsen for the delivery of this.

We are hoping to run some workshops for parents and children where you can come and work alongside your child and see phonics in action in school. Look out for more information.

## **Year 6 Residential Visit**

Miss Poyner and Miss Jeavons have visited Boundless Outdoors this week to gather some further information about the possible year 6 residential in May and are very excited about the opportunities that this would present. There will be more information coming soon.

## **Open Mornings for New Reception Starters 2023**

We will be holding 2 open mornings on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October from 9-11:30am for any families who may wish their child to start with us in September 2023. Please call the office to book a slot for your small group tour where you will have the opportunity to see our wonderful school in action, ask questions and meet the staff and children. Please spread the word if you know of anyone who may like a visit.

## **Themed Menu Day – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

### Spooks menu

Hags Hot Dog – Hot Dog

Witches Cauldron – Chicken Tikka

Witches Wand – Cheese and Onion Roll

## **Flu Vaccinations**

All children from Reception through to year 6 can have their flu vaccination on school site on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November. Please ensure you complete the online consent form, even if you DO NOT wish for your child to have the vaccine.

## Nut Allergies

We have a few children across the school who have severe nut allergies. We therefore request that you DO NOT send your child to school with any form of nuts (including cereal bars, tropical mix etc). We thank you in advance for your support with this.

## School Admissions

High School Applications – Closing Date for Applications 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022.

Primary/First and Middle School Applications – Closing Date for Applications 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

It is really important that any school applications are made on time in order for Worcestershire County Council to try to allocate the places requested. Late applications can impact on your child not being able to attend their local school or the same school as their siblings.

If you need any support with an application, please don't hesitate to contact us.

*If your child is in our Nursery, they will still need to apply for a school place for next September as their place is not automatically transferred up.*

There are some handy guides available at [School Admissions Booklet and Guides | Worcestershire County Council](#)

You can apply on line at [School Admissions | Worcestershire County Council](#)

## Dates for next week:

Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Y5 swimming
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Falconry Centre Visiting Year 1
Weds 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Y4 FAME music Year 5 Trip to Bishops Wood
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Y6 Harriers Mrs Helmore-Sutton's Class to Multi Skills Festival at King Charles

## Looking Ahead

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Hello Yellow Day (wear something yellow and bring a small donation to support children's mental health)

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Year 2 Planetarium experience

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Open Morning

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Open Morning

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 3:30-5:30 – Parents Evening

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 3:30-5:30 – Parents Evening

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 3:30-7:00 – Parents Evening

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Break up for half term

*Kind Regards*

*Mrs Frost*