



Comberton Update

Friday 27th January 2023

Attendance

Years 1-3 Class Winners – Year 3 Miss Fairhurst with 97%

Years 4-6 Class Winners – Year 6 Miss Poyner with 98.1%

Congratulations and keep it up!

Learning

Another great mixture of learning across the school this week. Year 2 are becoming experts on Florence Nightingale and have been exploring what her parents thought about her becoming a nurse – I learnt a few things about this!

Year 5 have been mastering fractions and showing our school values of determination and perseverance even when problems have become tricky. Year 6 have been continuing with algebra and have really grown in confidence around this. They have also been learning about biomes in Geography – a really difficult concept to explain!

I have heard some super pronunciation in French across key stage 2, where they have also been making links between the phonics in French and English. Well done everyone!

Industrial Strike Action

There will be further information to follow regarding the upcoming planned strike days.

Litter

Following on from the message last week asking everyone to ensure their litter goes in the bin, I have heard several children talking about this and really taking care of our school. One pupil has even made a poster to go up in school. What a great role model!

Make-Up

We have noticed that some of our older children have been coming to school either wearing make-up or bringing it into school to apply in the toilets. We ask that children do not wear (or bring) make-up to school. Many thanks in advance for your support with this.

Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week 2023 will take place from 6-12 February 2023.

This year's theme is **Let's Connect** and is about making meaningful connections. People thrive in communities and this connection is vital for our wellbeing. Having healthy connections – to family, friends and others – can support our mental health and sense of wellbeing. We will be exploring this in class and through assemblies.

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 7th February

To recognise National Safer Internet Day there will be assemblies and many classroom learning opportunities to reinforce the message of staying safe online.

Linked to this, we have had several incidents reported over the past few weeks of concerns around online safety at home, where children have been involved in online discussions which have made them feel unhappy or uncomfortable. There are also many children talking about watching 'Wednesday', which is rated 12. We are aware that although there are aspects to 'Wednesday' that children have enjoyed, there are also parts that have really scared some. Please ensure that you are monitoring really

closely what your child is accessing and be aware of the conversations they are having online, as although we know there are so many benefits to the online world, there are also many dangers.

Number Day – Moved to Tuesday 7th February

HSBC are coming to school to deliver age appropriate financial management workshops for all our children in years 1-6 on Tuesday 7th February. Children to come in school uniform as usual.

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.

Dates: Children’s Mental Health Week

Mon 6 th Feb	Pm - Year 4 swimming
Tues 7 th Feb	Safer Internet Day HSBC Financial workshops for Number day
Weds 8 th Feb	8:45-9am Welcome Wednesday – come and read with your child! 3’3:30 Brookside Children’s Centre Drop In
Thurs 9 th Feb	
Fri 3 rd Feb	Harriers

Looking Ahead

14th Feb – Wear it Red Day for Worcestershire Air Ambulance, Year 2 visit to the Synagogue

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

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

17/02/23 – Break up for half term

Kind Regards
Mrs Frost