



Comberton Update

Friday 21st July 2023

I can't believe we are at the end of the Academic Year 2022 - 2023 – what a year full of successes and achievements!

Firstly, I would like to honestly thank everyone for their help and support in maintaining Comberton Primary School as the fantastic school that it is. Everyone plays such a vital role in ensuring that we reach all our goals and aspirations. Our staff work extremely hard in providing the best opportunities for the children. Schools are very much a team effort and the teachers and support staff ensure that all children get access to our carefully designed curriculum and they make great progress and most importantly, are genuinely cared for. I personally thank them for delivering my high expectations in everything they do and for always going the 'extra mile'. Thank you also to you, our parents and carers, we really do appreciate the work you do to support your children at home.

We continue to work very hard on our curriculum, which is broad and balanced and gives many exciting opportunities to bring learning to life both within and outside of the curriculum. Our children's books are superb and reflect all of the hard work they have done. Please do have a look through them when they bring them home. We are proud of the numerous opportunities the children have had this year through trips, the residential visit, visitors to school, tournaments, festivals and competitions. This will continue to be a feature of our curriculum offer.

Attainment is only one judgement of a school, but I am so proud of how the children have performed in all the National Tests this year, from the Phonics Screening through to the End of Key Stage 2. The results have been amazing and we are proud to share that they are above National across the board.

Finally, I would like to say what a pleasure it has been to complete my first year as Head Teacher at Comberton and I am really excited to see what next year brings.

Outcomes - % of pupils achieving the expected standard

Reception GLD	
School 2023	59%
School 2022	46%

Year 1 Phonics	
School 2023	85%
National 2023	79.5%

KS1 SATs	Reading, Writing, Maths combined	Reading	Writing	Maths
School 2023	60%	72%	66%	77%
National 2023	56.2%	68.4%	60.2%	70.5%

KS2 SATs	Reading, Writing, Maths combined	Reading	Writing	Maths	SPAG
School 2023	70%	82%	73%	80%	86%
National 2023	59%	73%	71%	73%	72%

Attendance

Years 1-3 Class Winners – Year 2 Mrs Heath with 99.2%
 Years 4-6 Class Winners – Year 4 Mrs Wassall with 97.2.%

Whole school attendance overall this year – 93.5% Unfortunately this is slightly below the National average so we will continue to strive for this next year.

A special mention must go to the whole of year 2 whose attendance has been the best by far all year and 1.7% above the National average for Year 2, which is just fantastic – well done!

Thank you to all those of you who get your children into school and on time every day. It really does make such a difference to their learning and progress.

Learning



The children have been busy learning all the way to the end of term. Year 2 have been making glove puppets which look fantastic. Thank you to the year 5's who came and supported them with the tricky job of sewing!



Well done to the year 5/6 football team who participated in a KPSA football tournament and came 2nd overall – another great achievement!



Sports Day

Monday sports days for Key Stage 2 was another huge success. Our school values were out on full show and the children (and parents!) did a wonderful job.

House Results -

1st = Murray = 467 points

2nd = Redgrave = 463 points

3rd = Ennis = 418 points

4th = Simmonds = 393 points

Fruit!

Reminder that children in Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2 receive free fruit funded by the Government which they have in school for morning break. If your child is in years 3-6 and would like a morning snack, please send them with a healthy snack such as fruit.

Summer Fayre

What an incredible turnout! I can't thank you enough for your generosity both in the donations but also in the contributions made through attending the fayre. It really was a wonderful afternoon and a great atmosphere. We have raised a huge £1684 which will go into school fund and go towards the sensory room and outdoor garden area that we will be creating that all children will see the benefits of.

Congratulations to our prize winners:

Guess the sweets in the Jar – Isabelle 1RB

Raffle – Daniel Griffiths, Darcey Hawkins, Mimi Elliot, Jack Seers. Hayden Barrett, Daniel and George Bradley

Hoopla – Oliver Insley (1st place), Brogan Bache, Euan Collier (runners up)

Message from King Charles

We were delighted with the success of our Year 5 secondary school experience day last Thursday. It was wonderful to see so many parents on our Hillgrove Site, getting involved; having tours and enjoying some sausage and chips. The students were fantastic and the feedback from staff was super. We hope to have many more opportunities for students and parents to visit us.

I would like to invite you to our Open Evening on Thursday 21st September from 5.30pm-7.30pm, which is for the Year 7 September 2024 intake. We also have an Open Morning on Friday 22nd September from 9.30am-11.00am, to see the school in action.

I would like to wish everyone a very happy summer holiday from all the staff at King Charles I School.

Building Project

As you are all aware, our new build will start next academic year which we are so excited about! Year 5 even had a meeting with the architect last week to find out more about the process. There will be contractors on site over the holidays to begin preparing the site for works, so you may see some activity if you are passing by. Should there be any change to the way you enter the school site in September, we will send this communication out by on Tuesday 5th September so that you know where to go on the first day back.



Farewell

Year 6 had a great time at their leavers event this afternoon which was so well attended by our families. We will miss you all so much!

Farewell to Mrs Stanton, Mrs Hiorns, Mrs Harrison and Miss Tipper who are off to start new adventures. Thank you all for your hard work and commitment to Comberton. You will be missed.

FREE Summer activities!

Offmore Comberton Action Group and Local Councillors have arranged the following FREE activities suitable for up to year 8 on Borrington Park during August sessions mainly 1-4pm:

- Tag Rugby; 2nd; 16th; 30th
- Cricket; 1st; 14th; 25th; 29th (the Tuesday sessions will be followed by a session at Kidderminster Cricket Club)
- Football; Thursdays 1-4pm
- Bouncy Castle Fridays 1-4 pm

FREE Chess workshops

John Wrench has been running chess club from Comberton this term which has proved to be highly popular with the children who attend. During the summer break, he will be doing some **FREE Chess Workshops for children** in association with local Libraries. You can book a place at the venues below for your child to either learn how to play chess or how to improve their game.

Monday 31st July - 11am

Bewdley Library

Dog Lane Bewdley DY12 2EF

Monday 7th August - 11am

Kidderminster Library

Market Street Kidderminster DY10 1AB

Thursday 10th August - 11am

Stourport Library

Civic Centre New Street Stourport-on-Severn DY13 8UN

Tuesday 15th August - 11am

Tenbury Library

24 Teme Street Tenbury Wells WR15 8AA

Children's Activity Club 2023 at St Chad's Club

St Chad's are running free activity clubs during the summer holidays for children in years 2-5 on:

Friday 28th June and Friday 1st September from 9:30-1:30.

All events are free of charge. Refreshments and a meal will be provided.

Book early as spaces are limited.

All enquiries to katyc34@btinternet.com or 01562 861023

A message from Kidderminster School Uniform shop:

We are mindful of the financial pressures buying school uniform puts on parents, so from now till the end of July (31st midnight) we are offering a **10% discount** on all school uniform orders, with an order

value of over £40, purchased from our shop in Kidderminster, or from our online store www.simplyschooluniform.co.uk

That's for both your school's branded items and regular school wear.

Your school's discount code is: **COM10**

Summer Reading Challenge



Worcestershire libraries are inviting all schools to encourage their pupils aged 4-11 to sign up for this year's Summer Reading Challenge

Spaces for September 2023

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

Looking Ahead

4/9/23 and 5/9/23 – TED days.

6/9/23 – First Day of term for pupils.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer.

Kind Regards

Mrs Frost