

December 2020

Dear parent/carers,

It is with a very heavy heart that we had to close the school from Monday 14th December and we will reopen to children on Tuesday 5th January. The school will be open on Monday 4th January for visits of the new children.

We had been so well across the School and Children's Centre but we have now had a few positive cases within the staff team and therefore other staff members have to self-isolate. With this in mind we were unable to open without enough of our key staff.

Sadly, this does mean that all children will need to isolate now as both bubbles have a positive case.

Keep us informed

As a school we have a duty to track and trace any new positive cases of Covid-19 until the 23rd December. We would ask that if your child tests positive that you send the positive confirmation to the school as soon as possible. We will be monitoring the email address on a daily basis. admin@comet.hackney.sch.uk

Christmas at Comet



We are so sad that the children were not able to perform their Christmas singalong, or get to have their party but many of them did have their Christmas lunch on Friday. We hope to have some videos for you over the holiday so go to our website to have a look. Sam is already there with a festive activity and song for you, just look under 'Christmas

Home Learning' on www.cometnurseryandcc.co.uk/website

Also look out for ideas on our Facebook page (@Cometnurseryschool) and Instagram (@cometnurseryschoolandcc) as we will be adding home learning activities, links and information as we have them.

Moving to Reception Class in September

If your child is born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 they will be due to move to Primary School in September 2021. We have sent out the Hackney Education guide and would urge you to look at the dates for submission. All applications are completed online.

Usually I would be urging you to go and visits the schools of your choice and some may still be doing some visits. Please contact the schools of your choice to see what they are offering at the moment. It is important to make an informed decision about the best school for your child so take some time to look at their websites, Ofsted reports and speak to other parents who may have children in that school.

For more information please look on the Hackney website

https://education.hackney.gov.uk/content/primary-before-you-apply?guidebook=188

CLOSING DATE – FRIDAY 15th JANUARY 2021

How can we help?

If you are experiencing any difficulties, however small, over the Christmas holidays please contact us on the admin email address admin@comet.hackney.sch.uk We will be



monitoring the email address over the holiday and we will see if we can help or sign post you to someone else who can.

Children's Centre News

The Children's Centre is also closed and will reopen on Tuesday 5th January. Please go to our website and social media to see the new timetable.

And finally......

We know it has been a very challenging year for us all and the children have missed out on so much but we hope we have managed to give them some normality and lots of fun and learning in the last term. We look forward to a happier, healthier new year where we can return to a life where we all feel safe and can see our loved ones.

Have a great christmas whatever you are doing and lets be hopeful for a fantastic 2021.

Lisa, Kerri and the Comet team x

Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2021

Tuesday 5th January – children return to school Monday 8th February – Chinese New Year (Year of the Ox)

15th – 19th February – Half term

Monday 22nd February – children return to school

Monday 1st March - Book Week

Thursday 4th March – World Book Day

Sunday 14th March – Mother's Day

Friday 19th March – Comic Relief charity day

Monday 29th March – Easter activities week

Monday 29th March – Autism Awareness week

Thursday 1st April – Last day of term

Summer Term 2020

Monday 19th April – Closed for INSET Day (TBC)

Tuesday 20th April – Children return to school

Saturday 1st May – Open day for new families

Monday 3rd May – Bank Holiday school closed

12th/13th May - Eid ul Fitr

31st May – 4th June – Half term

Monday 7th June - Children return to school

Canal trip for Sun and Star Rooms (TBC)

Sunday 20th June – Father's Day

Monday 8th June – Art Week

Friday 9th July – Leavers reports to parents

Wednesday 21st July – summer end of term party & last day of term

We will update you with new events as we plan them.