

Comet News

December 2021

It's always a busy time with the run up to the Christmas holidays, please make sure you look at the diary dates for any new events and changes.

Omicron update

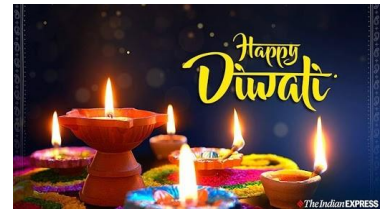
As you might be aware there are more guidelines in place from Tuesday 30th November with the identification of the new variant, Omicron. The DFE have provided schools with more guidance, therefore we are asking all parents and other visitors to wear a mask when they enter the building. Thank you for your support in advance.

What we have been learning



The children have had a lovely time watching as Autumn turns colder, making way for the Winter months. We've talked about how to keep warm outside and have been practising independent dressing skills such as, putting on coats, hats and scarves. During the run up to Diwali, the children made Diwa lamps to celebrate. They were also treated to an exciting fireworks display in our garden and

we had lots of conversations about colour, light, sounds and most importantly, staying safe!



Christmas sing-a-long Invitation

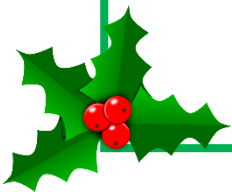
Monday 13th December at 11am or Wednesday 15th December at 2.30pm

The children will be performing their favourite Christmas songs they have been learning with Corin, so please come along and join in!

If your child attends full time you are able to choose either time.



**This will take place outside in the main nursery garden
so please wrap up warm!**



Corin's Christmas song

Corin has made a Christmas video featuring our School that is now on his YouTube Channel, 'I like singing songs'. The children will be singing this at the Sing-a-long. Corin is asking for a donation to Great Ormond Street to spread a little Christmas cheer. Here is the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DSqsTtUrr5Y>



If your child would like to send Christmas cards to their friends we will have a post box at the front of the School and by Moon Room gate. **The last collection date will be Wednesday 15th December.** If you need names of children a list will be on the notice boards.

Children's Christmas party

Friday 17th December 10am -12.30pm



The children are invited to come to our Christmas party. ***Please note that this replaces ALL our usual session times and there is no breakfast club, tea club or full day provision on this day.***

We will provide all the food for the party!

Hackney's Winter Toy Appeal



Hackney are running their winter toy appeal again this year and we would like to support this at Comet. If you are interested in donating a present to a child who would otherwise not receive a gift then please follow the link below. There are lots of easy ways to donate a gift and I know they would be much appreciated.

<https://www.localbuyersclub.com/winter-toy-appeal>

Natural Explorers

If your child is entitled to free schools meals they automatically become a Comet Natural Explorer. This means that we offer some additional activities which might include local outings (where possible) and also opportunities to have a block of Forest School sessions. Our first Forest school session starts on Monday 29th November. In the spring term we will also be offering children the opportunity to borrow one of our balance bikes for the weekend, this is a great way to develop physical skills and also get out in the fresh air.



Fundraising at Comet – A BIG THANK YOU

Wow...thank you! We had a fantastic spotty day at the nursery in support of Children in Need. You raised £140.77 plus whatever you donated online.

Chickenshed Theatre Company – Christmas Tales from the Shed.

We are lucky to have a theatre group coming to Comet on Thursday 9th December (afternoon). They are an inclusive theatre group based in Southgate and will be coming to Comet to perform their fun Christmas show. Although this group is not close to us in Hackney I would recommend anyone visiting them for their shows on a Saturday morning.

<https://www.chickenshed.org.uk/event/christmas-tales-chickenshed-21>



*We would all like to wish you a very happy and safe
Christmas and New Year (when we get there).*

See you back at nursery on Wednesday 5th January 2022

Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2021

Wednesday 1st December – Christmas activities start
Thursday 9th December (afternoon) – Chickenshed Theatre – Tales from the Shed Christmas Show
Friday 10th December – Children's Christmas lunch for children attending that day
Monday 13th December (am) & Wednesday 15th (pm) – Christmas sing-a-long for parents
Friday 17th December – Children's Christmas Party & last day of term (10am -12.30pm)
PLEASE NOTE there will be no breakfast, tea club or full time hours on the 17th December.

Spring Term 2022

Wednesday 5th January – children return to school
Tuesday 1st February – Chinese New Year (Year of the Tiger)
14th – 18^h February – Half term
Monday 21st February – children return to school
Tuesday 1st March – Pancake day
Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day
Monday 7th March – Book Week
Friday 18th March – Comic Relief charity day
Sunday 27th March – Mother's Day
Monday 28th March – Easter activities week
Friday 1st April – Last day of term
Saturday 2nd April – World Autism Awareness Day

Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 19th April – Children return to school
Monday 2nd May – Bank Holiday school closed
2nd/3rd May – Eid ul Fitr
Thursday 5th May – School closed for Polling Day
Saturday 7th May – Open day for new families
Monday 23rd May – Creativity Week
Friday 27th May – School closed INSET Day
30th May – 3rd June – Half term
Tuesday 7th June – Children return to school
Canal trip for Sun and Star Rooms (TBC)
Monday 13th June – Sports Week
Sunday 19th June – Father's Day
Friday 8th July – Leavers reports to parents
Wednesday 13th July – Comet's got Talent show
Wednesday 20th July – summer end of term party & last day of term
PLEASE NOTE there will be no breakfast, tea club or full time hours on the 20th July

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