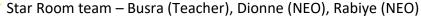
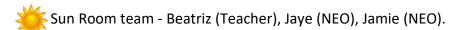
Comet News

September 2023

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





Moon Room team - Nathan (Room Lead), Emily (NEO), Kirsty (NEO)

Welcome to the Comet team Rowan Smith will be our Assistant Headteacher and SENDCO during Simran's maternity leave.



Maternity Leave

During the holidays, Simran (Deputy Headteacher) had a little girl called Lenha. We all wish her lots of congratulations.

Congratulations!

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 9am – 3.15pm

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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 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 – Book Borrowing

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 20th 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.

Workshop resources - Please help

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





We will be holding a cake sale on Friday 29th September at 11.15am and 3pm to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Care. Please can you donate cakes/biscuits for the event (it would be great if they were homemade!). Please bring them on the morning of the cake sale.

Children's Centre News

Please see this term's timetables for both Children's Centres on our website. There are lots of free services and activities that run at both centres for families with children under 5.





Comet@Thomas Fairchild
Children's Centre Lead

Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2023

Saturday 23rd September 12.30-3.30pm Health and Wellbeing fair
Friday 29th September – Macmillan Cake sale
Stay and Play Macmillan Coffee morning
Monday 9th October – Black History Week
Wednesday 18th November – Children's showcase event for parents

Thursday 12th October – storytelling visit by Wendy Shearer

Friday 13th October – Comet Carnival day

Friday 20th October – Information session for parents/carers new to Comet (am/pm)

24th October – 28th October – Half term holiday

Monday 30th October – school closed INSET day

Tuesday 1st November – Children return to school

Friday 3rd November – Firework display for children

Tuesday 7th November – Sock puppet workshop for children and parents

Wednesday 8th November – School photographer for individual photos of children

Thursday 9th November – Diwali celebrations

Wednesday 15th November - Primary School transition meeting for parents

Friday 17th November – Children in Need fundraising – Wear something spotty

20th-24TH November – Road safety week

Friday 15th December – Children's Christmas lunch (TBC)

Monday 18th December (am) & Wednesday 20th (pm) – Christmas sing-a-long for parents (TBC)

Thursday 21st 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 2024

Monday 8th January - CLOSED INSET DAY

Tuesday 9th January – Children return

29th January – 2nd February – Maths Week

5th – 9th February – Luna New Year Celebrations (Year of the Dragon)

12th – 16th February – Half term

Monday 19th February – children return to school

Wednesday 28th February – Maths workshop for children and parents

4th -8th March – Book Week

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day

Friday 8th March – Mother's Day activities

Monday 18th March – Global recycling day

Monday 25th March – Easter activities week

Thursday 28th March – Last day of term

Summer Term 2024

Monday 15th April – closed INSET Day

Tuesday 16th April – Children return to school

Wednesday 17th April – Eid celebration party

Thursday 2nd May – Polling Day school Comet closed

Friday 3rd May – INSET Day closed

Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday closed

13th – 16th May Hatching ducklings

Wednesday 15th May – Class photos

27th – 31st May – Half term

Monday 3rd June – Children return to school

Saturday 15th June - Open day for new families

Sunday 16th June – Father's Day

24th – 28th June – Art and Creativity Week

Wednesday 3rd July – children's showcase event for parents

Friday 5th July – Leavers reports to parents

Wednesday 10th July – Comet's Got Talent

Friday 12th July – Leavers trip (nursery closed to all other children in Sun and Star Rooms)

Friday 12th July – Moon Room fun day

15th – 19th July – Olympic Week

Monday 22nd July – Donkey Day

Wednesday 24th 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.