

Comberton Update

Friday 10th November 2023

Attendance

Years 1-3 Class Winners – Miss Fairhurst with 97.8% – 2nd week in a row – can they make it 3?

Years 4-6 Class Winners – Miss Jeavons with 95.5%

Congratulations and keep it up!



Learning

Our youngest pupils in Reception have been learning about people who help them and had an exciting visit from the Police this week to bring their learning to life.



There has been lots of fact finding about spiders in year 4 and dragon fruit in the learning hub, in preparation for writing non chronological reports. As part of their research, pupils in the learning hub were testing out the taste of dragon fruit juice!

I have been really impressed with the quality of some of the writing I have seen in year 6 where they have been building tension and suspense. Careful choice of vocabulary has really added to the drama!

Anti-Bullying week and Odd Socks Day – Monday 13th November

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week (13th to 17th November) and the theme this year is 'Make A Noise About Bullying'. The week will be kicked off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 13th November, where adults and children wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. No donations are requested for this.



Children in Need – Friday 17th November

School Council have been very keen to support this charity and invite all children to wear spots on Friday in request for a £1 donation or whatever you can afford.

They also invite everyone to bring in any loose change you may have as we are going to try and fill a giant outline of Pudsey Bear on the hall floor with coins!

Remembrance Day

Thank you to all those who have supported the poppy appeal through buying the poppy themed items from the school council in the library.



Operation Christmas Child

The collection date for the shoe box appeal is from 13th -20th November - next week! There are many collection points, including big Tesco. You can also donate more money and 'buy' a ready-made box by donating online. Our School Council urge you to take part if you can.

[Operation Christmas Child \(samaritans-purse.org.uk\)](https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk)

Proud Moment

We are very proud of Daniel, one of year 5 pupils, who has made the news! He has been helping his Mum with running a Christmas toy appeal for the last few years, collecting donations from across the county for children in hospital. Click here to read their story: [How to donate gifts children in Worcester hospital at Christmas | Worcester News](#)

Parking Outside of School

We have had several reports from concerned parents/carers/family members about people parking unsafely on the zig zag areas outside of school at drop off and pick up times. This has resulted in a couple of near misses. We want all of our children to arrive safely with us every morning and ask that you park safely and sensibly in order to keep our school community safe. The local police are aware of our concerns.

Cheeky Shed Request!

We are looking to replace our shed in the nursery area as it is old and rotten and means that it is not protecting our lovely equipment as well as it should. We are reaching out to anyone who may have any contacts to help us in getting a new shed as they are very expensive!

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

WEST MERCIA POLICE
WORCESTER CHILDREN FIRST

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 \(heiapply.com\)’](https://www.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 \(heiapply.com\)](https://www.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](#)

HANDi App - Don't let bugs play on your mind!

If your child is unwell, use the HANDi App to check their symptoms and get instant, NHS-approved medical advice.

Developed and approved by local Paediatric Consultants, the HANDi App provides expert advice on how best to manage the most common childhood illnesses, including:

- Diarrhoea and vomiting
- High temperature
- ‘Chesty baby’ illnesses, such as bronchiolitis, asthma and croup
- ‘Chesty child’ illnesses such as wheezing and asthma
- Abdominal pain
- Common newborn problems.

The app is free, and can be downloaded to any Apple or Android smartphone or tablet.

Why use HANDi?

HANDi is designed to help you know what to do when your child is unwell - whether that's looking after them at home, taking them to see a GP, using the NHS 111 service, or visiting an urgent care service. If your child is unwell, HANDi will ask you questions about your child's condition to help you decide the best course of action - and with all the advice on HANDi developed and approved by local NHS paediatricians and other healthcare professionals, you can rest assured that you're getting the best possible advice.

For more information, to download the app and to hear from our Clinical Lead for Children and Young People, Dr Louise Bramble, please visit the website [HANDi App :: Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care System \(hwics.org.uk\)](https://www.hwics.org.uk)

Dates for next week:

Mon 13 th Nov	Odd Socks Day
Tues 14 th	Reception children to bring in a teddy from home. Year 5 swimming
Weds 15 th	Welcome Wednesday 8:45-9am KPSA Singing Day for selected pupils Year 4 FAME cornet lessons
Thurs 16 th	
Fri 17 th	Children in Need – wear spots and bring change Guitar and violin lessons Year 6 Harriers

Looking Ahead

Tues 21st Nov – 5:45 – 6:30pm PTA interest meeting
Weds 22nd Nov – 9-10am Children’s Mental Health workshop for Parents (run by WEST Team)
Mon 4th December – Raggs2Riches collection for unwanted clothes
Tues 5th Dec – Flu Nasal Spray vaccinations
Thurs 7th Dec – new nursery stay and play
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 – Break up for Christmas

Have a wonderful half term!

Kind Regards
Mrs Frost