

Comet News

November 2021

Welcome to our November newsletter. The new children have settled in so well and are exploring the environment, making new friends and learning new skills. We have been so impressed with their development and independence.

Thank you to all the parents and carers for being so understanding with our safety measures, we really appreciate your support and understanding

Welcome to the Comet team



Simran has joined the Comet team as Lead Teacher & SENDCo. Simran will also be part of the senior leadership team.



Dionne is a Meal Time Supervisor and will be supporting the children at lunchtime.



Home Learning

Please make sure you enjoy your book with your child. It's something they have chosen themselves, sometimes though children like to share the same book!

This month it would be great if when you are out and about with your child you could help them notice the numbers in the environment such as door numbers, speed limit signs or number plates on cars. This is a fun way of helping children to develop their number recognition.

On our recent staff training day we focused on learning new Makaton signs that we can use to support children with their communication skills.

Makaton with Lucinda is a lovely way to learn signs with your child on this YouTube channel.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVR4-zug_Upe9pWcz1jRalw

Singing hands is another great resource to learn signs and songs! <https://singinghands.co.uk/>

Curriculum Information Evenings

Come to one of our Curriculum Information Evenings to find out what the children learn at nursery and how we are supporting them to develop new skills and independence. This is not an individual parents evening.

Dates: 17th and 24th November

Please see you emails for how to sign up using the google form provided.



Children's Centre Update

We've had lots going on at the Children's Centres this month. Gardening has now finished until the spring term. Although we are sadly missing Liam, we have replaced both sessions with normal stay and plays, and look forward to seeing him back in the New Year. We have also introduced another stay and play session on a Thursday morning at Comet@Thomas Fairchild. This will run until the end of term. Please see timetable for details. We had a very spooky half term week. Emmerline came in and did a lovely cooking session with the families at Comet. The families made a delicious pumpkin risotto and yummy butternut squash side salad. She also did some soap making with the families at Comet@Thomas Fairchild, which everybody really enjoyed. We ended the fun-filled week with a Halloween Party at Comet. We indulged in delicious food, good company and even had a little boogie at the end. In the next few weeks, we will begin to plan for Christmas, with activities starting the 1st week of December.

In light of the new Early Years Strategy and proposals rolled out by Hackney Education, we would like to hear from all residents, but especially parents and carers, who have used, currently use or may use, Children's Centres. It is crucial for the development early years services in the borough, that we know what you think. View the proposals and have your say at: <https://education.hackney.gov.uk/early-years-strategy>

Please check the diary dates as there have been some amendments

Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2021

- Friday 12th November – Children in Need fundraising – Wear something spotty
 - Thursday 9th December (afternoon) – Chickenshed Theatre – Tales from the Shed Christmas Show
 - Friday 10th December – Children's Christmas lunch
 - Monday 13th December (am) & Wednesday 15th (pm) – Christmas sing-a-long for parents (tbc)
 - 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)
- Monday 7th February – STEM Week
- 14th – 18th 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 2020

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 – Art 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.