

# Comet News

September 2022

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back all our returning children and our new children and their families. We hope you enjoy your time with us at Comet.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year for all the children filled with learning, fun and friendship. We also look forward to working closely with you as parents/carers, please look out for our workshops and information sessions.

## **Classroom Staff**



Star Room team – Perihan and Busra (Teachers), Samantha (NEO)

Sun Room team - Beatriz (Teacher), Kelly (NEO), Chelsea (NEO).



Moon Room team - Nathan (Room Lead), Tamanna (NEO), Daniella (NEO,) Cihan (NEO), Anakha (Apprentice)

Welcome to the Comet team

Perihan is the teacher in Star Room



## **Maternity Leave**

Daniella (Moon Room) will be leaving us to take her maternity leave from Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October. We wish her lots of luck and not too many sleepless nights!

## **Early Years Pupil Premium and Free School Meals**

Do you think you are entitled to Free School Meals?

Please apply on the Hackney website or speak to the school office for more information.

[Apply for free school meals | Hackney Education](#)

If you are entitled to free school meals the school automatically gets Early Years Pupil Premium Funding of £342 per year. This means that your child will become part of our Natural Explorers group and will be able to go on local trips, be involved in Forest School and gardening activities. We really do rely on this extra funding to make sure our children get lots of different opportunities to extend their learning and interests.

All children eligible for free schools meals will receive a FREE t-shirt as a thank you for registering.

**We have some Breakfast and Tea Club spaces available for children in Sun or Star Room. If you are interested please see the office.**

### **Attendance and times at Comet**

At Comet we believe it is really important for children to attend every day and that they are on time. This allows your child to start the beginning of their session with their friends and gives them positive life skills on the importance of being on time.

**Our session times in Sun and Star Room (3 and 4 year olds) are:-**

Morning session 9 - 11.30am

Afternoon session 12.45 - 3.15pm

30 hours provision 9am - 3pm

Full day for part time children 9am - 3.15pm

**Our session times in Moon Room (2 year olds) are:-**

Morning session 8.30 - 11.30am

Afternoon session 12.30 - 3.30pm



If you need to collect your child early we would ask that you arrange this with the office team, however we would ask that you keep to the session times as much as possible.

### ***Please name your child's clothes***

***Please can you name your child's clothes especially the Comet sweatshirts. If you have lost any clothes please see the class team or the lost property box in the reception area. Don't forget to provide your child with a spare set of clothes to keep at nursery. There is a named bag on their peg. The bag must be kept at school.***



### **Home Learning**

We have lots of information and ideas for home learning so please see your child's keyworker if you would like information on something in particular. In addition, the 'Home Learning' section of the website is also full of ideas and stories to explore with your child.



We also provide a book borrowing service. Children will be provided with a school book bag and will be able to choose a book to bring home every Wednesday. Please share this book with your child and also keep it safe and cared for. We ask that you return the book bag the following Tuesday ready for a new book.

#### **Parent Information session**

Come and find out about the nursery curriculum, how the children learn and how we work with them to support their progress.

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 9am and 12.45pm



#### **Snack donation**

Please donate some fruit or vegetables each week for the children's snack time.

Either give it to the children to take to class or bring to reception.

Thanks



#### **Workshop resources**

Please collect and bring in boxes, bottle tops, corks, buttons and other materials we can use for children to build with in our workshop area.

## Children's Centre News

Please see this term's timetables for both Children's Centres.

**COMET CHILDREN'S CENTRE**  
AUTUMN 2022 TIMETABLE 30TH AUGUST - 15TH DECEMBER  
20 HALCOMB STREET, N1 5RF  
020 7749 9850

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Family Music &amp; Movement</b> 9.15am-10am Over 18 months 10.15am-11am Under 18 months  <b>Stay &amp; Play</b> 1pm-2.45pm	<b>Mini Stay &amp; Play</b> 9.30-11am Do you prefer a shorter, quieter stay & play? If so, our mini stay and play may be just what you're looking for! <b>Maximum 10 families.</b> <b>Gardening</b> (finishes Tuesday 18th October, stay & play thereafter) 1pm-2.45pm	<b>Kitchen Club</b> (Starts 21st September) 10.45am-12.45pm Come and take part in preparing and eating a delicious lunch, with fresh, low-cost ingredients. Let's cook, eat, play and learn together. 	<b>Explore with Baby</b> 9.30am-11am Stimulating sensory activities for you and your baby to explore. <b>Pre-walkers only</b>  No session this afternoon. Head over to Comet@Thomas Fairchild for stay & play.	<b>Sensory Stay &amp; Play</b> 9.30am-10.45am Come and join us for sensory activities specifically designed for children who have additional needs. <b>Stay &amp; Play</b> 1pm-2.45pm Come and take part in fun activities and meet other families.

Website: [www.cometnurseryandcc.co.uk](http://www.cometnurseryandcc.co.uk)  
E-mail: [admin@comet.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:admin@comet.hackney.sch.uk)  
Facebook: Comet Nursery School  
Instagram: cometnurseryschoolandcc

All our sessions are FREE. We close our sessions 45 minutes after the start time. Please note, our activities are open to families with children ages 5 & under.

Please bring a donation of fruit for snack time to all stay and play sessions.

Please note there will be no stay and play sessions on every 1st Thursday of the month and the centre will be closed on the 31st August, 5th September and 31st October.

**Comet@Thomas Fairchild Children's Centre**  
Autumn 2022 30th August - 16th December  
Cropley Street N1 7HA  
07766547679

Closure dates  
31st August  
4th September  
31st October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Mini Stay &amp; Play</b> 9.30am-10.45am A shorter, quieter Stay and Play session. <b>Maximum 10 families</b> <b>Messy Play</b> 1pm-2.45pm Roll up your sleeves. It's time to get messy!	<b>Explore with Baby</b> 9.30am-11.00am A stimulating sensory experience to support your babies' development. <b>Pre-walkers only</b> <b>Creative Stay &amp; Play</b> 1pm-2.45pm Craft activities for you and your child to enjoy together.	<b>Gardening</b> 9.30am-11.20am (Last session 19th Oct. Stay & Play thereafter) Take part in planting and growing with our resident gardener, Liam. <b>Stay &amp; Play</b> 1pm-2.45pm Come and join us for some fun learning activities.	<b>Minik Kades Stay and Play</b> 10.00am-11.30am (Starting 22nd September) by appointment only. Please contact directly on 0207 923 7226. <b>Stay and Play with My Journey</b> 1pm-2.45pm Come and add to your child's My Journey book.	<b>Tiny Tots</b> 9.30am-11.20am A range of activities promoting the development in children aged 18 months and under. <b>Stay and play</b> 1pm-2.45pm Come and join us for some fun learning activities.

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Please bring a snack donation of fruit to share at Stay & Play sessions

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If you are eligible for Healthy Start vouchers and have a child under the age of 5, you may be able to claim Healthy Start Vouchers.

## Dates for your Diary

### Autumn Term 2022

- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September – Macmillan Coffee Morning
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October - Chickenshed theatre visit
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Black History Week
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October – African dance workshop
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Comet Carnival day
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Diwali celebrations
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Information session for parents/carers new to Comet
- 24<sup>th</sup> October – 28<sup>th</sup> October – Half term holiday
- Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October – school closed INSET day
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Children return to school
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – School photographer for individual photos of children
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Firework display for children
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Sock puppet workshop for children and parents
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November - Primary School transition meeting for parents
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need fundraising – Wear something spotty
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Children's Christmas lunch (TBC)
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December (am) & Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> (pm) – Christmas sing-a-long for parents (TBC)
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Children's Christmas Party & last day of term. **PLEASE NOTE there will be no breakfast, tea club or full time hours on this day.**

### Spring Term 2023

- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – children return to school
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Chinese New year (Year of the Rabbit)
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January – Big birdwatch day
- 30<sup>th</sup> January – Storytelling Week
- 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February – Half term
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February – children return to school
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Pancake day
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – World Book Day
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Book Week
- 13<sup>th</sup> March – Art Week

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Mother's Day  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Easter activities week  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Last day of term  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – World Autism Awareness Day

Summer Term 2023

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April – School closed INSET Day  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Children return to school  
21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> April – Eid ul Fitr  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Bank Holiday school closed  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Class photos  
29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Half term  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Children return to school  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Maths Week  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Open day for new families  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Father's Day  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Sports Week  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Leavers reports to parents  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Comet's Got Talent  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July – summer end of term party & last day of term. **PLEASE NOTE there will be no breakfast, tea club or full time hours on this day.**

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