

Comberton Update

4.10.24



**Comberton
Primary School**

*A caring community
for all to shine*

Attendance

Whole School Attendance –

Years 1-3 Class Winners – Year 1 – Miss Haycocks with 97.2% 2nd week in a row!

Years 4-6 Class Winners – Year 6 – Miss Poyner with 98.3%

Congratulations and keep it up!

Learning

The children in Reception have been reading the Smartest Giant in Town to explore adjectives to describe the giant. There has been a whole host of wonderful activities in our newly equipped outdoor area where children have been mark making on the flower mirrors, exploring the giant wooden bug house and venturing inside the outdoor igloo to share stories.



Year 1 were wowed by their visit from the falconry centre where they were up close and personal with a range of birds of prey. They have used this as inspiration for their writing, beginning with rehearsing capital letters for the names of each of the birds.



Year 2 have been investigating the properties of different materials in science. The children amazed me with their accurate use of scientific vocabulary when describing the materials eg transparent, opaque.

Visiting Athlete

We had a truly inspiring and energetic morning on Monday when Jemima Yeats-Brown came to work with us. Jemima is a double Commonwealth medallist and Olympian in Judo. She led the sponsored cardio workout and then talked the children through her sporting journey. The children really took on board her motto of “If I get knocked down, I get back up again.” Thanks to everyone who has been gathering together sponsorships for this – the deadline for sponsorship money to be handed in is Monday 7th October. 60% of the monies raised goes towards sports equipment or activities for our children.



Healthy Snacks

There have been a number of children (in particular from years 3-6) who have been bringing packets of crisps, biscuits and chocolate bars on to the playground for morning break. Please can we ask that all playtime snacks are healthy snacks, preferably fruit. Reception and Key Stage 1 receive free fruit at break time as part of the Government scheme and this healthy snack is what we promote across the whole school. Thanks for your support with this.



Parking

Please ensure you are parking safely and considerately at all times outside of school. This is for the safety and well-being of our children, families and local residents.

Dinners

In order for your child/ren to receive a school meal you will need to have booked it in advance on the **Innovate** ordering system by 11pm on the Saturday for the following week. <https://ifg.kanpla.dk/>
If no meal is booked by this day and time it will be expected that your child/ren will be sent with a packed lunch from home.

If you are unable to order or have not received your link, please email: primary@impactfood.co.uk

KIRFs

To develop your child's fluency and mental maths skills, we are continuing to use Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFS) throughout school.

KIRFS are designed to support the development of mental maths skills that underpin much of the maths work in our school. They are particularly useful when calculating, adding, subtracting, multiplying or dividing. They contain number facts such as number bonds and times tables that need constant practice and rehearsal, so children can recall them quickly and accurately.

Each half term, children will focus on a Key Instant Recall Fact (KIRF). Regular practice - little and often – helps children to retain these facts and keep their skills sharp. They are not designed to be a time-consuming task and can be practised anywhere – in the car, walking to school, etc. **Throughout the half term, the KIRFs will also be practised in school and your child's teacher will assess whether they have been learned.**

Earlier this week, a sheet was sent home (via Parent Mail) which detailed your child's KIRF for Autumn 1 and contained some ideas for ways to practise the skill. Please also see the KIRF section of the school website to download activities.

We hope that you enjoy working alongside your child with this mathematics work.

School Photos

Individual school photos are taking place on Friday 11th October. Please look out for a separate email that has been sent with further details.

Harvest

This year for Harvest, we would like to collect non-perishable food items such as tins and dry goods to donate to Kidderminster Foodbank. We are working in collaboration with Brook Court Care Home to collect items to deliver to the foodbank. Once collected, some of our year 6 pupils will help us take these to Brook Court and hold a short Harvest Service with the residents of the care home.

We can take any final donations from you on Monday.

Vacancies

- Lunchtime Supervisor (11:30-1:15)
- Breakfast Club Playworker (7:30-8:45)

If you are interested in joining our fantastic team and would like to find out more about either of these roles, please contact the school office

School Council News!

Last week, School Council had a meeting together to discuss expected behaviours inside school. We talked about how people should act in the corridors, how we should always walk on the left and how we're not supposed to run in the building.

We also talked about the pumpkin carving competition. It is where you carve a pumpkin and bring it in to have a chance to win a prize.

Finally, we discussed raising money for school and charities over the year.

By Reemus and Lucie (year 6 School Council representatives)

School Council Pumpkin Carving Competition

Fancy yourself as an artist?

Have a go at carving a pumpkin over October half term with the supervision and assistance of an adult.

Bring your named pumpkin to school on Monday 4th November to be judged by School Council who will award prizes to the chosen winners.



Comberton PTFA EVENT

HALLOWEEN School Disco

Thursday 24th October

£3 PER CHILD VIA PARENT PAY

Years 1 and 2 Disco 3.15-4.15pm
Years 3 and 4 Disco 4.30-5.30pm
Years 5 and 6 Disco 5.45-6.45pm

See school letter for full details!
Tickets include drinks and sweets

COME & TRY Netball

TRAINING EVERY TUESDAY

5:30 - 6:30PM	YEAR 6 & UNDER
6:30 - 7:45PM	YEARS 7 - 11
7:45 - 9PM	YEAR 12/13 & ADULTS

CAROLIANS NETBALL CLUB
STOURPORT NETBALL DOME
DY13 8BQ

ALL PLAYER LEVELS WELCOME!

CONTACT SIONESPERCIVAL@AOL.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION



Protect our children!

Parents and guardians: Our kids are now most commonly abused online, via their mobile phones and games consoles. Do you know how to keep your kids safe?

Learn more about the dangers of kids being online and how you can keep them safe. Join our free one hour online parent awareness session to give yourself a head start in an ever changing digital world.

Scan the QR code to find out more about our awareness training and to sign up to one of our free sessions or go to www.westmercia.police.uk/exploitworkshops



Dates Next Week:

Mon 7th Oct	Year 4 to Hindu Temple Harvest food donations – last day Harvest assemblies in school 6TP to Brook Court Care Home
Tues 8th Oct	Year 5 swimming
Weds 9th Oct	8:45 – 9am – Welcome Wednesday. All parents welcome to read in class.
Thurs 10th Oct	Hello Yellow Day – wear yellow in exchange for a donation to YoungMinds
Fri 11th Oct	School Photos Violin and Guitar lessons Year 6 Football sessions with Kidderminster Harriers

Looking ahead

Tues 15th Oct – Year 2 trip to Hartlebury Museum

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

Do you have a child with additional needs?

or, do you need signposting and support for all the family



Join us at WPC or find out more about how we can support your family at www.worcestershireparentcarers.co.uk or scan the QR code



SHOWCASE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

COME ALONG FOR ADVICE AND SUPPORT

DATE: TUESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2024
TIME: 9:30AM - 12PM
LOCATION: WYRE FOREST LEISURE CENTRE, SILVERWOODS WAY, STOURPORT ROAD, KIDDERMINSTER DY11 7DT

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL STARTING WELL PARTNERSHIP ON 01562 827207/01299 877920 OR EMAIL ADMIN.WYREFOREST@BARNARDOS.ORG.UK

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