



Combertyon Update

Friday 21st April 2023

Attendance

Years 1-3 Class Winners – Year 2 Mrs Bennett with 96.4% First time winners this year so well done!

Years 4-6 Class Winners – Year 4 Mrs Illyas with 98.9%

Congratulations and keep it up!

Learning

The children have thrown themselves back into their learning across the school and staff have been really impressed with the level of focus and commitment the children have shown.

Children in Reception have been thoroughly enjoying their new role play areas of the vets and the travel agents and were very keen to book my pets into surgery and sort me out with a holiday! They were using their language and communication skills to work in role and applying their phonics skills to writing when completing booking forms.

In year 2, children have been tackling the very tricky concept of time but many have mastered o'clock, half past and even reading analogue time to 5 minute intervals. Our school values of perseverance and determination have come to the front with this.

Children in year 4 are engrossed in their text "Voices in the Park" and were planning their characters as the 5th voice. They were full of great ideas, using their senses to support the development of imagery.

Well done to Year 6 who are working hard in the lead up to SATs, developing their ability to retrieve evidence from a text in order to demonstrate their comprehension.

We have had several visitors to school this week and they were overwhelmed by the welcoming feel of the school, the positive learning behaviours demonstrated by all children and the enthusiasm they saw for learning. It was noted how well adults are used across the school to support children with their learning as well as the impact that verbal feedback and questioning have on accelerating progress.

Staffing Update

We are very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Yarnold from the office who leaves us today. She has worked here for 10 years and in this time has had a huge positive impact on many children and families. I would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you for all that she has done for the Combertyon community and wish her every success and happiness as she moves on to an exciting new career opportunity. We have appointed a new office administrator who will begin with us at around half term.

Mrs Mann (teaching assistant) spends her last week with us in year 3 next week as she is also moving on to a new career opportunity. We hope to make her last week at Combertyon really special.

This week we have also appointed a new Assistant Head Teacher. This is an exciting new post that will form part of our Senior Leadership Team and will have responsibility for driving forward our curriculum development. We are delighted to share that Mrs Hartley will be taking on this position from September.

HSBC Award



We had some special visitors to assembly this week from HSBC who awarded us with the Smart Money award for our engagement with the HSBC Financial Education sessions. Thank you!

Phonics Workshop

Thank you to all the parents that came to our Phonics workshops on Tuesday. The children loved working together with you on phonic activities. We hope you found it useful. The powerpoint has been circulated to all Year 1 parents but please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Waters if you have any further questions.

Industrial Action Strike Days

Reminder: School is open to years 2 and 6 and vulnerable pupils on Thursday 27th April and 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 12:30pm where families are invited to join their child on site to celebrate this special event.

Worcestershire Children First Messages:

National Emergency Alert

On Sunday 23 April at 3pm the UK Government is testing an emergency alert service that will alert all mobile phones with a message and an alarm sound. The alerts are designed to warn residents about emergencies such as fires, flooding or extreme weather. You can find more information on the Emergency Alert page of the gov.uk website. [About Emergency Alerts - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

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

Please see posters attached.

Dates:

Mon 24 th April	Year 3 trip to Smite Farm
Tues 25 th April	Peter Cooper Assemblies
Weds 26 th April	8:45am Welcome Wednesday – all welcome to read in class Year 5 Envirosort Visit Year 6 Tag Rugby Tournament
Thurs 27 th April	Strike Day – school open to years 2 and 6 and vulnerable group only.

Fri 28 th April	
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Looking Ahead

27/04/23 – Strike Day

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

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

05/05/23 – Family Coronation Picnic 12:30pm

04/05/23 – pm Year 5 maths competition at Cookley for selected 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

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

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

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

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)

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