



Comberton Update

Friday 10thth February 2023

Attendance

Years 1-3 Class Winners – Year 2 Miss Lewis with 99% Amazing!

Years 4-6 Class Winners – Year 6 Miss Poyner with 97.5% 2nd week in a row!

Congratulations and keep it up!

Learning

Year 4 were really focused on their reading comprehension this week and were making good use of the ideas to support their learning, zooming in on key parts of the text on the I pads.

Year 3 have had their scientific brains working hard, conducting experiments to investigate friction.

They were having a wonderful time racing cars down a ramp!

I heard some marvellous extracts from year 5's suspense stories. They had really created these with the reader in mind.

I was lucky enough to be invited to Mrs Waters class this week as my first Golden Shelf visit. Having read the book I recommended for the Golden Shelf (I Want my Hat Back) during their storytime, they invited me to share this with them. We had a wonderful time discussing the book and they had some great questions for me as well as being keen to share their favourite books from home. Thank you 1SW – it made my day!

Mental Health Week

Children have spent time exploring the Let's Connect theme as part of children's mental health week this week though assemblies and also within their classes. Our wellbeing champions are also working hard to develop their understanding so that they can support other pupils across school.

Financial Workshops

A huge thank you to the 4 members of the HSBC Team who delivered financial workshops across the school to all children in years 1-6 this week. The children really enjoyed having these visitors in their classes and learning about maths in the real world!

School Uniform

There are a lot of children coming in to school in trainers at the moment. We appreciate that you may be intending to get new school shoes over half term, so please can you ensure that the children return in full school uniform, looking smart and taking pride in their appearance.

We have also noticed that some children are wearing their 'own clothes' on PE day. Please ensure your child comes to school in school PE kit which consists of dark joggers or leggings (navy or black), white t-shirt and blue or red plain fleece. If children do not have a fleece then please send them in their school jumper or cardigan.

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

Thank you so much to those of you who joined your child for our first Welcome Wednesday. The children loved having you in class. Hopefully, as the weeks go by, we will see more and more parents/carers/grandparents being able to pop in and read with your child for the first 15 minutes every Wednesday.

New Website Hereford and Worcester Dyslexia Association

Hereford and Worcester Dyslexia Association (HWDA) have launched their new website. Hereford & Worcester Dyslexia Association (hwda.org.uk) which will continue to be edited over time in order to make it more inclusive by adding videos and spoken text. With their new website they hope to increase awareness of dyslexia. In addition, they aim to make people aware of HWDA and how they support children and young people with dyslexia and related difficulties. They have included free resources and links for further support to families.

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 7th February

We have celebrated Safer Internet Day this week again through assemblies and in class. Children have been exploring the theme 'Want to talk about it?' and looked at both the benefits and risks of life online. This will be continuing into next week where our digital leaders will be delivering online safety assemblies to each class.

We are delighted to share a competition that we launched with the children that we are really hoping they will take part in. The winner will receive a £20 Amazon voucher.



Competition

We would like you to create a poster or video to encourage online safety as part of Safer Internet Day. Your work needs to share good advice for staying safe and healthy online. Be as creative as you like. You could use some of the areas below for ideas.

Entries to be submitted by **Friday 17th February**. Please send videos in via Seesaw and give posters to your Digital Leader or Mrs Bennett.

Winning Prize—£20 Amazon voucher!

Good luck!



Sadly, we have had more reports this week of children either being unkind or inappropriate on group messages. Please ensure you are fully aware of the conversations your child is having online so that we can keep them all safe.

Facebook

Please make sure you follow us on facebook as we try to put key messages and information on there.

Triple P Positive Parenting Programme: One OFF Digital Sessions

Do you have a child or children aged 2 to 10 years old?

Do you want to manage or prevent some of the challenging behaviours that do and can occur?

Then come along and join one or more of WCF's one-off discussion groups and meet other parents in similar situations and get some advice, hints, tips and strategies to help make parenting children easier and less challenging.

Each session is 2 hours long and is delivered digitally via Microsoft TEAMS

- Wednesday 8th March, 6pm to 8pm - Hassle Free Meals with Children
- Tuesday 21st March, 9:30am to 11:30am - Managing Fighting and Aggression

Book your place via <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/eventlist/startingwellpartnership>

or by visiting the following Starting Well Facebook pages.

Tax-Free Childcare reminder for families

HM Revenue and Customs are reminding families that they can save up to £2,000 a year on childcare costs with Tax-Free Childcare. Tax-Free Childcare can help working families pay for any approved childcare for children aged 11 or under, or 16 if the child has a disability – whether the child goes to nursery, a childminder, attends breakfast or after school club, has holiday care or goes to an out-of-school activity.

For every £8 paid into an online account, families will automatically receive an additional £2 from the government. Parents can receive up to £500 every 3 months (£2,000 a year).

Opening a Tax-Free Childcare account is simple and takes around 20 minutes. Money can be deposited at any time and can be used straight away, or whenever it is needed. Unused money in the account can be withdrawn at any time.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/boost-your-childcare-budget-this-half-term>

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

World Book Day – Thursday 2nd March

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.

Dates:

Mon 13 th Feb	Pm - Year 4 swimming Parents Evening
Tues 14 th Feb	Wear it Red Day with a donation for Worcestershire Air Ambulance Year 2 visit to the Synagogue (please wear uniform with a red accessory if wanted) Parents Evening
Weds 15 th Feb	8:45-9am Welcome Wednesday – come and read with your child! 3'3:30 Brookside Children's Centre Drop In Parents Evening
Thurs 16 th Feb	Parents Evening (1RB only)
Fri 17 rd Feb	Harriers Deadline for Safer Internet day Competition Break up for Half Term

Looking Ahead

27/02/23 – Return to School

01/03/23 – Industrial Action Day. School open to vulnerable pupils by invite only.

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

10/03/23 – Science workshops

15/03/23 - Industrial Action Day. School open to vulnerable pupils by invite only.

16/03/23 - Industrial Action Day. School open to vulnerable pupils by invite only.

21/03/23 – Open the Book Assemblies

27/03/23 – Year 4 visit to the Hindu Temple

30/03/23 – 2pm -3:15pm Easter Fayre (more information to follow)

31/03/23 – Break up for Easter

17/04/23 – Return to school

18/04/23 – Phonics Screening workshop for year 1 children and parents 8:45 – 9:45

01/05/23 – May Bank holiday – school closed

02/05/23 – start of 4 week window for SATS for year 2 children

08/05/23 – Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation – school closed

09/05/23 – Year 6 SATs week

15 – 17/05/23 – Year 6 Residential visit

26/05/23 – Break up for half term

05/06/23 – Return to school. Start of 2 week assessment window for Statutory Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

09/06/23 – The Animal Man visiting Nursery and Reception

12/06/23 – Year 1 Statutory Phonics Screening Check week

21/07/23 – Break up for Summer

Kind Regards

Mrs Frost