

Comberton Update

13.9.2024



**Comberton
Primary School**

*A caring community
for all to shine*

Attendance

Years 1-3 Class Winners – Year 1 – Mrs Waters and Miss Haycocks – joint winners! 99.6%

Years 4-6 Class Winners – Year 6 – Miss Jeavons. 98.8%

Congratulations and keep it up!

As I shared last week, the new statutory guidance for attendance is now in force. Below is some key information that you need to be aware of and will be applied from the start of this academic year (1st Sep 2024):

“The national threshold for considering a penalty notice is 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a rolling period of 10 school weeks. This can be met with any combination of unauthorised absence (e.g. 4 sessions of holiday taken in term time plus 6 sessions of arriving late after the register closes all within 10 school weeks). These sessions can be consecutive (e.g. 10 sessions of holiday in one week) or not (e.g. 6 sessions of unauthorised absence taken in 1 week and 1 per week for the next 4 weeks). The period of 10 school weeks can also span different terms or school years (e.g. 2 sessions of unauthorised absence in the Summer Term and a further 8 within the Autumn Term).”

Each parent who is liable for the pupil’s offence can be issued with a penalty notice. If issued a first penalty notice, the parent must pay £80 within 21 days, or £160 within 28 days.

Please note that the fine comes from the Local Authority and **all payments go to the Local Authority and not to the school.**

Learning

All children have made a fabulous start with their learning. Everywhere I turn, the children are working hard and purposefully. Our new phonics groups are up and running across school and teaching videos to support your child’s stage of learning will be coming out very soon. Please do make time to access these with your child as it will accelerate their progress greatly.

I’ve seen some great writing in year 6 already, where the children have been considering their language choices carefully and using similes and metaphors to describe Miss Trunchball from Matilda. Children in Reception have got off to a super start identifying their names, learning new sounds and even writing lists in some cases! Year 2 have already started getting creative practising a range of brush strokes when painting as part of their art learning sequence. 1 week in and several science experiments underway! Year 4 have been exploring the digestive system and year 5 looking at forces. Ask your children for more information!

Dinners

I have been carefully monitoring the school dinners all week and taking feedback from staff, pupils and parents. I am aware that there are concerns with the quality of the food at present. Please rest assured that I am addressing this. I have met with the manager today and there will be some changes from next week. Key Stage 2 will be served fresh food directly from the hot plate (as opposed to in boxes) and portion sizes will be increasing. We are very keen to ensure that our children are fed with high quality food at lunchtime so please bear with me whilst I work with the new caterers to ensure that this is the case.

School Uniform

There are still a few children who are not wearing full school uniform. As per our uniform policy, children must wear:

- White polo shirt or white shirt with school tie (all children wearing a shirt should wear a tie)
- Grey/black trousers, grey shorts, grey pinafore dress or grey skirt
- Royal blue sweatshirt with school logo (crew neck, v-neck or cardigan)
- Optional – summer cotton dress (blue and white stripe or check)
- Sensible black shoes without a heel (boots or trainers are not permitted)
- PE – black/navy shorts, leggings or joggers, white round neck t-shirt, trainers, red/blue fleece
- Black/Grey/white socks or tights

We also request that jewellery is restricted to a watch and stud earrings and no bracelets, necklaces, nail polish or transfer tattoos are worn.

If you have any difficulties sourcing uniform, then please do contact the office as we have plenty of spare uniform and ways in which we can help.

Years 4,5,6, Lockers

Thank you to everyone who has now ensured their child has a drawstring bag for the lockers. This is much appreciated and is certainly making things easier in school. We are awaiting an order for extra drawstring bags to keep in school should anyone need us to help with this.

Open Day

We will be holding our annual open day and evening on Thursday 3rd October for any children who are interested in joining our school in September 2025. Please spread the word to anyone you know who may be interested. The deadline for applications for admissions September 2025 is 15th January 2025.

Reception Phonics Workshops

Thanks to Mrs Waters and Mrs Bentley for leading our phonics parent workshop this week. We hope our new parents found it useful. If you were not able to attend, please see your see-saw accounts for details of the presentation and don't hesitate to speak to the staff for further information.

PTFA Halloween Discos Years 1-6 24th October

Save the date! A letter will be coming out next week with further details. This will include when you can pay on parent pay.

Deadline approaching for Worcestershire residents to apply for a Home Upgrade Grant

The deadline for Worcestershire residents to apply for Government funding to help save energy and make homes warmer is fast approaching. Households wanting to apply for free Home Upgrade Grant funding have until Monday 30 September to make their application. The Home Upgrade Grant scheme (HUG2) is designed to tackle colder homes that do not have mains gas central heating. Homeowners and tenants in Worcestershire could benefit from a variety of measures to help reduce energy bills including internal and external wall insulation, loft and cavity wall insulation, air



source heat pumps, solar panels, draught proofing and many more. Worcestershire County Council is working in partnership with Redditch Borough and Bromsgrove, Malvern Hills and Wychavon District Councils to deliver this programme. Worcester City Council and Wyre Forest District Council are administering their own HUG2 scheme and information can be found on their websites. To qualify, households must not use mains gas to heat their home, have a gross annual income of less than £36,000 with a current Home Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rating of D to G. Funding is also available for landlords in the charity and private rented sector. Those who qualify for the scheme will undergo a free technical survey to determine the most suitable energy efficiency measures. For more information, including full eligibility, and to register your interest visit: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/home-upgrade-grant-scheme-hug2 or contact Act on Energy on their free advice line 0800 988 2881.

Ofsted Registered Multi-Sport Activity Camps for your school families.

Please see the October leaflets for camps running Monday – Friday, 8am – 6pm at *St Catherines CE Primary School, Kidderminster*. Parents can register and login: <https://rbsportsactivities.kidsclubhq.co.uk/login#/auth> If you would like more information about the camps please visit: www.rbholidaycamps.co.uk



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HOLIDAY CAMPS

SAVE 10% BOOK EARLY*

HALL-WEEN
THEME: 31.10.24

28th October - 1st November 2024

Multi-Sports Activity Camp

Hurst Green Primary School (Halesowen), St Josephs Primary School (Stourbridge), Straits Primary School (Gornal), St Catherines CE Primary School (Kidderminster), St Michaels Catholic Primary Academy (Wolverhampton), Hallfield School (Edgbaston)

Book online at rbholidaycamps.co.uk*
Children aged 4-12**

rbholidaycamps.co.uk 0121 695 1394 info@rbholidaycamps.co.uk

Camp Pricing

Timings	5 Day Early Booking Offer*	Standard Prices
Long Day 8am - 6pm	£162	day / £36 5 day week / £180
School Day 9am - 3.30pm	£123.75	day / £27.50 5 day week / £137.50
Half Day** 8am - 12pm 12.30am - 4.30pm	£90	day / £20 5 day week / £100
Half Day** 9am - 12pm / 12.30pm - 3.30pm	£81	day / £18 5 day week / £90

*Early booking offer expires 6th October
**4 year olds can only book half day camps


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Contact us today!
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info@rbholidaycamps.co.uk

Scan the QR code for more information!




Wyre Forest Fire Station Open Day

Bring your friends and family to Wyre Forest Fire Station on 14th September from 11:00 to 15:00 for our open day! Enjoy fire engine rides, displays, fairground rides and more!

#WyreForestOpenDay

Dates Next Week:

Mon 16th Sep	Head from King Charles visiting Year 6
Tues 17th	Swimming for year 5
Weds 18th	8:45 – 9am – Welcome Wednesday. All parents welcome to read in class.
Thurs 19th	
Fri 20th	Violin lessons start Year 6 Football sessions with Kidderminster Harriers

Looking ahead

Tues 24th Sep – y5 trip to Bishops Wood
Tues 24th Sep – Peter Cooper Assemblies
Mon 30th Sep – Visiting athlete – workshops and assembly
Tues 1st Oct – year 1 Falconry visit in school
Thurs 3rd Oct – Open day and evening 6pm
Fri 22nd Oct – School photos
Mon 21st Oct 3:30 – 7pm – Parents Evening
Tues 22nd Oct 3:30 – 5:30pm – Parents Evening
Weds 23rd Oct 3:30 – 5:30pm – Parents Evening
Thurs 24th Oct – PTFA Halloween Discos
Fri 25th Oct – Break up for Half Term