



Comberton Update

Friday 28th April 2023

Attendance

Years 1-3 Class Winners – Year 1 Mrs Waters with 97.1%

Years 4-6 Class Winners – Year 4 Mrs Wassell with 98.1%

Congratulations and keep it up!

Learning

There has been lots of learning outside the classroom this week. Year 3 had a fantastic trip to Smite Farm where they were learning all about rocks and soils but through a very hands on and practical approach. Staff were very proud of the way they represented themselves and the school.

Some pupils from year 5 got to experience the facilities at King Charles through taking part in a DT woodwork project. They developed skills such as sawing, gluing and drilling and created some great wooden robots which they are now keen to enhance with further modifications! The rest of year 5 will experience this over the coming weeks. Year 5 also visited Envirosort where they learnt all about recycling to develop their geographical knowledge and to subsequently write for a purpose in literacy.

Nursery have been embracing their under the sea theme and searching for sea creatures in their outdoor area. They have also been practising their number recognition and throwing skills with a great beanbag game which the children loved!

Reception children have been sharing their knowledge of the world and greeting me in different languages this week! I have also seen them creating some wonderful shape based artwork inspired by Russian painter Wassily Kandinsky. The concentration on their faces when they were deciding where to position their shapes was lovely to see!

10 year 6 children attended a tag rugby tournament this week. They demonstrated some good skills and excellent teamwork.

Years 2 and 6 had a fantastic day of learning yesterday. They were focussed and committed, demonstrating all of our school values. Well done!

Spaces for September 2023

We still have just a few places left for Reception 2023 intake so please spread the word. Visits to the school are welcomed.

Industrial Action Strike Days

Reminder: School is open to years 2 and 6 and vulnerable pupils on Tuesday 2nd May. Unfortunately, school is closed to all other year groups on those days.

Coronation Picnic

Weather dependent, school will be holding a family coronation picnic on Friday 5th May from 12:30 – 1:30pm where families are invited to join their child on site to celebrate this special event. You should have received a separate email communication with further details.

Facebook

Please do make sure you follow Comberton Primary School on facebook where we share key messages and news

SEND Q&A Session for Parents

Mrs Phillips will be holding 2 drop in sessions on Monday 15th May at 2pm and 5pm to answer any questions you may have in relation to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). A separate flyer has been circulated about this.

Message for Year 2 Parents

There will be no Welcome Wednesday for parents of year 2 children in May due to the administration of the SATs assessments. We look forward to welcoming you back in after half term.

Reading Challenge Winners

Thank you and well done to all the children who completed our Reading Challenge. We had lots of entries and picked the winners out of the hat this week. Congratulations to the children below who have won a £10 book voucher.

- Mia (4RI)
- Archie (RPMC)
- Pippa (3RH)
- Jacob (2HL)
- Alexa (5JM)

Brookside Children's Centre Courses

Brookside are planning the following HENRY Workshops (one off sessions) These are for parents/carers only to attend.

- 2nd May: Eating Well for Less 1:30-3pm
- 9th May: Understanding Your Child's Behaviour: 1:30-3pm

Kidderminster Primary School's Alliance - KPSA

Over the past 12 months we have been strengthening our links with 4 like-minded local primary schools: Chaddesley Corbett, Cookley, Saint Catherines and Offmore. As a group of Head Teachers, with the support and input from our Chairs of Governors, we have developed a vision for how we can further improve our provision for all pupils through collaborative working. This includes aspects such as shared professional development and training opportunities for staff. Teachers and subject leaders across the school have already gained benefits from working together on curriculum development by sharing a wealth of expertise.

We are really excited to share that we now have the first set of opportunities planned for the pupils to gain experiences from such as upcoming reading and maths competitions in years 4 and 5 and balanceability biking sessions for our Reception children.

Watch out for more opportunities to come!

Update from Public Health:

Measles and the MMR Vaccination

This week (24 to 30 April) is World Immunisation Week. As part of this, Public Health in Worcestershire are encouraging everyone to ensure they are up to date with their MMR vaccinations. Measles is a very infectious viral illness that is spread by coughs and sneezes. It spreads

very quickly to non-immune children and adults who are unvaccinated or have not previously been infected. It can be a serious illness.

Measles usually starts with cold-like symptoms which can include a high temperature, a runny or blocked nose, cough/sneezing, sore red eyes, white spots inside the mouth and a rash.

The MMR vaccine is a safe and effective combined vaccine and protects against 3 serious illnesses: Measles, Mumps and Rubella. Two doses of the MMR vaccine are needed to get the best protection from measles. The first dose is given at the age of 12 months and the second dose is given at three years and four months, before starting school. Having both doses gives long lasting protection.

Parents or guardians of children who are not up to date with their two doses of MMR vaccine should contact their GP practice to book an appointment. It's never too late to catch up. Adults who have never previously had the MMR vaccine or have only had one dose of it, should contact their GP surgery to arrange to catch up with outstanding doses.

For more information on measles, MMR vaccine and seeking medical advice please visit: [Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

Worcestershire Children First - Webinars for Parents/Carers

Autism West Midlands are running webinars for parents/carers during the Summer Term.

- Autism and Behaviour – Monday 22nd May
- Autism and Anxiety – Monday 12th June

Dates:

Mon 1 st May	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Tues 2 nd May	Strike Day – school open to years 2 and 6 and vulnerable group only. Start of Year 2 SATs assessments
Weds 3 rd May	8:45am Welcome Wednesday – all welcome to read in class (NOT YEAR 2) 10- 11:30 Tri golf tournament for selected y3/4 children
Thurs 4 th May	pm Year 5 maths competition at Cookley for selected children
Fri 5 th May	Coronation picnic 12:30-1:30pm

Looking Ahead

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/work experience

16/05/23 – Year 4 Reading Competition at Cookley for selected children

23/05/23 – Reception trip to Bodenham Arboretum

23/05/23 – 4JW visit Kidderminster carpet factory

25/05/23 – 4RI visit Kidderminster carpet factory

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

07/06/23 – Y6 workshop from Harlow Timber
08/06/23 – Year 6 Young Citizen's Event
09/06/23 – The Animal Man visiting Nursery and Reception
12/06/23 – Year 1 Statutory Phonics Screening Check week
12-14/06/23 – PSHE SCARF workshops for all
15/06/23 – Year 1 trip to Aston Hall
28/06/23 – 6pm Reception Intake 2023 Induction Evening
w/c 03/07/23 – Bikeability for years 4 and 5
05/07/23 – Transition day and Reception Induction
10/07/23 – Balanceability for Reception
13/07 and 14/07/23 – Sports Days (Year group TBC)
17/07/23 – Balanceability for Reception
20/07/23 – Summer Fayre 2-4pm
21/07/23 – pm - Year 6 Leavers event with parents.
Break up for Summer

Kind Regards

Mrs Frost