

Welcome Back!

The season of mists and mellow fruitfulness is upon us and it is a pleasure to welcome faces, old and new, to school. I hope you enjoy catching-up on what has been a busy start to the new school year.

Through the Keyhole...

Let's have a look inside one of our KS2 classes.
Can anyone guess what it is they are learning?



What are they writing?

Topaz Class take a step back in Time.

Topaz class enjoyed a trip to The Imperial War Museum at Duxford as part of their World War 2 topic. It was a quick bus ride down the M11 to discover the reconstructed Watch Office and relive an air raid on the airfield in the 1940s Operations Room.



Searchlights at Duxford.

The class also visited St John the Evangelist Church in Cambridge to see the latest exhibition by the Church Schools of Cambridge. The exhibition explored the theme of creation told through the lives of three remarkable people from different times: Job, Hildegard of Bingen and Wangari Maathai.



The patience of Job



Hildegard of Bingen



Nobel laureate Wangari Maathai

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

The school took part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning on Friday 28th September when we flung open our doors to the friends of the school who came to enjoy a lovely cup of "real" coffee and a delicious piece of cake. Before the doors opened the school was bustling with staff, many of whom came in on their day off, to help set up the hall ready to welcome our many visitors.



The children joined their mums, dads, grannies, aunties and visitors and chatted with them as they wolfed down the cakes purchased with their £1.00 donation.

Staff donated tea, coffee, milk and, of course, cakes. We are hugely thankful to all of you who baked and bought cakes. We are particularly grateful to Catherine Seale, Becky Lewis, Zoe Petrides, Karen Chandler and Steph Gibbons who gave up their time to make and serve the coffee and tea, and then wash -up and help prepare the hall for the lunchtime rush; to Paula Hain for lending us the urn and to Jaime Crowe, Chair of our wonderful PTA, who provided us with the float- a necessity in a cashless school! Without your support we would not be able to do it. Thank you all.

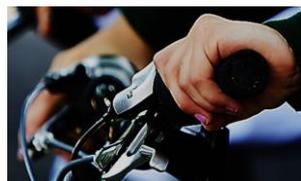
We will let you know how much money was raised.

Bikeability!

You may have spotted a larger than usual group of cyclist in the village earlier this month. The year six children under took "Bikeability" training. Bikeability is about gaining practical skills and understanding how to cycle on



today's roads and giving everyone the skills and confidence for all kinds of cycling. There are different Bikeability levels, each designed to improve cycling skills, no matter what is known already. All our year 6 children passed Level 1 and most passed Level 2. Level 1 gives the children the skill to ride their bikes with excellent control and share the space with pedestrians and cyclists. Level 2 enables the children to use single lane roads and junctions.



It is delightful that so many of the children scooter or cycle to school. We have reminded them that they should dismount from their cycles and scooters in the grounds. We ask that you support us by reinforcing the message that the children should not cycle or ride their scooters on the grass and walkways at the front of the school.

The Wonderful PTA!

The PTA would like to hear from you if you have any time to spare. Joining the PTA is one way to become part of the beating heart of the school. Details of the new parent welcome evening will be sent out next week. Everyone is welcome



Keep your diary free for the spookiest event of the year...



Spooky Bingo!



Friday 19th October, 2018

A Huge Thank You!

We have received a very generous donation from a family in our school community. We are hugely grateful and will inform you when we have decided how best to use the money. School budgets generally, and small school budgets in particular, are increasingly being squeezed. I would encourage you to support all PTA events and I would never discourage anyone who wanted to make a donation to the school, however small.

Some reminders:

- Year 6 parents: please return Hilltop forms as soon as possible.
- 5th October: Dillon's Cake Sale for the Orang-utan Foundation. Please donate cakes!
- 10th October: school photographs
- 11th October, 9.30am: **open** morning for new parents and carers at 9.30 am
- 15th and 16th October: parent consultations- please remember to sign up. The forms are in the foyer.
- 17th October: Emerald Class trip to West Stow
- Monday 22nd – Friday 25th October : Half Term
- 17th of October: information evening re training to teach in Primary or Secondary schools at Comberton Village College
- 19th October: Harvest Festival
- 19th October: PTA- Spooky Bingo!
- 30th October: KS2 SATs meeting for Year 6 children, parents and carers
- 5th November: Bonfire Night lunch in school
- 8th November: 11th October, 9.30am: Open morning for new parents and carers at 9.30am
- Tuesday 3rd- Friday 16th November: Year 6 trip to Hilltop
- 12th and 13th December: EYFS and KS1 Nativity (Amethyst and Ruby Class) from 10.00am
- 13th December: Christmas Lunch
- 19th December: end of term.
- 3rd and 4th January: school closed for staff training
- 7th January 2019: school reopens for children