

Comet News

May 2021

Dear Parents,

Thank you all for your continuing support this term, the children have really settled back into nursery life and are making great progress in their learning and development. It is just so lovely to see them enjoying all that the nursery has to offer.

Sadly Lee, our site manager, is unwell at the moment so you won't see him on the gate but we look forward to seeing him back at work from the beginning of June.

After half term

After half term and with the restrictions being lifted more we will revert back to the normal times for Sun Room. **This will mean that the morning children will start at 9am and be collected at 11.30am.**

We hope this means that life continues to go back to normal. We are asking that the children continue to be dropped off and picked up from the gate and door as we have been doing and Moon Room from the carpark entrance. We know it will be busier outside and with this in mind we ask that you continue to use the one way system and quickly drop off or collect your child. At this time we will no longer be asking you to wear a mask (although this will be your choice).

If you have any concerns please contact Lisa or Denise.

Learning at Nursery

After the Easter holidays, children have been doing some very exciting activities! We would like to give a warm welcome to our new gardener Liam who will be doing sessions with the children every Wednesday until the end of summer term. Children have made their own bird feeders, they have planted seeds and watered them too. They have also helped in building an amazing Tepee in Star garden!

May is going to be a very busy month. On Tuesday 11th we will be receiving duckling eggs in an incubator and children will have the opportunity to observe the process of hatching. We are going to have caterpillars and watch how they turn into butterflies too!

To further enrich the Eid spirit for our children, Comet will be celebrating Eid for the whole week with lots of different activities. Eid Mubarak!



Comet at Thomas Fairchild Children's Centre

From the 1st June, Comet will be taking over the leadership and running of Thomas Fairchild Children's Centre.

We will be running services from there every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday throughout the year. We will offer stay and play, baby time and a range of other sessions so please look out for our new time table.

This is a very exciting time for us as and if you have any ideas of services you would like to see us run please see Morgan or Kelly (office).

Transferring to Reception Class

If your child is transferring to Reception Class in September 2021 we will be checking with you what school they have been allocated. We will be contacting the schools to arrange visits for the teachers to come and meet you child at the nursery (where possible) but I'm sure the schools will contact you soon.

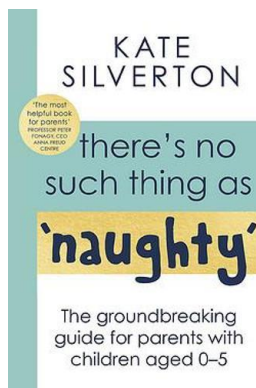
ParentPay

We are introducing a more convenient way to pay for school dinners, trips, breakfast and tea club, top-up hours and school uniform online, using a secure service called ParentPay. ParentPay will be live at school this week and we will be working towards no longer accepting cash and cheque payments, making the school a cash-free environment. Parents who need to continue making payments by cash may do so using the PayPoint network at local convenience stores. Our nearest one is Whitmore Food Centre, 20-24 Whitmore Road. Please notify the Office if you wish to use the PayPoint facility. A plastic card will be issued to you to make cash payments for school meals at local PayPoint stores. We hope you will support us in achieving our goal to become a cashless school. Your support in using ParentPay will help the school enormously, thank you.

Special Books

We will be sending home the children's Special Books for half term. Please spend some time looking at them with the children and celebrating their achievements. You are able to add photos and children's work to their book and please add some information with it. If you do not have a printer you can email your photos to admin@comet.hackney.sch.uk and their keyworker will add them to the book.

This is a great way of celebrating all you do at home together!



Book recommendation

"Want to know the secret to tackling tantrums and tears, stopping squabbles in seconds AND lay the foundations for your child's good mental health in the process?"

Then this is the book for you. It's written in easy to read chunks and supports our philosophy at Comet that we should not label the children as 'naughty'. We believe that children are just finding where they are in the world and testing the boundaries and as parents we need find ways to work with thi

Children's Centre News

Following the Easter break, the Children's Centre has been able to increase the number of families attending sessions. We are now permitting 10 families per session, as we can now use our indoor and outdoor spaces. Parents are still required to wear a mask when inside the building at all times, and to social distance where possible. Families are no longer required to book, we just ask that you arrive on time to secure your place. Please see the timetable below for more information or visit our website, Instagram or Facebook page.

Comet Children's Centre - Timetable Summer 2021				
20 Holcomb Street, N1 5RF 02077499890 20th April to 21st July 2021				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 Family Music & Movement 9.15am - 10am Over 18 months 10.15am - 11am Under 18 months	 Role Play Stay & Play 9.30am - 11.20am Supporting your child's imagination without limits!	 Explore with Baby 9.30am - 11.00am Our session gives you and your baby the chance to explore a range of sensory activities. 0 to walking	 Physical Stay & Play 9.30am - 11.20am Come and take part in fun and physical activities that promotes you and your child's development.	 Sensory Stay & Play for children with Additional Needs 9.30am - 10.45am Come & join us for sensory activities specifically designed for children who have additional needs.
 Messy Monday Stay & Play 1pm - 2.45pm Spend time with your child exploring messy learning activities!	 Toy Library Stay & Play 1pm - 2.45pm Come along for our stay & play session & borrow toys from our library to take home.	 Gardening Stay & Play 1pm - 2.45pm Come & take part in fun and creative outdoor learning experiences with our gardener Liam!	 Hackney ORBIT (CLOSED SESSION) 1pm - 3pm A service for mothers, fathers, grandparents and carers who have been, or are, impacted by drugs or alcohol. For more details call our team.	 Mini Stay & Play 11am - 12.15pm Do you prefer a quieter, shorter stay & play session? If so, our sensory mini stay & play session may be what you are looking for.
<p>Important dates</p> <p>3rd May - CLOSED BANK HOLIDAY</p> <p>6th May - CLOSED AS WE ARE A POLLING STATION</p> <p>31st May - CLOSED BANK HOLIDAY</p> <p>Maximum 10 families per session.</p> <p>Arrive on time to secure your place!</p>				

Dates for your Diary

Summer Term 2021

12th/13th May – Eid ul Fitr

Friday 28th May – Special Books to go home

31st May – 4th June – Half term

Monday 7th June – Children return to school

Tuesday 15th June – Banana Bus Soft Play

Sunday 20th June – Father's Day

Monday 21st June – Art Week

Saturday 3rd July – Open day for new families (TBC)

Friday 9th July – Leavers reports to parents

Monday 12th July – Sports Week

Wednesday 21st July – Summer Party & last day of term