

Comberton Update

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**Comberton
Primary School**

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for all to shine*

Attendance

Whole School Attendance – 95.2%

Unfortunately, this is slowly falling and whilst we know that there are a certain amount of germs that come with the winter months, it's also really important that children are still coming to school on time every day whenever they can. If your child is a little under the weather, then please let your child's class teacher know so that they can monitor them carefully and will call you if they feel they are too unwell to stay. Children often perk up once they are in with their friends!

It is only sickness bugs where we have a strict 48 hour policy in line with NHS guidance. Children must not return to school until 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.

Years 1-3 Class Winners – Year 1 – Mrs Waters with 95.7%

Years 4-6 Class Winners – Year 4 – Mrs Wassall with 98.7% - 4th week in a row! WOW!

Congratulations and keep it up!

Learning

Across the school children have been experimenting with a new resource that we have invested into called 'digimaps'. We are focussing on developing children's map skills in geography and this is a fantastic online resource that enables children to see a whole range of maps in a fully interactive way. Mrs Larkman (geography lead) and Mrs Hartley (curriculum lead) have been visiting classrooms this week and seen digimaps in action – the children were loving it and it promoted excellent discussions around view point, grid references, landmarks, land use, scale, keys and much more.



If you have access to an atlas or globe at home, then do look at this with your child as children seem to love maps!

Year 2 have also been demonstrating their skills as budding scientists this week when testing to see which material is the most absorbent to create an astro-nappy!

Uniform

We are seeing an increasing number of children coming to school not wearing full school uniform, including children wearing trainers. It is so important that children come to school and feel a sense of pride and belonging and uniform is a really crucial part of this.

PE kit is only to be plain black or navy leggings or jogging bottoms, white t-shirt and a school fleece or jumper.

We are currently investing in a significant number of school shoes, so that we are able to loan correct uniform for the day, should the children not be attending in this. If you have any pre-loved uniform or shoes that you can donate, then this would be much appreciated. We are in particular need of joggers, school trousers and shoes.

Should you require any of our current pre-loved stock then please pop to office and we will do our best to help.

School Uniform Shop

We have heard from the School Uniform Shop in Kidderminster who have shared that they cannot continue trading. They will be closing on Tuesday 10th December 2024. They are half pricing all of our uniform so this would be a great opportunity to stock up at a bargain price.

We are in the process of liaising with several other uniform companies and will let you know as soon as our new provider is arranged.

The Worcestershire Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme is back for winter 2024!

During the school holidays, eligible families can book FREE holiday activities, family passes and events through the programme.

Funded by the Department for Education, HAF is primarily for children in receipt of benefits related Free School Meals aged 5-16, however, the programme does support other children and young people otherwise considered vulnerable (including LAC, SEND and refugee status).

Families can search and book activities through the HAF booking site. If you would like any support with this then please get in touch.

More information about the programme is available on the Worcestershire County Council website [here](#) or you can contact the HAF Team at providers@hafworcestershire.co.uk

Photo – Mop Up Session

The photographers are back on Wednesday 27th November to take photographs of any children that were absent for their last visit.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 13th December, children are invited to come to school wearing Christmas jumpers. We are finalising with the school council which charity we will be raising money for. Any donations will be welcomed.

PTFA Raffle

The PTFA will be raising money for a whole school pantomime trip 2025 with their Christmas raffle. Tickets will be available to purchase via parent pay or at our Christmas plays. They have worked hard to secure some fantastic prizes!



Dates next week:

Mon 25th Nov	
Tues 26th Nov	Peter Cooper Assemblies Flu vaccinations
Weds 27th Nov	8:45 – 9am – Welcome Wednesday. All parents welcome to read in class. Mop-up photographs
Thurs 28th Nov	new Nursery stay and play
Fri 29th Nov	Violin and Guitar lessons Year 6 Football sessions with Kidderminster Harriers

Looking ahead

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

Thurs 12th Dec – 11am Selected children to see Panto at Brook Court

Fri 13th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day

Mon 16th Dec - Thurs 12th Dec – 11am Selected children to see Panto at Brook Court

Mon 16th Dec – Year 5 to see King Charles show

Tues 17th Dec – 9-10:30am Nursery stay and sing

Tues 17th Dec – 6pm Year 5&6 carol concert

Weds 18th Dec – 6pm Year 3&4 carol concert

Weds 18th Dec – Christmas Dinner

Thurs 19th Dec – Year 6 to sing at Brook Court

Fri 20th Dec – Year 6 to Boing Zone

Friday 20th Dec – Break up for Christmas