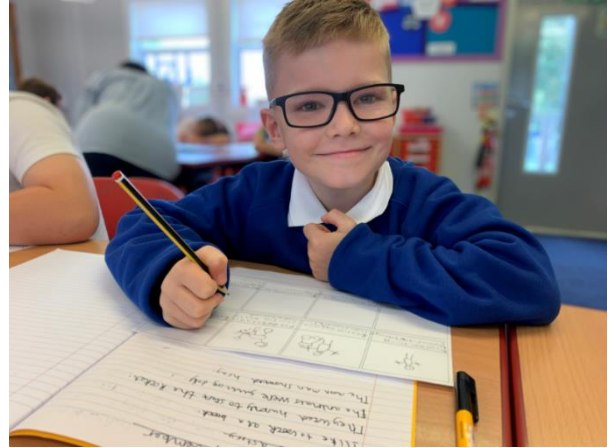


# Comberton Update

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## Welcome Note

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back after the summer holidays. I hope you all had a lovely summer break. The children have settled really well and there have been lots of smiling, happy faces around school. They have also made a great start getting to know the routines and expectations in their new classes. Well done everyone!



## Attendance

We really appreciate your support in ensuring your child is in school, on time, every day so that they can get the most out of every learning opportunity. Please try to book medical or other appointments outside of school hours where possible. Please also ensure any holidays are booked outside of term time.

We will begin our class weekly attendance award from next week. The children are already feeling competitive in aiming for their class to win this 3 weeks in a row in order to get a great reward!

The Working Together to Improve School Attendance Guidance was updated on 1 August 2023 to include a new section specifically for parents. This is a useful document which highlights the importance of working in partnership.

[DfE Attendance Guide for Parents](#)

## School Attendance Poster Competition

Worcestershire Children First are hosting a poster design competition (open to all Worcestershire pupils) to promote the importance of regular school attendance.

Poster designs will need to be A4 in size and clearly promote the importance of regular attendance. Posters could include attendance slogans, drawn images or fun facts.

The posters will need to be visually appealing, clear and concise. We would love as many pupils as possible to enter by uploading their designs to: [Mfowler2@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk](mailto:Mfowler2@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk)

The competition is open until Friday 22 September with 2 prizes awarded for the best posters designed:

- by a pupil aged 9 and under
- by a pupil aged 10 and above

The winning designs, alongside other entries will be used by WCF in future school attendance promotions. Winners will be announced on Monday 2 October and the winning posters revealed.

# It's time to talk **ATTENDANCE**

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### **Ready, Respectful, Safe**

We have talked to the children both in classes and in assemblies about our 3 school rules: *Ready, Respectful, Safe*, exploring what this looks like at different times of the school day. Please ask your child at home about this!

### **School Uniform**

The children have looked so smart on their return to school. Thank you for ensuring they are all in the correct uniform. Please ensure they are wearing a plain white t-shirt and dark shorts for PE.

### **Breakfast and After School Club**

A reminder that breakfast club is open from 7:45am at a cost of £4 per session and there is no booking for this. This can be paid online via parent pay or on arrival. Online payments are preferred if possible.

After school club requires the completion of a booking form on parent pay in order to secure a place or through a form in the office if paying with vouchers. Please contact the office for more information if you are interested.



### United Against Bullying

Last year we engaged in the *United Against Bullying* programme and are delighted that we have been awarded Silver Status for our work around this. To put this into context, 350 schools took part last year, 2% achieved Gold status, 14% Silver and 72% Bronze. Thank you to the staff and children for their hard work, particularly Miss Poyner who lead on this. We will be building on the good work this year.

### 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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!

### Swimming

We are delighted that we are moving our swimming sessions to be at King Charles Secondary School swimming pool, which means the children will have another opportunity to become more familiar with their feeder school. Due to the availability of lifeguards, we have had to change the planned swimming day. Swimming will now take place on **Tuesday afternoons** for Year 5 pupils in the Autumn Term. We are awaiting confirmation as to whether this will start next week and will confirm this as soon as we know.

This means that we have had to change PE days for other year groups. The new PE timetable is as follows:

Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Year 2	Year 5 swimming Year 1	Year 3	Year 4	Reception Year 6

### Dates for next week:

Mon 11th	
Tues 12th	Possible swimming for year 5
Weds 13th	Year 4 FAME cornet lessons starts
Thurs 14th	
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Guitar and violin lessons start Year 6 Harriers

## **Looking Ahead**

Weds 27<sup>th</sup> Sep – 5pm Parent Reading workshop for Reception parents

Weds 11<sup>th</sup> October – Open Day and Evening for Prospective parents

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> October 3:30-7:00 – Parents Evening

Tues 17<sup>th</sup> October 3:30-5:30 – Parents Evening

Weds 18<sup>th</sup> October 3:30-5:30 – Parents Evening

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> October – Break up for half term

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> November – Back to school

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> December – Raggs2Riches collection for unwanted clothes

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Dec – Flu Nasal Spray vaccinations

*Kind Regards*

*Mrs Frost*