COMBS FORD NEWS

Friday 16th October- Issue 7



Be the best that you can be!

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE WINNERS

Badgers and Panda Bears- 100%!

Happy Friday everyone!

Holiday/absence requests

Going forward from Monday, rather than filling a blue paper form, all families requesting holiday or special absence from school will be required to complete an online form. This will be found on our school website under Families > Attendance. The link for the form is at the bottom of that webpage.
https://www.combsfordprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Attendance&pid=89



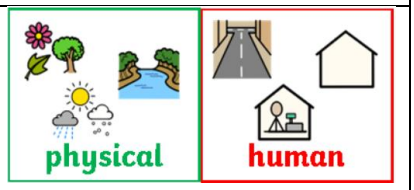
Arbor Issues

We are currently experiencing issues with Arbor, so please can we ask all families to check their Junk Email boxes for any missed emails. We will look to get this issue fixed as soon as possible.



Year 1's Geography Walk

On Monday, Year 1 went for a walk around Combs to support our Geography learning about human and physical features. As we explored the local area, the children used their signs to decide whether the features they spotted were human or physical. They listened carefully, walked sensibly, and showed a good understanding of their learning.
A big thank you to all the parents who accompanied us and helped make the walk such a success.



School Uniform Update

The latest prices for school uniform are now available on our school website.



Goodbye, Mrs Chapman!

We are very sad to say that Mrs Chapman will be leaving Combs Ford Primary this term. Mrs Chapman has worked at Combs since 2021 and has been a teaching assistant in Key Stage 1 as well as working with families as part of our pastoral team. She will be sorely missed but will always be welcome back at Combs whenever she gets the chance to visit! We wish her all the very best for the future!



Library Update

Miss Lehocs entered the Pageticker's Black History Month book giveaway and won a great bundle of brand new books. Alongside this, we also received a bundle of InvestiGATORS books from a member of staff which will no doubt be popular. All of these will be available to borrow from our wonderful school library!



Fantastic Footballers

On Tuesday, a team of eight Year 5 and 6 girls took part in the GVTSSP Football Competition. For six of the girls, playing in competitive matches was a brand-new experience, and they were incredibly excited to represent the school. We were extremely proud of the determination, resilience and team spirit they showed throughout the event. A special mention goes to the girls who bravely stepped into goal and did a fantastic job. We faced a very experienced team in our opening match and, despite a tough start, worked hard throughout the game, eventually losing 4–1. In our second match, K was outstanding in goal, helping the team keep the score to just 1–0 against the eventual group winners. The girls finished the tournament on a high with a well-deserved 2–0 victory in their final match. They made fantastic progress as the competition went on, growing in confidence with every game. Most importantly, the girls were excellent ambassadors for the school and had a wonderful time taking part. Well done to all involved!



On Thursday afternoon, the Year 3/4 boys took part in the Under 9's football tournament at Stowupland High School. They worked so well as a team and gave each other lots of encouragement, improving every game! We lost the first match 2-0, before then winning 1-0 and 3-1 in the following two games! Their behaviour was immaculate and we are so proud of how they performed!



Reading Corner

Virtual Author Visit with Rod Biddulph

On Wednesday 14th October, Year 5 and 6 joined Rob Biddulph as part of a virtual author visit. They loved listening to a chapter from his new book 'The Last Wolf' and lots of children are keen to read his latest book. Some of the children remembered doing 'Draw with Rob' sessions via You Tube in lockdown and they all really enjoyed taking part in a live 'Draw with Rob' session. We have a copy of 'The Last Wolf' in the library for children to borrow.



As well as a wide range of children's books, there are lots of different 'Draw with Rob' videos online and Rob has even published books helping children to become confident at drawing.
My favourite Rob Biddulph books are 'Odd Dog Out' and for older readers the 'Peanut Jones' series.
Happy reading!
Mrs Oakley

Year 3 French Café

On Tuesday 13th October, Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed a French Learning Together Cafe with their parents. The session started with an introduction to the Rigolo scheme of work, an interactive resource which helps the children learn the French language. Then, all were able to enjoy a carousel of activities which covered days, months, numbers to 20, how to order food in a French cafe and how to give directions. They were then able to sample French baguette, croissant and pain au chocolat. A great time was had by all!



Family Forum Feedback

Thank you so much to the parents who came to Wednesday's Family Forum. The feedback received was extremely helpful and we will work hard here to keep improving communication and home learning at Combs. If you are unsure which team colour your child is in, please click on their Arbor profile and you will see the team colour and name in the app.

Family Forum

Open Mornings, Afternoons and Evenings!

If you know or have a child starting school in September 2027, please consider spreading the word or coming along to one of our Open Sessions this term!

Below is our Open Sessions poster with more details of the various dates we have available. If you're unable to make any of these, please contact the office as we love showing families around the school!





Dates for the Diary

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

Year 4 Burwell House Residential- Monday 19th October – Tuesday 20th October
EYFS Parents Evenings – Wednesday 21st October and Thursday 22nd October (3.30-6.30pm)
Year 1 Phonics Information Session – Wednesday 21st October (AM)
School Photographer- Individual and Sibling Photos (Friday 23rd October)
HALF TERM – Monday 26th October
EYFS Phonics Café – Thursday 12th November (2.30pm)
Suffolk Family Workshop for EYFS-Year 2 Families - Tuesday 17th November (1.15pm)
Suffolk Family Workshop for Year 3-6 Families - Tuesday 24th November (1.15pm)
Years 1-6 Parents Evening 1 – Tuesday 1st December (3.30pm-6.30pm)
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)
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

