



# Comber Grove Primary School Weekly Newsletter Spring Term 1

Friday, 02<sup>nd</sup> February 2024



## A message from our Headteacher

Dear Comber Grove families,

### Year 4 MTC (Multiplication Tables Check)

Thank you to the Year 4 parents who attended the Year 4 MTC Meeting this week. More information can be found on the school website at hyperlink below:

[Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check \(MTC\) – Comber Grove Primary School](#)

### Year 6 SATS

More information about the Year 6 SATs can be found on the school website on the hyperlink below:

[SATs 2024 – Comber Grove Primary School](#)

### NSPCC Number Day- Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

We will be celebrating NSPCC **Number Day** on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024. Staff are in the process of planning very exciting activities for the day! Everyone is encouraged to wear creative Maths clothing/costume!

### HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB (CASP)

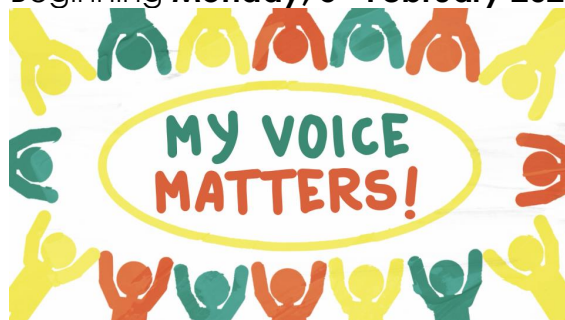
Limited places available for **Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024!**

### Parent Meetings!

**Wednesday, 07<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 9:30am**- Year 1 Phonics Test

### Children's Mental Health Week:

Beginning **Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024**



Have a restful weekend!

*Lorram Black and Staff of Comber Grove Primary School*

## Key Dates:

**01/02/2024-** Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

**02/02/2024-** NSPCC Number Day

**Monday, 05/02/2024 to Friday, 09/02/2024-** Children's Mental Health Week

**06/02/2024-** Safer Internet Day

**06/02/2024-** Education Committee Meeting at 8:30am

**06/02/2024-** Height and Weight (Reception and Year 6) at 9:30am

**07/02/2024-** Year 1 Phonics Test Meeting at 9:30am

**Monday, 12/02/2024 to Friday, 16/02/2024**  
**February Half term**

**Beginning of Spring Term 2:**  
**Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**20/02/2024-** Resources Committee Meeting at 8:30am

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## ATTENDANCE and PUNCTUALITY!!!

Comber Grove Primary School is continuing to focus on **attendance** and **punctuality** and we are writing to remind you that we expect children's attendance to be at **95.6%** or above this is in line with government and Southwark expectations too.

Currently we remain **significantly below** this and need your continuing support to ensure we hit this extremely important mark.

**THANK YOU SO MUCH** to those families who have been working hard to ensure children's punctuality and attendance is high.

**THANK YOU** for getting these important habits established early on in your child's life as it will make a difference in the future. We really do appreciate that you come rain or shine and with young families to get to school on time so that children can begin learning on time and so that other children's learning isn't affected by late comers. There is a link between attendance and achievement and therefore it is very important that your child attends school every day.

### Why is good attendance and punctuality important?

Education lays the vital foundations of a child's life.

Regular and punctual attendance at school is key to both academic and social development, which in turn will improve the life chances of children and young people.

### What does 90% attendance mean?

- **90% attendance** = ½ school day missed every week!
- **One school year at 90%** = 4 weeks of learning missed!
- **Over 5 school years** = ½ school year missed!
- All children nationally whose attendance is **90% or below** are considered to be **persistent absentees**.

### Punctuality matters too!

**Missed minutes = missed learning = missed opportunities**

As a school, we are aware lateness can severely affect achievement.

We monitor punctuality closely and have strategies in place to address lateness.

Awareness of the impact of lateness is raised with pupil, staff and parents.

Registration begins at 8:50am and all pupils are expected to be in their classroom at this time.

Pupils arriving after this time will be marked as present but arriving late (L).

On arrival after the close of register, pupils must sign in through the office to ensure we can be responsible for their health and safety whilst they are in school.

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**Well Done and Thank You to everyone who has helped reduce our absences and cooperation with procedures required by the DFE.**

**A reminder about these is outlined below.**

- If your child is unwell, please call the school office by 9:30am on the day that they are absent.**
- On your child's return to school please bring a note to the office explaining why your child was absent.**
- If your child is absent directly before or after a holiday you will need to bring medical proof to support the absence.**
- Please avoid making dental/medical appointments for your child during the school day: if an appointment is necessary, please show your appointment card (preferably in advance) to Miss Yazmyn in the school as evidence for this absence.**
- Holidays during term time will NOT be authorised**
- Any unauthorised absence may result in a penalty notice of £60.00 per parent per child from The London Borough of Southwark Education services.**
- If your child's attendance falls below 90% the school will invite you to a meeting to discuss this.**
- The school day begins at 8:45am and doors close at 8:55am.**



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# Parent Meeting



Thursday,



08<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
at 9am



**Councillor Jasmine Ali**  
*(Deputy Leader and Cabinet  
Member for Children, Education and  
Refugees)*

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facility will  
be  
available  
for all  
children!



**Alasdair Smith**  
*(Director Children and Families  
– Southwark Children & Adults  
Services)*

- Your voice is important!
- Your opinion counts!
- Share your views about the consultation process!
- Was the consultation clear, and were your views taken into account?
- Did you feel listened to?
- Was the information shared with you in plain, clear language?

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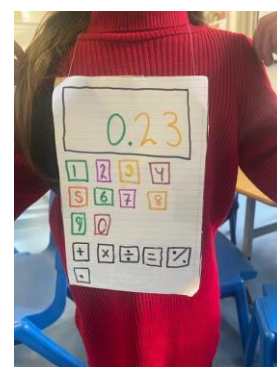
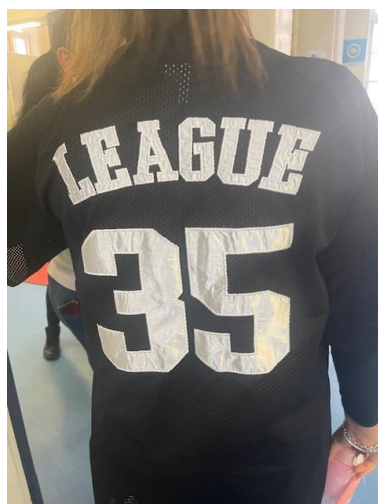
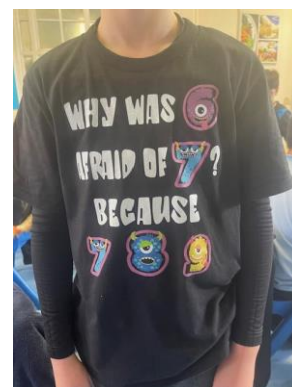




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## Number Day 2024



Thank you to Mr Oke for organising a very exciting NSPCC Number Day!  
The children and adults enjoyed exploring numbers in Art, Music, Design,  
Maths and English!  
Everyone enjoyed their Numbered Day today!  
Keep on counting!!!

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## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!!!



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*every student, every day*

## Attendance Winners

School Target: 95.6%

This week's attendance: 87.9%

Group	Present	Comment:
Nursery David Bowie	89.2%	Cause for Concern
Reception Aderin-Pocock	90.6%	Requires improvement
Year 1 Benjamin Zephaniah	81.4%	Cause for Concern
Year 2 David Attenborough	87%	Cause for Concern
Year 3 Mo Farah	87.9%	Cause for Concern
Year 4 Marcus Rashford	86.5%	Cause for Concern
Year 5 Mae Jemison	91.1%	Requires improvement
Year 6 Olive Morris	90%	Requires improvement

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Child's name	Age	Class
Michelle	11	Olive Morris
Raiyan	11	Olive Morris



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## Parent/ Carer Information and Support

# Children's Mental Health Week

week beginning Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024.  
The theme this year is 'My Voice Matters'.



- My Voice Matters is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves.
- When we feel empowered, there's a positive impact on our wellbeing. Children who feel that their voices are heard and can make a difference have a greater sense of community and self-esteem.
- This year, we want children of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to be empowered to work together to create a positive change for their mental health and wellbeing.
- During Children's Mental Health Week, we want all children and young people to be able to say – and believe - "My Voice Matters."

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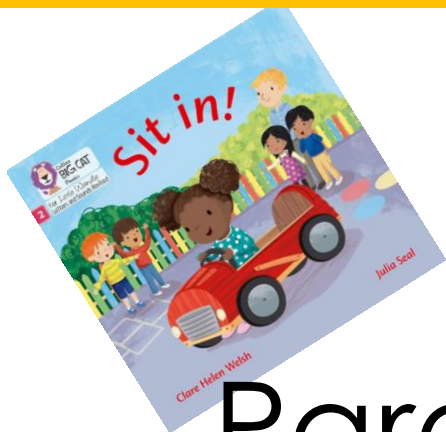
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# Phonics

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**Wednesday,**  
**7<sup>th</sup> February 2024**  
**at 9:30am.**



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**'Happy Chinese New Year'**  
**Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**CELEBRATE**  
**Chinese New Year**

**Thursday 8th February 2024**

Szechuan Chicken  
Pan Fried Fish  
Oriental Noodles with Sweet Chilli  
Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings

Fried Rice  
Braised Carrots with Sweetcorn  
Salad Selection

Chocolate Flavoured Ice Cream  
Seasonal Fresh Fruit

**HARRISON**  
food with thought

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