

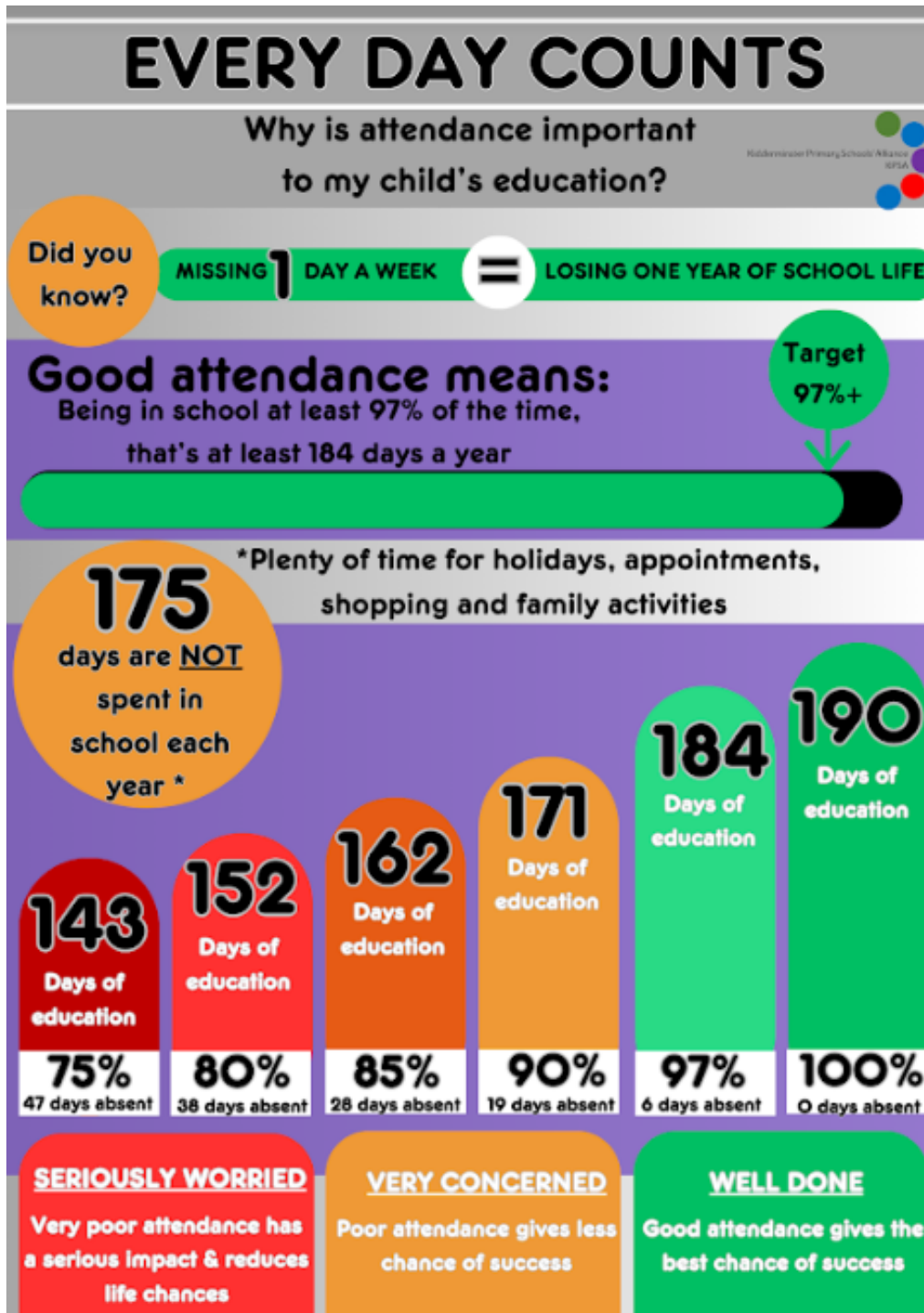
Comberton Update

Friday 23rd November 2023

Attendance

Years 1-3 Class Winners – Mrs Waters with 97.5%
 Years 4-6 Class Winners – Mrs Bennett with 97.3%
 Congratulations and keep it up!

Take a look at our new school attendance poster as part of our collaborative work within KPSA (Kidderminster Primary School's Alliance).



Learning

I have had the pleasure of being in lots of lessons this week. Pupils in years 4, 5 and 6 were working especially hard in maths. Year 4 were looking at patterns in number in the 3 and 6 times tables and applying this to problem solving. Mrs Bennett's maths group were becoming more proficient at formal addition methods and Mrs Morris' group were using their knowledge of multiplication and applying this to common factors. Year 6 were calculating with fractions and demonstrated excellent reasoning skills and accurate use of mathematical vocabulary.

We also had an external maths specialist in this week who was highly complementary about the quality of the work produced in our children's maths books across the school.

Year 4 and 6 pupils were demonstrating their French skills with lots of opportunities for speaking and listening and making links between English and French language composition – particularly noticing cognates to aid understanding.

In music, year 6 are building their understanding of the history of music and this week focussed on the Romantic era, expressing their thoughts and responses to range of famous musician's pieces through words and pictures. Year 4 were developing their technique when playing the cornets, working on playing simple melodies and understanding the notation of these on a staff.

Our budding scientists in year 3 have been investigating if people with the longest legs can jump the furthest. They measured height, leg length and then jump length and plotted their results as a class to discuss what they had discovered.



KIRFS!

To develop your child's fluency and mental maths skills, we are introducing **Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs)** throughout school. KIRFs are designed to support the development of mental maths skills that underpin much of the maths work in our school. They contain number facts such as number bonds and times tables that need constant practice and rehearsal, so children can recall them quickly and accurately.

Each half term, children will focus on a Key Instant Recall Fact (KIRF). Regular practice – little and often – helps children to retain these facts and keep their skills sharp. They are not designed to be a time-consuming task and can be practised anywhere – in the car, walking to school, etc. Throughout the half term, the KIRFs will also be practised in school and your child's teacher will assess whether they have been learned.

See below for the KIRF for this half term. In the curriculum section of the school website, on the maths page, you'll find information about KIRFs across the year.

	R	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	5JM	5RB	Y6
A2	Recognise quantities, without counting, to 5 (subitise)	Recall addition and subtraction facts for 0 - 10	Recall 10 more or less than any given number to 100.	Know number bonds to 100 (multiples of 5).	Multiply and divide 1- & 2-digit numbers by 10 and 100	Find factor pairs of a number	Find factor pairs of a number	Tell the time to the nearest minute

We hope that you enjoy working alongside your child to practise these key mathematical facts. Should you have any questions about the KIRFs programme, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher or Mrs Hartley (Assistant Head teacher and Maths Lead).

Parking

Unfortunately, I have also since had communication from Brookside Children's Centre to say that some parents have been using their staff car park or moving/driving over their cones in order to gain access. When they have approached some parents regarding this, they have sadly faced some rude comments. Please ensure you are parking safely and respectfully at all times.

Illness/Sickness

We have had an outbreak of sickness across the school, particularly in year 3. Please can we remind you of our 48 hour policy where pupils should only return to school 48 hours after the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea. We are encouraging good hand hygiene in school and have instructed our cleaners to do a deep clean in target areas.

Please can we also ask that if you leave a voice message to inform school that your child is unwell, you provide details of their symptoms. This allows us to track any patterns of illness/outbreaks across the school.

Children in Need – Friday 17th November

The children raised a massive £431.50 this year for Children in Need which is more than double the amount raised last year. Well done everyone and thank you for your generosity.



PTA interest meeting

We are delighted that we had 6 parents attend our PTA interest meeting and a further 2 who have expressed interest in being able to support. Further details of the outcome of this meeting will follow from the PTA. Save the date for the first AGM on Tuesday 9th Jan 5:45pm if you would still like to get involved.

HAF – Winter bookings! (Holidays and Food)



Bookings are now open for the winter HAF activities. Visit their website for more information and to make your bookings. [HAF Worcestershire \(haf-it.co.uk\)](http://haf-it.co.uk)

Rags 2 Riches

The bags and information leaflets have been sent home for our Rag 2 Riches collection on Monday 4th December at 9am. This is a great opportunity to have a good clear out before Christmas and to raise some money for the school in the process. Please bring bags in on 30th Nov, 1st Dec and 4th Dec (by 9am).

Reminder - Christmas Card to Care Home

We are proud to share that we are committed to taking part in the 'Christmas Card to Care Home Initiative' to support our local community, where we would like to create enough cards from our Comberton Community to be able to give one to every resident of Brook Court Care Home. If we have

extras then we will be able to send these more widely within the community to those who may not otherwise receive. If your child would like to make a Christmas Card for this initiative then please ensure these are returned to school by Thursday 7th December so that we can deliver them into the community in time for Christmas.

Please address the card to: Dear Resident/ Christmas Friend

Please sign cards from: Child's first name only, age, Comberton Primary School

Get in touch: info@thebugsgroup.com 0121 777 7792

Winter Holiday Camp

Tues 2nd - Friday 5th Jan* 2024

Football
Multi Sports
Dance
& Acro!

WIN
medals
trophies
& more

BOOK NOW! www.thebugsgroup.com/active-camps
Venue: Burlish Primary School, DY13 8LA Price: From £17 per day
Time: 9:00am-3:00pm/Extended time 8:00am-3:00pm

Tuesday
Indoor
Snowball Fight

Wednesday
Winter
Talent Show

Thursday
Candy Cane &
Sweet Hunt

Friday
Winter
Olympics

The Bug Group

Online Safety Conference

We are delighted to be able to share details of an upcoming Online Safety Conference. The conference is open to all parents/carers/staff and is free of charge to attend. It can be accessed by streaming the event online.

Date: Monday 27th November 2023

Time: 6:30pm to 7:30pm

To attend the event via Microsoft Teams, please click [Online Safety Conference \(office.com\)](#).

During the conference, West Mercia Police will share hard-hitting details of real-life online crime, and most importantly, the actions that you can take to keep your children, yourselves, and your wider family/friends safe in an ever-evolving digital age.

Due to the nature of the information that will be shared, the event is not suitable for children.

REAL LIFE CRIME:

DO YOU REALLY KNOW WHAT YOUR CHILD IS DOING ONLINE?

Monday 27th November 2023
6:30pm to 7:30pm
Join via Microsoft Teams

Hear from Detective Chief Inspector, Tony Garner (West Mercia Police), who will share real life stories of how children, like yours, are coming to harm in the digital age.

You will be given an insight into the impact the online world has on a child's brain by Dr Burke, Forensic Psychologist.

During this conference, you will learn how you can prevent children from coming to harm from their exposure to the online world in three easy steps.

This event has been organised by Dean Salisbury (Vice Principal, Sutton Park Primary School) and Scott Crane (Safeguarding Lead).

Click here or scan the QR code to book your place

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

Logos for West Mercia Police, Worcestershire Children First, and other partners are at the bottom.

Text on the poster includes: 'Online grooming can start within 19 seconds as child sexual abuse images double', 'The mother of a teenager who took his life because of online bullying has urged others not to ignore the issue.', 'Online "backdoor" into child abusers in home investigation finds', 'Online Child Pornography Skyrockets', and 'Online roulette: the popular chat sites that are drawing in children and horrifying parents'.

The Solihull Approach – Understanding your child with additional needs

This course is for parents or guardians who care for a child with physical or learning disabilities. This free [‘Online Learning \(heiapply.com\)’](#) course will help parents, relatives and friends of children with a physical or learning disability to better understand your child. The course looks at the ways you feel and act as a parent or carer, and the impacts this can have on your child's behaviour. It will introduce you to different styles of parenting and the ways they can make it easier to work with your child's behaviour and support their development.

Parents can access this course for FREE by visiting [Online Learning \(heiapply.com\)](#) website and using the access code PARENTSROCK.

Free workshops for Parents of pupils with SEND

SENDIASS run FREE daytime and evening, face to face workshops and online information sessions for parents/carers and professionals in Worcestershire.

Workshops currently available for Parent/Carers:

- [What you need to know if your child has an additional need/ disability | Worcestershire County Council](#)
- [Herefordshire and Worcestershire SENDIASS Online Information Session \(parents and carers\) | Worcestershire County Council](#)
- [Autism & Me \(Developed by Autistic Young People\) Workshop for Parent Carers | Worcestershire County Council](#)

Dates for next week:

Mon 27 th Nov	
Tues 28 th	KPSA Peer Review Year 5 swimming
Weds 29 th	Welcome Wednesday 8:45-9am Year 4 FAME cornet lessons
Thurs 30 th	Rags 2 Riches donations
Fri 1 st Dec	Guitar and violin lessons Year 6 Harriers pm - year 5/6 speed stacking festival for selected pupils Rags 2 Riches donations

Looking Ahead

Mon 4th December – Ragss2Riches collection for unwanted clothes

Tues 5th Dec – Flu Nasal Spray vaccinations

Thurs 7th Dec – new nursery stay and play

Thurs 7th Dec – Deadline for handing in Christmas cards for Care Home

Tues 12th Dec – 9:30am and 2pm Year 2 Christmas play

Weds 13th Dec - 9:30am and 2pm Year 1 Christmas play

Thurs 14th Dec – 9:30am Reception Christmas play

Friday 15th Dec – Christmas Jumper day

Tues 19th Dec - 6pm Years 3 and 4 Carol Concert

Weds 20th Dec - 6pm Years 5 and 6 Carol Concert

Weds 20th Dec – Magic Russ for Reception and KS1

Fri 22nd Dec – Year 6 to Boing Zone

Fri 22nd Dec – Break up for Christmas

Kind Regards

Mrs Frost