



Comberton Update

Friday 22nd March 2024



**Comberton
Primary School**

*A caring community
for all to shine*

I can't believe we are two thirds of the way through the school year already! It's been a fun-filled term with lots of wonderful memories made including trips out to Lower Smite Farm, Think Tank, Theatre and Restaurant. There have been spectacular performances at Young Voices and the Dance Festival, visitors to school such as science specialists and PSHRE workshop leaders, not to mention our resident ducklings that Reception watched hatch and grow.

The summer term will bring many more wonderful experiences for our children but hopefully with the sun shining a little more! It is also the term with many statutory Government assessments such as year 1 phonics screening, year 4 Multiplication Check and Year 6 SATs. It is more important than ever that the children are here on time and every day in the lead up to these to give them the best possible chance of their own personal success.

Thank you for your continued support and we wish you all a very happy Easter break.

Attendance

Whole School Attendance this academic year to date: 93.9% National: 94.6%

Years 1-3 Class Winners – Year 3 – Mrs Fox with 97.8%

Years 4-6 Class Winners – Year 6 – Miss Jeavons with 98.9%

Congratulations and keep it up!

Learning



Nursery have been learning all about Easter this week. They have been singing, counting and signing to 'Hot Cross Buns' as well as testing them out! They also worked together to make Easter cookies.

There has been some beautiful art work being created across school. Year 5 have been printing, taking inspiration from William Morris' nature design and their own flower sketches. Year 6 have been exploring how to create movement through painting with lines and different brush effects.



I have been brought some wonderful examples of writing this week from all over the school and children have been demonstrating real pride in their work. We have loved looking at their books from September through to now and seeing the progress they have made.



Vacancy

We are looking for someone to join our After School Club team of play workers. If you are successful, **YOUR CHILD CAN ATTEND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB AT NO CHARGE.** If you think this may be of interest to you or someone you know then please pop to the office for more information.

Easter Fayre Thursday 21st March

Thank you to everyone who supported and attended our Easter Fayre – a crazy but fun 90 minutes! We have made the huge total of £1560 which will go towards memorable experiences for the children eg VR headset experience and Urban Strides dance workshops. It was wonderful to see so many families at this event. Thank you for your generous donations of eggs, bric-a-brac, cakes, teddies and bottles – without this, we would not be able to run such events.

Thank you to the PTA for the running of the uniform stall – we are hoping that this will become a regular offer for you to be able to pick up extra bits of uniform at a bargain price!

Congratulations to our winners:

Eggs in the Jar - There were a total of 179 eggs in the jar.

1st - Lola Fraisse - her guess was 180!

2nd - Eva Fox

3rd - Reuben & Elijah Moore

Guess the Name of the Teddy

Giant Dog – Freddie Hawkins

Bunny – Elsie Southall

Guess the Name of the Balloon

Lucie Jones



Raffle

Harriers Tickets - Mason Barnett

Dudley Zoo - Daniel Bradley

Wildjac Tour - Arlo Lander

Kids activity pack - Ben Hoyes

West Midlands Safari Park - Amelia / Dylan and Teddy Knowles

Easter Egg bundle - Evie Wheeldon

Arley Arboretum - Ella Grebby

Easter Egg and Wine bundle - Emma Bennett

Easter Bunny - Ella May Davis

Large Easter Egg - Bayleigh Preece



Sickness Policy

Please can we remind everyone that our policy states that children must remain away from school for the full 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. This is based on advice from NHS and Public Health due to the highly contagious nature of these bugs. If we become aware that this policy has not been followed, we will contact you to collect your child. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Always Club

Our very first Always Club took place today where teachers selected someone from their class who ALWAYS shows our expected behaviours and is ALWAYS being the very best version of themselves. We

celebrated with drinks, cakes and games and the children all signed their names in our very special ALWAYS book which will be on display in our library.

Fidget Toys and Ear Defenders

There are an increasing number of children being sent into school with fidget toys and ear defenders from home. We are finding that they are having the opposite effect to the intended use for such resources and are causing great distraction in class for both the children who are using them, as well as others around them. There are a very small number of children who would need this specific provision and these will be provided by school in line with their Provision Maps as set out with our SENCO, Mrs Phillips. For the majority of lessons, our classrooms are calm, quiet and purposeful working environments where ear defenders would not be necessary and can make it very difficult for teachers to give that essential feedback to pupils. Thank you in advance for your support.

Staffing Update

We would like to say a huge congratulations to Mrs Patel who is expecting her first baby at the end of August. We are lucky enough to keep her until the end of the Summer Term when she will then begin her maternity leave.

We would like to wish Miss Carroll and Mrs Sandwell well as they begin their new ventures over the next few weeks. Thank you for their hard work.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Carter and Miss Stockley to the Teaching Assistant team who started with us this week and Miss Hyrons and Miss Jones, who will be joining us after Easter.

Dates for after Easter :

Mon 8 th April	Back to School
Tues 9 th	Swimming starts for year 3
Weds 10 th	Welcome Wednesday 8:45-9am
Thurs 11 th	
Fri 12 th	Guitar and violin lessons 3NL Kidderminster Harriers – wear PE kit

Looking Ahead

Tues 16th April 2:30pm – Year 1 Phonics Screening Check workshop for parents (Statutory assessment information)

Mon 22nd& Tues 23rd April – Urban Strides Professional Street Dance workshops for years 1-6

w/c/29th April – Bikeability for years 4&5

Weds 2st May – Maths Competition at Cookley for selected Year 5 pupils

3rd May – Yr 2 Cricket festival for selected pupils

Mon 6th May – Bank holiday – school closed

w/c/ 13th May – year 6 SATs

Mon 20th – Weds 22nd – Year 6 Residential outdoor and adventurous visit

w/c 20th May – Rags2Riches collection week

Tues 21st May – Reading Competition at Cookley for selected year 4 pupils

Thurs 24th May – KPSA Arts day for selected pupils

Thurs 24th May – PTA Crazy Hair Day £1 to raise for money for EYFS Shed appeal

Thurs 24th May – break up for Half Term

Fri 24th May – TED day – school closed to pupils

Mon 3rd June – Back to School

w/c 3rd June – Year 4 Multiplication Check (2 week window - Statutory assessment)

Wds 5th June – Year 6 Citizens Challenge

w/c/10th June – Year 1 Phonics Screening Check (Statutory assessment)

Mon 1st July – Weds 3rd July – King Charles transition days
 Weds 3rd July – School Transition Day
 Weds 10th July – Reports home
 Thus 11th & Fri 12th Sports Days
 Thurs 11th July 4:30 – 6pm year 6 Leavers Discos (PTA event)
 Mon 15th July – 2:45-3:15 EYFS& Year 1 Art Gallery for parents
 Tues 16th July – 2:45-3:15 Year 2,3,4 Art Gallery for parents
 Weds 17th July – 2:45-3:15 Year 5/6 Art Gallery for parents
 Weds 17th July – KPSA Year 6 football tournament at King Charles
 Thurs 18th July - 2-4pm Summer fayre
 Friday 19th July – 1:30 - 3pm Year 6 Leavers event for parents
 Friday 19th July – Break up for Summer!

Kind Regards
 Mrs Frost



PEER SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF CHILDREN WITH SEND

AGED 0-19 IN THE WYRE FOREST AREA



This group is for Parents/ carers only

THIS GROUP HAS BEEN SET UP BY PARENTS AND VOLUNTEERS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS TO SHARE INFORMATION, GAIN SUPPORT AND SOCIALISE IN A CHILD FREE ENVIRONMENT.

THE GROUP WILL MEET
9.30- 11AM

**10th and 24th April, 8th and 22nd May and
12th and 26th June 2024**

AT
**BROOKSIDE FAMILY HUB
BORRINGTON ROAD, KIDDERMINSTER DY10 3ED**

NO DIAGNOSIS IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND THIS GROUP
TO FIND OUT MORE INFO AND BOOK A PLACE PLEASE CONTACT
BROOKSIDE FAMILY HUB ON 01562 827207 OR
HALF CROWN WOOD FAMILY HUB ON 01299 877920
EMAIL ADMIN.WYREFOREST@BARNARDOS.ORG.UK







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These peer support sessions provide a range of simple tools to help you cope better with every-

Drop in sessions, no need to book!
Brookside Family Hub, Borrington Road,

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month
 3rd and 24th April, 15th May, 5th and 19th

12 —1 pm

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





Starting Well Partnership Wyre Forest



Volunteering

Could you be a volunteer?
We have lots of volunteer opportunities throughout our team including stay, weigh and play, peer support, administration support our services and much more!
Contact us for more information.



One-off workshops

Join our one-off workshops:

- Fussy Eating
- Understanding your Teen
- Understanding your Children's Behaviour
- Sleep

You can book using the link and QR code:



Well Child clinics and Childcare Funding

Well Child Clinics run on:

- Mondays from 9:30-2:30 at Brookside Family Hub.
- Tuesdays from 9:30-11:30 at Kidderminster Health Centre.
- Wednesday from 9:30-11:30 at Half Crown Wood Family Hub.

Please call to book.

Support with accessing funding for childcare:

We can help you to apply for nursery and childcare funding, please call: 07738 860812

Healthy Start vitamins



Apply here →



Starting Well Wyre Forest Parenting and Community team

Groups for parents and carers

April - July 2024



For more information, or to book your place please contact us....

Phone: 01905 520032

Email: admin.wyreforest@barnardos.org.uk

Brookside Family Hub, Borrington Rd, Kidderminster
DY10 3ED
Phone: 01562 827207

Half Crown Wood Family Hub, Princess Way, Stourport,
DY13 0EL
Phone: 01299 877920

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Summer 2024	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Brookside Family Hub Borrington Rd, Kidderminster, WORCS, DY10 3ED	Well Child Clinic Please call to book.	Midwife Clinic Appointments	Midwife Clinic Appointments	Midwife Clinic Appointments	Speech & Language Appointments 9am - 3pm
	Stay, Weigh & Play 0 - 5 years 9:30 - 11am West Mercia Women's Aid Drop in session 2nd Monday of the month 10:30am - 12:30pm	Understanding your Teen Group for parents 5 - 7pm 22/4 - 01/7	Breast Buddies Peer Support group 10 - 11:30am Birth & Beyond Preparation for parenthood 4 - 6pm (running in April and June)	Birth & Beyond Preparation for parenthood 9:30 - 11:30am (running in May and July) SEN Peer Support group For Parental/carers 10/04, 24/04, 08/05, 22/05, 12/06, 26/06 9:30 - 11am	Time for Baby stay & play <i>Non-movers</i> 10 - 11 am Term time only
Half Crown Wood Family Hub Princess Way, Stourport-on-Severn, WORCS, DY13 0EL	Speech & Language Appointments 9am - 3pm Drop in to a Talking Walk-in session 2nd Monday of the month 11:30am - 12:30pm	Midwife Clinic Appointments	Well Child Clinic 9 - 11:30am Please call to book	Midwife Clinic Appointments Understanding Your Child: Group for parents 10am - 12pm 25/4 - 11/7	Stay, Weigh & Play 0 - 5 years 1 - 2:30pm Meet the Midwife Opal Team <i>First Friday of each month</i> Understanding your Baby Group for parents with babies aged 0-6mths <i>*baby massage*</i> 12pm - 2pm 17/4 - 07/06
Community Groups & Activities	Understanding your Child with Additional Needs Group for parents St Mary's C of E School, Stoney Ln, Kidderminster DY10 2LX 1 - 3pm 22/4 - 08/7	Understanding your Child with Additional Needs Group for parents Kidderminster Health Centre, Bromsgrove St, Kidderminster DY10 1PG 12 - 2pm 23/4 - 09/7	Understanding your Teen: Group for parents The Stourport High School and Sixth Form Centre, Minster Rd, Stourport-on-Severn DY13 8AX 11am - 1pm 24/4 - 10/7	You can book on to many of our groups using the QR code and link below: https://www.trybooking.com/uk/eventlist/startingwellpartnership	Kinship carers group Half Crown Wood Family Hub Second Friday of each month 9:30am - 11:30pm Find us on Facebook... Starting Well Partnership - Wyre Forest