

# Comberton Update

Friday 24th March 2023

## Attendance

Years 1-3 Class Winners – Year 2 Miss Lewis with 98.8%

Years 4-6 Class Winners – Year 4 Mrs Wassall with 98.6%

Congratulations and keep it up!

## Learning

I have seen some wonderful learning behaviours across the school again this week and have had the pleasure of sharing this with several visitors to the school. They have all said how incredibly focussed and enthusiastic the children are.

In Nursery, the children were enjoying scooping the marbles out of the water into the egg cups, really focussing on their hand eye coordination. The concentration on their faces was brilliant to see! Reception children were creating WANTED poster for characters from 'What the Ladybird Heard' and applying their phonics skills to their writing.

Year 1 were developing their fine motor skills with 'dough disco' and year 2 and 5 have been demonstrating their understanding of fractions. Year 6 had some really philosophical discussions around who they would choose to invite to a special meal, following a reflection on the 'last supper'.

Mrs Illyas (Science lead) and myself met with children from years 1, 3 and 5 to discuss their science learning. They were full of subject knowledge and were able to use scientific vocabulary accurately and confidently to explain their understanding. They were so proud of their books and have been applying their maths skills to record their scientific learning from investigations. Not only could the children talk very knowledgably about their current learning, they could also recall the science they had learnt from previous years in school and knew how their knowledge built year on year. The children were really enthused about Science at Comberton and particularly love all the practical opportunities and talked very passionately about the recent science workshops.

## Clubs

The children have been really enjoying our school clubs this half term with lots of positive comments about dance, art, archery, colouring and story club to name just a few. Here's a sneak at story club this week!



## **Easter Fayre – 30<sup>th</sup> March 2pm-3pm.**

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated chocolate eggs, sweets, bottles and jumble items. We have a great stock in which to now support our Easter Fayre.

Please feel free to continue to bring any further items ahead of the fayre, particularly if you decide to have a clear out over the weekend!

The office team will be running a refreshments stall and would like to sell cakes. If anyone feels they would be able to make or donate any cakes or biscuits, then please let the office know so that we can plan how much we need to buy. Please could these be brought to the office on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March but let us know ahead of time if you are able to do so.

If you would like to attend the Easter Fayre with your child then we will ask that you go to your child's classroom at 1:50-55pm (as you would usually at the end of the day), where your child will be signed across to you. At this point, you will be responsible for your child and able to roam the Fayre as you wish. Children will not return to their classes at the end of the day and can leave with you when you have finished.

If you are unable to attend, your child will be supervised in school but with the opportunity to visit the fayre at some point during the afternoon so please send them with some money if you would like them to have a go! If you have organised for your child to attend the Easter fayre with someone else, please inform your child's class teacher so that they know who to sign them out to.

**Change** – Please ensure you bring plenty of loose change to spend as we will have small floats, but they will be very limited so we would appreciate your coins!

### **Smoking and Vaping**

We have had some concerns raised regarding smoking and vaping just outside the school gates. We would really appreciate your support in refraining from smoking or vaping near the school entrance as other parents/carers and young children are having to walk past in close proximity.

### **Toys/Cards in school**

Please could we ask that you do not allow your child to bring any toys or cards such as pokemon or football cards into school. These cause great distraction within lessons (even if they are in the children's pockets) and there is always the concern of such items getting lost or damaged.

### **Punctuality**

We have a number of pupils who are persistently late into school. Please can we ask that you make every effort to ensure your child is here for the very start of the school day at 8:45am. Learning starts immediately at this time and it is really unsettling for any late children arriving, as they come in unsure of what to do, which puts them at a disadvantage to start their day. We also run specific interventions at this time of the day which means that some children are missing vital support with aspects of their learning. Many thanks for your support with this.

### **Lockdown Drill**

Your child may have mentioned that we had a lockdown drill in school yesterday. In the same way that we practise fire evacuation, we also do the same for keeping everyone safely inside the building should there be an intruder on site, for example. The drill ran really smoothly and the children were an absolute credit to the school, being very sensible throughout and following all the instructions that were explained to them earlier in the week in assembly.

**Dates:**

Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 visit to Hindu Temple Pm - Year 3 start swimming
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Peter Cooper assemblies
Weds 29 <sup>th</sup> March	8:45am Welcome Wednesday – all welcome to read in class 2:30pm y6 Police Cadets Assembly to parents 3:45-5:15 Y5/6 Girl's Netball
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> March	9-10am Year 5 to King Charles High School for author visit Easter Fayre – 2-3pm
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 1 Harriers Pm – Year 6 to Dance Festival 3:15pm Year 6 Dance Festival Performance to Parents in the hall. Break up for Easter Holidays

**Looking Ahead**

17/04/23 – Return to school

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

26/04/23 – Year 5 visit to EnviroSort

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*