



# Comberton Update

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022

*I would like to start by saying a huge thankyou to the staff, Governors, children and you, our families, for making me feel so welcome in my first half term at Comberton. I am thoroughly enjoying getting to know the school and the Community and feel privileged to be part of such a hardworking and committed team. I hope you all have a wonderful half term break.*

## **Attendance**

Years 1-3 Class Winners – Year 2 Mrs Helmore - Sutton with 100% - 2 weeks in a row which caused great excitement in the hall today. Year 2 are on a mission to be the first class to win the big £100!

Years 4-6 Class Winners – Year 6 Miss Poyner with 96.6%

Congratulations and keep it up!

We had an assembly promoting attendance with KS2 this week and the children were really reflective in discussing the part they played in taking responsibility for their attendance.

You should all have received a print out of your child's attendance register to date at parent's evening this week. If you did not receive this for your child then please speak to your child's class teacher. The National expectation for attendance is 96% so well done if your child is at or beyond this figure! We appreciate that illness is unavoidable and at this point in the year, a few days absence can make a huge difference to their overall attendance percentage. We will be monitoring any child's attendance that falls within 90-95% as this puts them at risk of falling into the Persistent Absence category. Any child whose attendance falls below 90% is categorised as persistently absent and we will be working to support and improve attendance for these children.

## **Learning**

Year 5 and 6 have been getting particularly creative this week. Year 5 have been developing their drawing and observational skills, while year 6 have been designing and making Viking jewellery out of clay. I have seen some more fantastic writing across the school, with our youngest children beginning to record words linked to the story of the Highway Rat, Year 1 writing some amazing factual pieces about owls and Year 2 producing fantastic reports on the Solar System.

## **Sporting Success**

Well done to the year 5/6 football team who came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the football Tournament. Mr T was really proud of how the boys played and their effort and commitment to the Team. What a fantastic achievement.

Some year 4/5 children have been out at a volleyball festival this week, had a great time and represented our school brilliantly.

## **Sports Crew**

Sports Crew representatives from Years 3 to 6 have met for the first time this week and are keen to get as many children active as they can. Each week there will be a weekly challenge that your child can choose to get involved in. We would love to see photos of the children taking part so please upload them to Seesaw (if you need your code, ask your class teacher) and we can celebrate all the amazing achievements.

The challenge for over the half term holiday is to spend 20 minutes outside doing a physical activity of their choice. It could be playing football at the park, running around in the garden or going for a walk - be imaginative!

### **Parent Questionnaires**

Thank you to those of you who have completed a parent questionnaire at parents evening. If you haven't yet done so, please ask your child's class teacher for one of these. Your feedback is really valuable to us.

### **Poppies**

We are hoping to take part in a large art project linked to Remembrance. For this we will need lots of plastic pop bottles – small or large. Please send these in with your child after half term if you have any.

### **Curriculum Information**

If you would like to know more about what your child is learning this term, then please ensure you make full use of our website. There is a curriculum overview on each of the year groups pages (along with some great photos) which will allow you to talk to your child about the areas of learning. If you would like to see more detailed information about your child's curriculum in each subject area, then please visit the curriculum pages.

### **After School Clubs**

We are looking forward to getting these started after half term – there are still a couple of spaces left in some of the clubs so contact the office if you are interested.

### **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.

### **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 after half term:**

Mon 31st Oct	Back to School Y5 swimming
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	
Weds 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Y4 FAME music
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Y5/6 girls football for selected children
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y6 Harriers Y5/6 cross country for selected children

**Looking Ahead**

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Nov – flu vaccinations

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Dec – Nursery stay and play for new starters in January

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

Weds 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 9:30am and 2:30pm - Year 2 Christmas performance

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 9:30am and 2:30pm - Reception Christmas performance

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Jumper Day

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

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

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

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

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

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec – Break up for Christmas

*Kind Regards*

*Mrs Frost*