

Comberton Update

Friday 17th November 2023

Attendance

Years 1-3 Class Winners – Miss Fairhurst with 96.1% – 3 weeks in a row! PRIZE WINNERS!

Years 4-6 Class Winners – Mrs Illyas with 98.5%

Congratulations and keep it up!

Attendance Rewards

Photos from 3CF's film and party afternoon for winning the attendance award for 3 consecutive weeks!

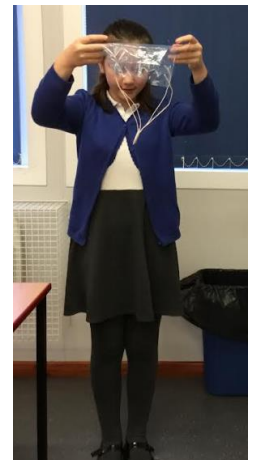


Learning

There has been lots of learning linked to Anti –Bullying week throughout the week, including assemblies and in class activities. Year 6 wrote reports to demonstrate their knowledge and apply their learning to their English work.

Year 4 have been focussing on poetry in their reading lessons this week, with all poems being themed around school. They have looked at structure, rhythm and rhyme and have been improving their awareness of punctuation through physically highlighting this with actions alongside their reading aloud. I had the pleasure of being invited to 4RI this afternoon for a personal performance of a poem that Lola had written at home, which the whole class then rehearsed for a choral performance. It was fantastic!

Year 5 have been getting scientific with their learning around air resistance and used practical investigation to consolidate their understating.



We held a hugely successful KPSA Singing Day where 40 children from across our 5 schools came together at Comberton to take part in a singing workshop. The final performance was shared with parents and was a real celebration of the children's talent and achievements. Thank you to all those who took part and supported.

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

Parking Outside of School

Last week I mentioned the concerns raised regarding the unsafe nature of some of the parking outside of school. Unfortunately, this has continued. We have been liaising with both the local Police and Local Council this week who are looking to support us in how we can tackle this to make drop off and pick up times safe for our whole community.

Class news

We are sad to share that Miss Fairhurst will be leaving us at Christmas. However, we can be nothing but delighted and excited for the adventure that she is pursuing outside of the classroom setting. Miss Fairhurst has been a fabulous member of our Comberton family and will be missed. It is with great pleasure that we welcome Mrs Larkman who will be joining our teaching team. Mrs Larkman has previously taught in one of our KPSA schools and is really excited to be joining our school.

Children in Need – Friday 17th November

It was wonderful to see so many children arriving at school in their spotty clothes and accessories today. Thank you so much to everyone who donated. The children had great fun piling their loose change up to create a Pudsey picture! We have yet to count the money but will share how much we have raised next week. Thanks to our School Council for the Pudsey inspired coin art attack!



Parental Questionnaire

Thanks again to the 120 family responses that we received for our questionnaire which accounts for at least 250 of our pupils. We really do value your feedback.

The headlines were as follows:

- 98% of parents say their child is happy at school with 57% strongly agreeing with this.
- 97% of parents believe we keep their child safe at school with 63% strongly agreeing with this.
- Of the 19 parents who say their child has been bullied, 80% agree or strongly agree this has been dealt with quickly and effectively
- 95% of parents feel that the children are well behaved, with 40% strongly agreeing with this
- 98% of parents feel their child is making good progress with 51% strongly agreeing with this.
- 90% of parents feel that we let them know what their child is learning and how their child is doing with 39% strongly agreeing with this.
- 98% of parents feel that we support their child's wider personal development with 31% strongly agreeing with this.
- Of the parents who say they have raised concerns, 93% feel that any concerns are dealt with quickly and effectively.
- Of the 25 parents of children with SEND, 97% feel that we support their child well.
- 97% of parents would recommend Comberton to another parent

We have read each of the individual comments which accompany these statistics and reflected on both the positives and areas for development and will continue to revisit these. In particular, we will be

looking at how we can share more information about what your child is currently learning. You receive snippets of information through the newsletter and the full curriculum for each year group is readily available on the website and class pages, however, we will look at how we could share this more comprehensively with you so that you feel more informed.

PTA interest meeting

Please remember to pop along to Comberton at 5:45pm – 6:30pm on Tuesday 21st November for an initial informal meeting to gauge if there is enough interest for us to be able to set up a PTA. Remember there is not commitment at this point, just a discussion to find out people's thoughts and ideas.

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.

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 20 th Nov	
Tues 21 st	Year 5 swimming Peter Cooper assemblies 5:45 – 6:30pm PTA interest meeting
Weds 22 nd	Welcome Wednesday 8:45-9am 9-10am Children's Mental Health workshop for Parents (run by WEST Team) Year 4 FAME cornet lessons Digital leaders meeting
Thurs 23 rd	
Fri 24 th	Guitar and violin lessons Year 6 Harriers

Looking Ahead

Fri 1st December – pm - year 5/6 speed stacking festival for selected pupils

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

Have a wonderful half term!

Kind Regards

Mrs Frost

