



**Comberton  
Primary School**  
*A caring community  
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# Comberton Update

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## Attendance

Whole School Attendance this academic year to date: 93.8% National: 94.7%

Years 1-3 Class Winners – Year 3 – Mrs Fox with 98.6% 2<sup>nd</sup> week in a row

Years 4-6 Class Winners – Year 5 – Mrs Bennett with 96.7%

Congratulations and keep it up!

## Learning

So much learning has taken place outside of the classroom this week. Children in choir from years 4,5 and 6 performed in Young Voices – the largest children’s choir in the world, with 5871 pupils singing at Birmingham’s Genting Arena at Resorts World. The children performed with professional musicians and dancers including Urban Strides street dance act, Natalie Williams famous soul diva, Nandi Bushell - 13-year-old drummer who has performed with bands such as the Foo Fighters and MC Grammar - a rapper made famous by putting the GCSE grammar syllabus to rap! We were so proud of our wonderful children who sang with confidence and musicality.



Year 5 had the most incredible cultural experience on Wednesday where they spent the day in Birmingham visiting the library, dining out at Zizzi’s and then watching The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe at the REP Theatre.



I can't thank the staff enough for giving up their time outside of school to enable the children to have these experiences, but also to acknowledge the huge amount of time that goes into the safe organisation of such visits, including pre site visits during their weekends. Thank you to Mr Price for the organisation and leadership of Young Voices and to Mrs Phillips for the Theatre Trip. Thank you to Mrs Astill, Mrs Morris, Miss Gribben, Miss Baines, Mrs Bennett and Mrs Hartley for accompanying the children. Also thank you to the children for being such a great representation of our school whilst we were out.

### Data Collection Sheets

All children should have come home with data information sheets this week. Please can you ensure that these are checked and returned by Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January. It is crucial that we keep up to date details in order to safeguard your children.

### Time To Talk

Many of you will be aware of the wonderful resource we have in Mrs Shelton, our very own Family Support Worker. She provides really valuable support for so many of our children and families and is a key member of our safeguarding team. Mrs Shelton is a real advocate for the children and from next week, will be opening up our well-being hut on a Wednesday lunchtime as a drop in session for if any of our children would like to pop in and have the chance to talk.

### PTA Valentines Discos

A reminder that the tickets are currently on sale for our Valentines Discos. These can be purchased on parent pay. There will be further details to come out nearer the time regarding clothes, drop off and collection.

Event details – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February

- 3:15 – 4:15 - Year 1 & 2
- 4:30 – 5:30 – Years 3 & 4
- 5:45 – 6:45 – Year 5 & 6

£3 per ticket to include a drink and small packet of sweets. The DJ is booked and there will be dancing and games to entertain!

### Thinking/Founders Day

We would like to invite any rainbows, brownies, guides, squirrels, beavers, cubs or scouts to wear their uniforms to school in recognition of Thinking and Founders day on 22<sup>nd</sup> February.



**DON'T GET BITTEN BY A LOAN SHARK**

Have you or anyone you know:

- Been offered a cash loan without paperwork?
- Been threatened when you couldn't pay?
- Had your benefit or bank card taken from you?
- Had a loan which keeps growing even though you are making payments?

If you can answer yes to the above you may have been bitten by a Loan Shark.

For confidential help and advice contact the Illegal Money Lending Team

**0300 555 2222** (local call rate, including inclusive minutes from mobiles)

Report a loan shark online at: [stoploansharks.co.uk](http://stoploansharks.co.uk)

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WOMEN'S AID



## WMWA Drop In's

West Mercia Women's Aid are here to support  
you if you are living with domestic abuse.

**WHEN :** Starting January 2024  
The 2nd Monday of every month  
10.30 am–12.30 pm  
8th January, 12th February, 11th March

**WHERE:** Brookside Family Hub  
Borrington Road  
Kidderminster DY10 3ED

You can contact [inclusion.idua@wmwa.org.uk](mailto:inclusion.idua@wmwa.org.uk)  
to speak to someone about making an appointment or  
feel free to turn up on the day.

24hr Helpline  
0800 783 1359

LiveChat Monday - Friday, 9.00am - 5.00pm  
[westmerciawomensaid.org](http://westmerciawomensaid.org)



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## WE'RE HELPING TO TACKLE PERIOD POVERTY

Nearly 1 in 8 people struggle to buy menstrual  
products due to the cost of living crisis.



Please talk to one of our team if you would  
like support.

If you'd rather, you can ask one of our team  
for "a package for Sandy" and we'll know  
that you'd like to talk discreetly.

Do you have a communication or information support need?  
If so please contact Starting Well Partnership by email at  
[admin.wyreforest@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:admin.wyreforest@barnardos.org.uk) or by calling 01905 520 032 to talk  
further.

Starting Well Partnership provide support for families with children 0-19  
years.

**EVERY CONTACT SHAPES A LIFE**

**Dates for next week:**

Mon 29th Jan	PSHRE workshops lead by SCARF y6 Knife Crime talk PCSO
Tues 30th Jan	Year 2 trip to the Synagogue Pm - Year 4 swimming PSHRE workshops lead by SCARF
Weds 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Welcome Wednesday 8:45-9am PSHRE workshops lead by SCARF
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	PSHRE workshops lead by SCARF
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Guitar and violin lessons 4RI Kidderminster Harriers – wear PE kit PSHRE workshops lead by SCARF

**Looking Ahead**

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Feb – Safer Internet day  
 Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Feb – Valentines Discos year 1-6  
 Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb – 3CF Kidderminster Harriers  
 Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb – Break up for Half Term

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb – Back to School  
 Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb – Thinking Day. Girl Guiding groups wear uniforms to school.  
 Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb – 3NL Kidderminster Harriers  
 Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Mar – 2HL Kidderminster Harriers  
 Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day  
 Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Mar – 2LH Kidderminster Harriers  
 Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Mar – 1SW Kidderminster Harriers  
 Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar – 1SH Kidderminster Harriers  
 Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar – Break up for Easter

*Kind Regards*  
*Mrs Frost*

**UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD**  
 SOLIHULL APPROACH

**Understanding your child's behaviour Workshop**

Do you have a child aged 2-10 years?  
**FREE** One-off sessions available to parents and carers

1 x 2 hour session on Microsoft Teams -Digital session  
 (Book for one of the workshops below)

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January (Morning) 2024 9:30-11:30am  
 Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 (Evening) 6:00-8:00pm  
 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (Lunchtime) 12:30-2:30pm

**How to book:** Simply scan the QR code which will link you to the bookings page, visit website <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/>  
 Or call 01905 827391 to book your workshop.

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Starting Well Partnership

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**Time for Me with MoodMasters**

Come along for refreshments and chat with our fab team!

These peer support sessions provide a range of simple tools to help you cope better with everyday stresses and worries

**Drop in sessions, no need to book!**

**Brookside Family Hub, Borrington Road, Kidderminster DY10 3ED**

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month  
 17th January, 7th and 21st February and 6th and 20th March 2024

**11.45 am–1.15 pm**

For more information, please contact us on;  
 01562 827 207 / 01299 877 920

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STAYING  
SAFE ONLINE



## A parents and carers guide for: Supporting Children and Young People Online

Children and Young People are spending more time online and it can be confusing for us as adults. **Here are some top tips to keep your children safe online:**

Explore the internet together

Check you have your safety and privacy settings on

Teach your children about what information shouldn't be shared online

Encourage your children to show you what apps and websites they are accessing

Support your children in spotting the difference between real and fake news

Remind them of some key online safety rules

Have boundaries or set a family agreement for online use

Don't block access to all technology - teach children to use them safely instead

Balance screen time with no-screen time

Talk about how their own online actions can affect others



For more info scan here



[safeguardingworcestershire.org.uk](https://safeguardingworcestershire.org.uk)

# STAYING SAFE ONLINE



The Internet can be a very exciting place – being able to talk to your friends, play games, share photos, and watch videos. **On the other hand, you can also be putting yourself at risk.**

## PHOTO'S / VIDEOS

You might enjoy taking photos of yourself, your family, your home and even your pets! But always ask permission before sharing a photo of someone else or their home.

## TALKING ONLINE

It is great to be able to talk to your friends and family online, but you need to be aware of strangers who might try and contact you through the internet.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media is a good way to stay connected to friends, family as well as learn about new skills and hobbies. There is no rush to start social networking and there are plenty of other ways you can stay in touch with friends, chat, and game until you are ready to use them safely. If you are already using social network sites, make sure you are aware of the risks and what you can do to be safer.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Never share any personal information online. This includes your full name, your address, your date of birth, the school you attend, any clubs you go to, your phone number or your username/password.

## GAMING

Playing an online game with your friends can be great fun, but you should only play with people you know or trust. Always make sure you are playing a game that is for your age.



For more info  
scan here

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