COMBS FORD NEWS

Friday 20th November- Issue 11



Be the best that you can be!

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE WINNERS

Bears – 100%

Happy Friday everyone!

Year 4's DT Day

On Thursday, Year 4 had their Autumn term DT day. They were tasked with creating a 'Mindful Moments Timer'. Their learning involved looking at examples, designing and programming a Micro:bit timer and creating their own 3D casing for this. The children had a great time and we were so impressed with their programming skills and perseverance shown throughout this.



Busy Polar Bears and Panda Bears!

The children in EYFS have had a busy couple of weeks. Last week, lots of families joined them for a phonics cafe. The children enjoyed showing their special people what Brilliant Bookworms they were.

This week, they have learnt all about Diwali. They have enjoyed making Rangoli patterns, learning some Bhangra dancing, reading the story of Rama and Sita and writing Happy Diwali cards. They love to be Exceptional Explorers!

We are so proud of how brilliantly our Pandas and Polar Bears have embraced reading! Everyone has been working so hard and showing what brilliant bookworms they are. We are very delighted that every child now has their very own reading book to take home and enjoy!





Bikeability Year 5!

The first year 5 children received their loan bikes as part of our pledge for everyone to learn how to ride a bike in Year 5. Later in the year, all the children in Year 5 will participate in Bikeability using their own or hired bikes. It is very exciting!



Fun in Year 2

Badgers and Otters have been working hard on learning how to add two 2-digit numbers using Base 10 to support their learning.

In our Curious Quest lessons this week, the children have been inventuring 'Machines to help out in Castle Life' - Can you guess what these inventions might be used for?





KS1 Wellbeing Workshop

We had some wonderful feedback from our Wellbeing Workshop this week:

“We learnt to work as a team.”

“We had fun and enjoyed being outside.”

“We are going to do more outside activities not just looking but doing.”

“We are going to continue going to the woods and making things.”

“We enjoyed making leaf bracelets and wooden wonders.”

Please can we remind KS2 families that there are still slots available for next week’s session!



Year 4’s Drama Workshop

Last Friday, Year 4 were lucky enough to take part in a drama and writing workshop, led by Stowmarket Youth Theatre. The session was based on Grimm's Tales, with a focus on Little Red Riding Hood. The pupils engaged in drama-based games and exercises and were encouraged to explore the themes, settings and characters within the story. Afterwards they worked in teams to plan and perform their own version of the story, with a modern twist, which they then performed in front of the class. We had such a great time and would like to thank Stowmarket Youth Theatre for their visit and for bringing so much fun and enthusiasm.



Rainbow Raffle

Friends of Combs Ford are putting together hampers ready to be raffled off for Christmas, but they need your help. Donations of non-perishable items would be gratefully received, including sweets, biscuits, toys, stationery, toiletries and drinks. A little reminder: Alcohol donations must not be sent in with children. If you'd like to donate alcohol, please drop it directly into the school office.

Each year group has been tasked with a colour to fill their hamper full of goodies:

EYFS = Red
Year 1 = Orange



Year 2 = Yellow
Year 3 = Green
Year 4 = Blue
Year 5 = Purple
Year 6 = Gold or Silver

The deadline for donations is **Friday 27th November**. For inspiration, please join the Friends of Combs Ford Facebook group.
Raffle ticket sales will go live in the first week of December.

Reading Corner 📖

🎉 We have won a competition and the prize is 50 new books for the library! The prize includes an amazing selection of books from classics like 'Wind In The Willows' to graphic novels and non-fiction texts. These books will be on the library shelves soon, ready for children to borrow.



The library now has a folder full of book recommendations to help children find their next read. If they're not sure what to read but have enjoyed a book in the past, there are posters to give suggestions of other similar books that they might like.

Look out in next week's Friday Update for an exciting book related event throughout December!
Happy Reading
Mrs Oakley 📚

Tinsel and Tales Club

The Tinsel and Tales Club have been crafting away, whilst listening to audio books, to make the decorations for our tree at the Christmas Tree Festival. Our carol was Silent Night and the children have created clay stars, paper baubles, headphones and Silent Night music moons and paper chains. There are hundreds of beautifully decorated trees in the church and at other venues around the town. The Festival opens on Friday 27th December and runs until Christmas Eve and it is well worth a visit.



DfE Healthy Schools Award!

Children across the school completed the Active Lives Survey last summer and we have just found out that we received a Bronze award in the DFE Healthy Schools Rating Scheme! 😎



School Tours

If you know or have a child starting school in September 2027, please consider spreading the word about coming to Combs for a tour of the school!



Dates for the Diary

Key: (new) (change of date/time)

Suffolk Family Workshop for Year 3-6 Families - Tuesday 24th November (1.15pm)
Year 2 DT Afternoon – Tuesday 24th November (PM)
Years 1-6 Parents Evening 1 – Tuesday 1st December (3.30pm-6.30pm)
Year 5 DT Morning – Wednesday 2nd December (9am-11am)
Rock Steady Concert- Thursday 10th December (Invite Only-pm)
Years 1-6 Parents Evening 2 – Thursday 10th December (3.30pm-6.30pm)
Year 6 World War 2 Day- Friday 11th December (parents invited into school 9am-10am)
Year 4 Christmas Crafternoon with families – Friday 11th December (1.30-3pm)
EYFS Christmas Show – Monday 14th December (9.30am)
Key Stage 1 Christmas Concert – Tuesday 15th December (9.30am)
CET Christmas Concert (Combs Choir) – Tuesday 15th December (7pm)
Key Stage 1 Christmas Concert – Wednesday 16th December (1.45pm)
Dick Whittington at the Theatre Royal- Thursday 17th December Years 4, 5, 6 (Morning Performance)

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Wesley, Mrs Aldred, Miss Fuller
Combs Leadership Team

