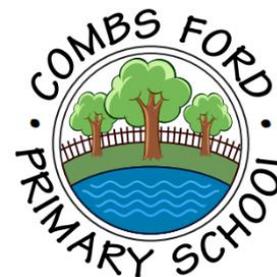


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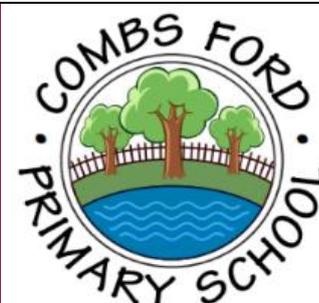
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Combs Ford Primary School News

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Friday 6th March- Issue #24

Weekly Attendance

Winners:

Otters 99.6%

Happy Friday!

World Book Day

We had a fantastic day yesterday celebrating World Book Day! The children brought in their favourite books to share, sparking lots of excitement and conversations about stories they love.

Throughout the day, the children took part in a variety of fun activities linked to books and storytelling. One of the highlights was visiting our pop-up book shop in the school library, where they proudly used their World Book Day tokens to choose a new book to take home. During breaktime and lunchtime, they enjoyed decorating our school 'graffiti wall,' filling it with their chosen books, creating a bright and colourful celebration of reading.

It was wonderful to see everyone dressed up as book characters, enjoying stories, and celebrating the joy of reading. The whole day had a fantastic atmosphere and truly captured the magic of books and pleasure of reading.



Gym Trail Update!

We are very excited to share that gym trail building will begin next Wednesday 11th March and should be completed by Friday 13th March! Due to the location of where it is being built and the access which is required from the building company, the school's back gate will be out of action for these three days. We are sorry for any inconvenience caused.



Eco Schools

This year, our school has made the decision to work towards the Eco-Schools Green Flag accreditation. With the world beginning to experience the effects of climate change - from different species of plant and animals becoming extinct, to micro-plastics being found in the most remote locations on Earth -



now, is the time to take action. The Eco-Schools programme empowers young people to create positive change by taking a lead on environmental actions and projects in their school and local community.

Mrs Sobrino has assembled an eco-committee and they're looking forward to meeting next week. We look forward to soon sharing some exciting developments...

Year 2

Badgers and Otters loved going into our forest school area to build bug hotels when learning about microhabitats in science this week!



Busy Bear Cubs

The Bear Cubs explored beaches following our focus story 'The Koala Who Could'. The children were very excited to discover our beach themed area in the classroom, where they enjoyed learning about new locations and using their imaginations to create their own seaside adventures.



Parents' Evening

A final reminder that Parents' Evenings are **Thursday 19th and Monday 23rd March** and will run from **3.30pm-6.30pm**. Please book your appointment on Arbor.



Police Awareness Update

We are writing to make you aware of a social media trend, sometimes referred to as "Red vs Blue School Wars," which has been reported in some areas of England.

This trend involves posts on platforms such as TikTok and Snapchat that name schools and encourage pupils to gather after school, sometimes implying confrontations between groups of students. Many of these posts appear to be rumours or attempts to provoke reactions online. Nonetheless, schools and the police are monitoring the situation and promoting awareness to help keep young people safe.

We would like to reassure you that there are currently no specific concerns relating to our school. However, we feel it is important to share this information so that we can work together to promote pupil safety and responsible online behaviour.

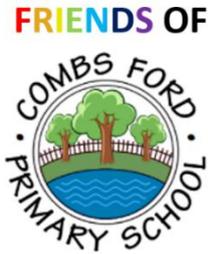
How You Can Help

We kindly ask parents and carers to:

- Talk with your child about safe and responsible use of social media
- Remind them not to engage with or share harmful or distressing content
- Encourage them to report anything worrying to a trusted adult
- Reinforce the importance of travelling safely to and from school

Please reassure your child that if they see posts or images suggesting school-related conflict, they should not respond or share them, but instead report them to the school.



<p><u>Community Links</u> 'I'll Be There For You' offer a range of personalised companionship services designed to bring joy, engagement and support into the lives of the elderly within Stowmarket and Ipswich. Their approach is focused on creating meaningful connections and addressing individual with care and empathy. Head to www.illbethereforyou.co.uk for more information.</p>	
<p><u>Friends of Combs Ford Primary</u> We are very excited that some family members have come forward to help start a fundraising group for the school. They have set up a 'Friends of Combs Ford Primary School' Facebook group and would like all family members to join this Facebook page if possible!</p>	
<p><u>Playing on school grounds</u> Please can we politely ask that children don't play in the woodland area of the school or on the school field before or after school. Thank you.</p>	
<p><u>Office Hours</u> Please can we remind families that our school Office hours are 8.30am-4.30pm Monday-Thursday and 8.30am-4pm on Fridays. Thank you.</p>	

Dates for the Diary

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

- Year 2 trip to Lackford Lakes – Thursday 12th March (All day)
- EYFS Mango Tea Party – Thursday 12th March (2.30pm)
- Bags 2 School – Monday 16th March
- Year 3 Ancient Egypt Activity Afternoon with Families- Monday 16th March (2pm)
- Year 4 Easter Craft Afternoon with Families- Wednesday 18th March (1.20 PM)
- Year 1 at Colchester Zoo - Wednesday 18th March (All Day)
- Parents Evening- Thursday 19th March
- Easter Disco- Friday 20th March (Years 1,2,3 – 4.30pm and Years 4, 5 and 6 - 6pm)
- Parents Evening- Monday 23rd March
- Year 1 DT Puppet Making Afternoon- Monday 23rd March (1.30pm)
- Family Forum- Tuesday 24th March (2.45pm)**
- Year 2 DT Afternoon with Families- Wednesday 25th March (1.20pm-3.20pm)
- Year 3 Norwich Castle Trip- Thursday 26th March (All Day)
- Year 6 SATS Easter School- Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th April (8.45am-Midday)

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Wesley, Mrs Aldred, Miss Fuller
 Combs Leadership Team

