



Comberton Update

Friday 27th January 2023

Attendance

Years 1-3 Class Winners – Year 2 Mrs Helmore-Sutton with 97.8% - 3rd consecutive week – WINNERS!
We have discussed adding in an extra challenge for 2RHS as they are making it look too easy!!
Years 4-6 Class Winners – Year 4 Mrs Illyas with 96.9%
Congratulations and keep it up!

Learning

Children in the early years have been continuing their focus on developing sustained listening and attention and groups of children were having great fun following instructions to stand on the correct coloured lava or jump into the river or onto the bank! Reception were also exploring things that are safe and unsafe, using photos to discuss real life situations and then puppets to re-enact situations. Year 3 have been working on statistics and learning how to interpret pictograms and represent their own data sets in this way.

I had the pleasure of reading some of Year 4 children's final pieces of writing linked to 'The Stone Lion' where the children had used powerful verbs and similes to create strong imagery. In year 6 they have really been challenging themselves by getting to grips with algebra this week in maths and have been applying a range of sentence structures to their persuasive writing.

Industrial Strike Action

A reminder that school is closed to pupils on Wednesday 1st February. Attached to this email are some 'ordinarily available' options for home learning should you wish to access these with your child on Wednesday.

Litter

We are finding large amounts of litter on the school site. We have reminded the children in school but please could you share this message with anyone that comes onto our school site for drop of or pick up to remind them to use the bins around site. It is really important to us that we take care and pride in our school environment.

Staffing

Many of you will know that Mrs Lewis left us at Christmas and we are delighted to now be able to welcome our new Teaching Assistant Miss Parker, who starts with us in year 3 from Monday. We are confident that she will be a real asset to our staff team.

Number Day – Friday 3rd February

To recognise Number Day we are lucky enough to have HSBC coming to school to deliver age appropriate financial management workshops for all our children in years 1-6.

Wear it Red Day – Tuesday 14th February

This year we are inviting the children to wear something red for the day to raise money for Worcestershire Air Ambulance. We will use this an opportunity to talk to the children about people who help us and the wonderful work the Air Ambulance do. Your child may wear a red accessory or a whole outfit – whatever you already have at home.

Welcome Wednesday – starting Wednesday 8th February

We would like to trial 'Welcome Wednesday'. We are really keen to be able to have our families into school as much as possible as we know how important those strong links between school and home are in supporting your child's development. We will therefore be opening our classroom doors every Wednesday morning from 8:45am – 9am as an opportunity for you to come in and read with your child. This is intended to be very informal and on a 'come when you can' basis. We will need to ask that you leave promptly at 9am so that class teachers can take registers and begin the day.

We are aware that in some classrooms, there is the chance that space could be a challenge so we will trial this for a couple of weeks to see how it goes. We will need to ask that if you do have younger siblings, they remain closely supervised whilst they are in class and pushchairs are left outside the classroom.

We do hope that you will be able to join your child in class.

World Book Day – Thursday 2nd March (apologies for previous wrong date given)

This year's theme is bedtime stories and we want to focus on that lovely feeling you get when you snuggle up and share a story or get transported into a whole new world inside your own imagination. Therefore, we are inviting all the children to **come to school wearing their pyjamas** for the day. If your child has a favourite book character that they are desperate to dress up as, then this could also be an option.

WANTED – Outdoor Games and Toys!

We are looking for donations of outdoor toys and games that we can use to enhance our provision at lunchtimes. Any donations would be gratefully received. Please bring these to the office.

Adult Learning Worcestershire: New Year, New You!

For 2023, Adult Learning Worcestershire are pushing the message New Year, New You! They are encouraging people to unlock their learning potential by making a resolution to try one of their Adult Learning courses, especially ones in art, wellbeing or digital skills.

If you know someone in your life that struggles with using a smartphone, tablet or computer, then two of their Digital Skills courses could be ideal. Smartphone/Tablet Skills and Digital Skills for Absolute Beginners teach people how to set-up their device, use them confidently and securely, as well as teaching some invaluable money-saving tips to help combat the current cost-of-living situation.

A new year is a great opportunity to also learn new skills and they have some great creative courses and personal wellbeing courses on offer too. To view all courses on offer, please visit:

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/courses

Dates:

Mon 30th	Pm - Year 4 swimming
Tues 31 st Jan	
Weds 1 st Feb	School Closed to pupils
Thurs 2 nd Feb	
Fri 3 rd Feb	Number Day – HSBC Financial workshops for year 1-6 Harriers

Looking Ahead

07/02/23 – Safer Internet day

08/02/23 – Welcome Wednesday starts

14th Feb – Wear it Red Day for Worcestershire Air Ambulance.

13th, 14th, 15th Feb – Parents Evening

02/03/23 – World Book Day – come in PJs!

Kind Regards

Mrs Frost