

Comberton Update

Friday 11th November 2022.



Attendance

Years 1-3 Class Winners – Year 2 Mrs Helmore – Sutton! This is now the 4th consecutive week which is amazing! Today they have enjoyed a MacDonaldis treat and will have some space mission memorabilia linked to their space learning.

Years 4-6 Class Winners – Year 6 Miss Poyner with 100% They've done it and are delighted to be the first class in phase 2 to win the £100 prize. They are deciding today how they would like to spend this. Congratulations and keep it up!

Learning

We had an external visitor to school this week who joined me on a walk around the school to see the wonderful learning that takes place. Again we saw some really high quality and personalised phonics provision in Reception and Year 1 and some very deep mathematical thinking in years 5 and 6. The quality of the interactions between staff and pupils was lovely to see everywhere. The learning behaviours across school were so focussed and all pupils were engaged in their learning. The volume and variety of work was great and we saw very well behaved children who were loving their learning across the school. Well done everyone!

Remembrance

The children have been thinking about remembrance this week both in class and in assemblies. Thank you to our school councillors who have been selling Poppy merchandise every day.



Well done to Reception, Years 4 and 5 who have taken part in the Pin the Poppy appeal in conjunction with the Police. They have created beautiful poppies made from the ends of plastic bottles and acrylic paint which will be pinned upon a steel cut out of soldier Tommy outside Kidderminster Police Station. The Police made a visit to school this week to collect our poppies and talk to the children in assembly.

Wellbeing Champions

We have launched our Wellbeing Champions this week in school - a select group of children who will be supporting and promoting wellbeing in school. They introduced themselves in assembly today and shared some information about their role. Watch out for more information.

Kindness Week

Next week is kindness week. We will be starting the week with the National Initiative of ODD SOCKS DAY on Monday 14th November. The children are invited to wear odd socks to school as the start of a discussion around appreciating and celebrating difference. There is NO DONATION required for this.

Children in Need – Friday 18th November

We would like to invite the children to wear a spotty item to school on Friday 18th November as recognition of our support for Children in Need. This is to be worn with/as part of their school uniform. If you would like to make a donation then please send this with your child but there is no expectation for this.

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to those of you who completed a parent questionnaire at parents evening. Here are the headlines from the analysed responses:

- 99.5% of parents say their child is happy at school with 79.5% strongly agreeing with this.
- 100% of parents believe we keep their child safe at school with 82% strongly agreeing with this.
- Of the few parents who say their child has been bullied, 99% agree or strongly agree this has been dealt with quickly and effectively
- 100% of parents feel that the children are well behaved, with 70% strongly agreeing with this
- 100% of parents feel their child is doing well with 70% strongly agreeing with this.
- 97% of parents feel that we let them know how their child is doing with 58% strongly agreeing with this.
- 98% of parents feel that we let them know what their child is learning with 58% strongly agreeing with this.
- 98% of parents believe that we have high expectations of their child with 61% strongly agreeing with this.
- 99.5% of parents think there is a good range of subjects available with 67% strongly agreeing with this.
- 93% of parents feel their child can take part in clubs and activities with 65% strongly agreeing with this.
- 97% of parents feel that we support their child's wider personal development with 80% strongly agreeing with this.
- 99% of parents feel that any concerns are dealt with quickly and effectively with 59% strongly agreeing with this.
- Of the parents of children with SEND, 100% feel we support their child well with 56% strongly agreeing with this.

Your comments were also really valued and there was an overwhelming number of people who commented on the approachable, supportive and skilled staff in school. There were also a significant number of comments linked to children being happy at school, which is lovely to hear.

There was some feedback linked to after school clubs. We appreciate that there are not currently any clubs aimed at Reception children, as generally the younger children are exhausted by the end of the school day, however this is something that we can look at again later in the year. We have previously had feedback through our sports crew as to the choice of sporting clubs we offer and when alternative sports have been offered, there has been very low uptake. We will continue to use our sports crew to get feedback from the children to ensure we put out the best offer possible.

Although we do not have a specific forest school site, children in the Early Years have a wonderful outdoor area that is used regularly for forest school type experiences as well as other outdoor learning opportunities across the school.

There is a full programme of trips planned for the academic year so please be reassured that there will be opportunities coming up for all year groups.

And finally

99.5% of parents/carers would recommend Comberton to another parent.

Website Calendar

For those of you who may not yet have found the calendar on our website, it can be found under the News and Events tab. If you click the 'Subscribe Calendar' button, you can link the school calendar to your phones and personal calendars meaning that you will get updates and reminders of school events. You can personalise this to select information only relating to your child's year group.

NSPCC Assemblies

These have been delivered in school this week as a chance for children to discuss how to keep themselves safe. There have been some really meaningful discussions a result of this.

School Admissions

High School Applications – Closing Date for Applications 31st October 2022.

Primary/First and Middle School Applications – Closing Date for Applications 15th 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 14 th Nov	Y5 swimming ODD SOCKS DAY Dental Nurse visiting Year 4 for a curriculum talk
Tues 15 th Nov	Phase 1 assembly from Peter Cooper
Weds 16 th Nov	Y4 FAME music
Thurs 17 th Nov	5-5:30pm – EYFS Bedtime Stories
Fri 18 th Nov	Y6 Harriers 11am – Police visit to year 6 Children in Need – wear something spotty

Looking Ahead

Mon 21st Nov – flu vaccinations

Thurs 1st Dec – Nursery stay and play for new starters in January

Tues 6th Dec 9:30am and 2:30pm - Year 1 Christmas performance

Weds 7th Dec 9:30am and 2:30pm - Year 2 Christmas performance

Thurs 8th Dec 9:30am and 2:30pm - Reception Christmas performance

Fri 9th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day

Mon 12th Dec 6pm – Year 3/4 Carol Concert at Church

Tues 13th Dec – Christmas Party Day for Reception, Year 1 and 2 – children can wear party clothes

Tues 13th Dec 9-10:30am Nursery Christmas Stay and Sing for parents

Thurs 15th Dec 6pm – Year 5/6 Carol Concert at Church

Fri 16th Dec – Christmas Party Day years 3,4,5 and 6 – children can wear party clothes.

Fri 16th Dec – Break up for Christmas

Kind Regards

Mrs Frost