

# 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 +-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 12.45 - 3.15pm Afternoon session 30 hours provision 9am - 3pm Full day for part time 9am - 3.15pm children Our session times in Moon Room (2 year olds) are:-8.30 - 11.30am Morning session 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.

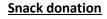


We also provide a book borrowing service. Children will be provided with a school book bag and will be able to choose a book to bring home every Wednesday. Please share this book with your child and also keep it safe and cared for. We ask that you return the book bag the following Tuesday ready for a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



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.

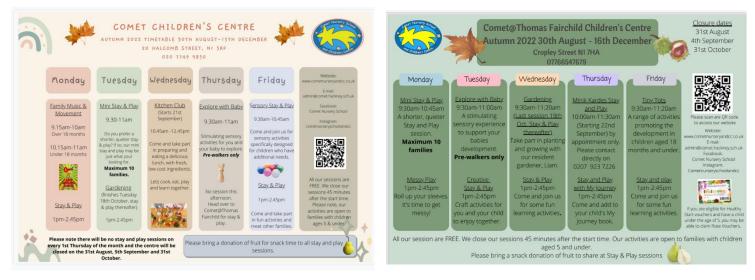
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#### Workshop resources

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.



## **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

#### $13^{th} - 17^{th}$ 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.