

Comberton Update

Friday 15th September 2023

Attendance

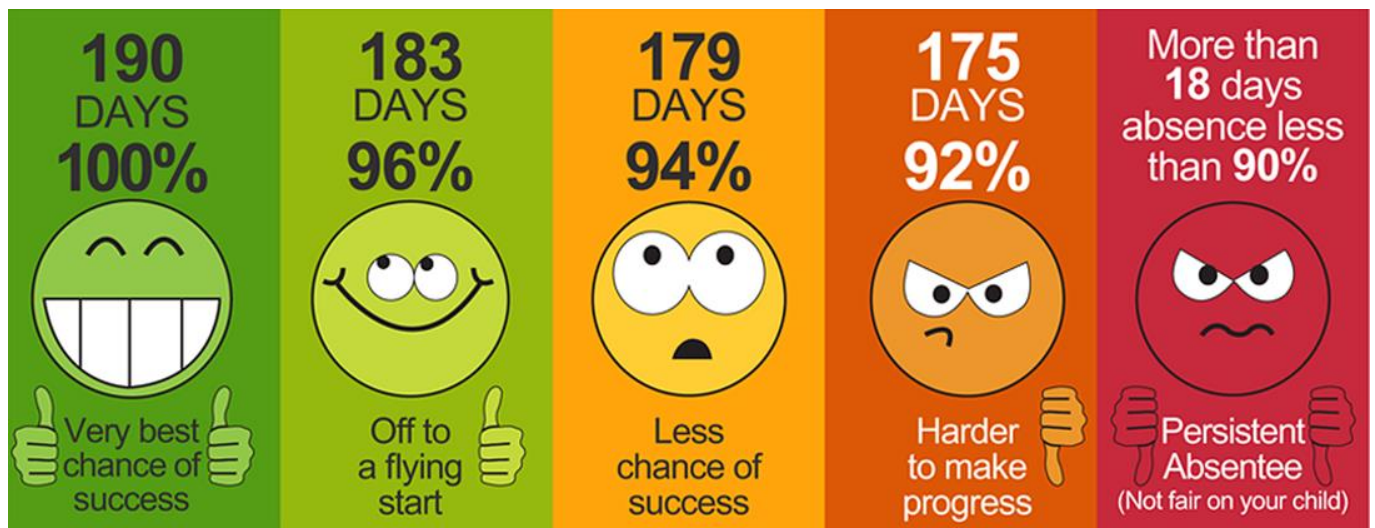
Years 1-3 Class Winners – Year 1 Mrs Waters with 97.7%

Years 4-6 Class Winners – Year 5 Mrs Bennett with 99.4%

Congratulations and keep it up!

Research clearly demonstrates the link between regular attendance and educational progress and attainment and that good attendance in these first few weeks of term is crucial to ensuring a picture of good attendance across the year. The Government set a very realistic target of 96% attendance for the end of the school year for all children. Once attendance drops below 95%, we begin to monitor this very closely in school and will make contact with you to discuss ways in which we can support improvement.

Any attendance less than 90% is known as persistent absenteeism and may be logged as a safeguarding concern.



100% Perfect	Well done! This will help all aspects of their progress and life in school. This will give your child a good start in life and supports a positive work ethic for their future.
96-99.9% Good	Well done - strive to build on this.
90- 95.9% Concerning	Absence is now affecting attainment and progress at school. School will monitor reasons for all absences with school office, family support worker and Headteacher. You may be required to attend meetings and work with the school urgently to improve the situation.
Below 90% Unacceptable	Absence is causing SERIOUS CONCERN . It is affecting attainment and progress and is disrupting your child's learning. We will work with you, the school attendance governor, wider agencies and the Education Welfare Service, to improve your child's attendance.

Worcestershire Children First School Attendance Poster Competition

Please let us know if your child has entered this competition and share their designs with us – we'd love to see them!

Safeguarding Update

This week and next week we are talking to your children about our filtering and monitoring systems in school and how these help to keep everyone safe.

We use a software programme called SENSO which monitors all pupil and staff activity on laptops, ipads and desktops in school, alerting us to any concerns which we can then swiftly address.

We also have a filtering system called smoothwall which filters out any inappropriate content or access to particular websites.

Please ensure you are confident that you have appropriate filters or restrictions in place when your children are using devices at home. This link to the NSPCC website is particularly helpful in supporting you to set up parental controls.

[Use Parental Controls to Keep Your Child Safe | NSPCC](#)

We all know that even with these measures in place, sometimes children will access inappropriate content or find themselves in situations which make them feel uncomfortable. Reinforcing this message of reporting this to a responsible adult is one which we promote regularly in school and would encourage at home.

Digital Leaders

Digital leaders have been selected this week and will be reviewing our pupil and staff IT user agreements which will be shared with all members of the school next week.

Choir – year 4,5,6

We were delighted with the turnout of approximately 40 children at our newly formed choir this week. Choir will take place on Monday lunchtimes at 1pm, led by Mr Price, Mrs Frost, Mrs Morris and Mrs Astill. We are working towards **Young Voices** where the children will perform with 5000 other children, alongside professional dancers and musicians at Birmingham's Genting Arena in January 2024.

Swimming

We had a really successful first swimming session at King Charles pool on Tuesday with our year 5s – well done to everyone involved. We had some fantastic swimmers in the year group and are looking forward to developing those skills.

Open Day and Evening

We will be holding an Open Day and Evening for prospective parents with children starting school in September 2024. This will be held on Wednesday 11th October with sessions throughout the day for families to book onto to see the school in action and a Q&A session at 6pm. Please spread the word!

Welcome Wednesday

School is open to all families in all year groups every Wednesday morning from 8:45-9am. This is an opportunity for you to come into the classroom and read with your child. We hope to see lots of you!

School Logo and Slogan Design

Your child should come home with a new school logo and slogan design sheet this week. Please look out for this and get as involved as you can. We want everybody's ideas!

Dates for next week:

Mon 18th	
Tues 19th	Peter Cooper Assemblies Year 5 swimming
Weds 20th	Welcome Wednesday 8:45-9am Year 4 FAME cornet lessons start
Thurs 21 st	
Fri 22nd	Guitar and violin lessons Year 6 Harriers First School Council Meeting

Looking Ahead

Tues 26th Sep – Year 3 trip to Compton Verney

Weds 27th Sep – 5pm Parent Reading workshop for Reception parents

Fri 29th Sep – Year 5 trip to Bishops Wood

Tues 3rd October – Group of Year 3 children to Chaddesley Endowed Primary School for orienteering

Mon 9th October – Year 1 Falconry Experience in school

Weds 11th October – Open Day and Evening for Prospective parents

Mon 16th October 3:30-7:00 – Parents Evening

Tues 17th October 3:30-5:30 – Parents Evening

Weds 18th October 3:30-5:30 – Parents Evening

Tues 17th – Friday 20th October – Book fair

Fri 27th October – Break up for half term

Mon 6th November – Back to school

Mon 4th December – Ragss2Riches collection for unwanted clothes

Tues 5th Dec – Flu Nasal Spray vaccinations

Kind Regards

Mrs Frost