

Comberton Update

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**Comberton
Primary School**

*A caring community
for all to shine*

Attendance

Whole School Attendance – 95.3%

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

Years 4-6 Class Winners – Year 4 – Mrs Wassall with 99.4% 2nd week in a row!

Congratulations and keep it up!

Learning



It's been a busy first week back in school with some fabulous learning opportunities.

Nursery made breadstick sparklers when learning about bonfire night and Reception enjoyed a visit from the Police as part of their learning about people who help us.

Linked to their science, year 4 children had a visit from a dentist from BrightBites who delivered a lively, interactive presentation about tooth brushing, teeth names and functions, sugar awareness and the importance of regular dental appointments. She provided the children with a range of resources to take home; including toothbrush, tooth paste, tooth brushing charts, stickers and healthy teeth leaflets.



Year 2 have created poppies using a technique called pointillism made famous by the artist Georges Seurat. The poppies will be displayed on a class wreath as an act of remembrance.

St Chad's Christmas Card Competition for Years 1,2,3

Well done to all the children who have sent in entries for this Christmas card competition. These have been collected by representatives from the Church today and they will be making their final decisions over the next few weeks. The winner will be announced by the start of December. I was really impressed by all the designs so I don't know how they are going to choose! Well done everyone!

Anti-bullying week (Kindness week)

Anti-bullying week is taking place next week, Monday 11th- Friday 15th November. This year's theme is 'Choose Respect'.

As part of this, **Odd Socks day** is Tuesday 12th November – this is where we celebrate our differences. If you are able to make a small donation, this will go to the Anti-Bullying Alliance to support their work.

On Friday 15th it's **Children in Need** with the theme of the great SPOTacular. The children can wear anything spotty for the day! We are **not** asking for a donation for this day as the school council have prioritised other charities this year but we would of course pass any donations on that anyone does want to make.



School Council Activities!

Thank you to our wonderful poppy sellers this week who have been busily selling items for Remembrance to raise money for the British Legion.



Thank you to all the children who took part in our pumpkin carving competition – the designs were so original! Ex pupil and school councillor Malachi returned to Comberton as head judge and chose the winners.

Early Years and Key Stage 1

Winner – Thomas – 2HW
 Runner Up – Cory – 1SW

Key Stage 2

Winner – Sophie – 6CJ
 Runner Up – Ethan – 3AH



Maths KIRFS (Key Instant Recall Facts)

Autumn 2 has started and each year group has a new maths KIRF they are learning. KIRFs aim to develop your child's fluency and mental maths skills and the idea is they can instantly recall the knowledge. 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 2 and contained some ideas for ways to practise the skill. Please also see the KIRF section of the school website (Curriculum - Maths - How to help your child at home - KIRFs) to download activities. We hope that you enjoy working alongside your child with this mathematics work.

Attendance Party!

1SH reaped the rewards of their fantastic attendance for 3 consecutive weeks by having an attendance party! There were lots of games and treats enjoyed by all!



Parent Survey

Thank you so much to all those of you who completed our parent survey. Your feedback is really valuable.

Key Headlines:

Question	Response: strongly agree/agree
My child is happy at school	99%
My child feels safe at this school.	99%
This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	99%
My child has been bullied and the school has dealt with this quickly and effectively	95% of those who said their child has been bullied
The school supports my child's wider personal development	97%
School makes me aware of what my child is learning and how well they are doing	86% (10% neither agree/disagree)
My child is making good progress	98%
For parents of a child with SEND: The school supports my child well	99%
When I have raised concerns, they have been dealt with properly	96%
Would you recommend this school to another parent?	99%

There were an overwhelming number of positive comments in relation to the staff team and the quality of the relationships in school. Parents have also commented on how useful the newsletter is in finding out what is going on in school.

We have taken on board the individual comments from parents and will be looking at how these can be addressed; such as streaming communication methods and providing discos for our youngest children. I will also be considering how we can further communicate the learning in each year group to allow you to best support at home.

Thank you again for taking the time to complete this.



OCT/NOV TIMETABLE

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FREE SESSIONS Introduction to Facing Defiance Decreasing Depression	24 OCT 25 NOV
Anxiety Explained	17 OCT
Understanding Anger	21 OCT
Autism: Improving Communication	28 OCT
Introduction to OCD	29 OCT
Improving Family Communication	4 NOV
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	12 NOV
Anxiety Explained	14 NOV
Understanding Anger	18 NOV
Drug Awareness for Parents	19 NOV
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	21 NOV
What is ACT?	26 NOV
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	28 NOV

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November 2024 Newsletter

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Monday 25th Nov 19:00 - 20:00 FREE	 <p>FREE SESSION Decreasing Depression</p> <p>A range of steps that can help to reduce the crippling impact of depression.</p>
Thursday 7th Nov 19:00 - 21:00 £24	 <p>Supporting a Child with ADHD</p> <p>Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.</p>
Tuesday 12th Nov 19:00 - 21:00 £24	 <p>Anxiety-Based School Avoidance</p> <p>Understanding and supporting children who are anxious about school. Steps you can take to help them back into the classroom.</p>
Monday 18th Nov 19:00 - 21:00 £24	 <p>Understanding Anger: Yours and Theirs!</p> <p>What is anger? Why do we have it? How do we manage it in ourselves and in our children?</p>
Thursday 21st Nov 19:00 - 21:00 £24	 <p>Supporting Healthy Screen Use</p> <p>Clarifying the difference between healthy screen use and unhealthy screen use. Addressing concerns about blue light and sedentary behaviour.</p>

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Dates After Half term:

Mon 11th Nov	Kindness Week
Tues 12th Nov	Odd Socks day – wear odd socks with your school uniform. Open the Book assembly Year 5 swimming cancelled
Weds 13th Nov	8:45 – 9am – Welcome Wednesday. All parents welcome to read in class.
Thurs 14th Nov	Year 5 Robotics Workshops
Fri 15th Nov	Children in Need – children may wear spots! KS2 Cross Country event for selected pupils Violin and Guitar lessons Year 6 Football sessions with Kidderminster Harriers

Looking ahead

- Tues 26th Nov – Flu vaccinations
- Thurs 28th Nov – new Nursery stay and play
- Thurs 5th Dec – PTFA Film night – 3:15 – 4:15 Nursery and Reception, 4:30 – 5:30 KS1 and 2
- Tues 10th Dec – 9:30 and 2:30 Year 2 Christmas Play
- Weds 11th Dec – 9:30 and 2:30 Year 1 Christmas Play
- Thurs 12th Dec – 9:30am Reception Christmas Play
- Tues 17th Dec – 6pm Year 5&6 carol concert
- Weds 18th Dec – 6pm Year 3&4 carol concert
- Weds 18th Dec – Christmas Dinner
- Fri 20th Dec – Year 6 to Boing Zone
- Friday 20th Dec – Break up for Christmas