

# 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**



Star Room team – Busra (Teacher), Dionne (NEO), Rabiye (NEO)



Sun Room team - Beatriz (Teacher), Jaye (NEO), Jamie (NEO).



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 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 – 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 20<sup>th</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.



### 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.



Saddiqa  
Comet Children's  
Centre Lead



Cihan  
Comet@Thomas Fairchild  
Children's Centre Lead

## Dates for your Diary

### Autumn Term 2023

- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 12.30-3.30pm Health and Wellbeing fair
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September – Macmillan Cake sale
- Stay and Play Macmillan Coffee morning
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Black History Week
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Children's showcase event for parents
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October – storytelling visit by Wendy Shearer
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Comet Carnival day
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Information session for parents/carers new to Comet (am/pm)
- 24<sup>th</sup> October – 28<sup>th</sup> October – Half term holiday
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – school closed INSET day
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Children return to school
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Firework display for children
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Sock puppet workshop for children and parents
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November – School photographer for individual photos of children
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Diwali celebrations
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November - Primary School transition meeting for parents
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need fundraising – Wear something spotty
- 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> November – Road safety week
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Children's Christmas lunch (TBC)

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

Thursday 21<sup>st</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 2024

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January – CLOSED INSET DAY

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January – Children return

29<sup>th</sup> January – 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Maths Week

5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> February – Luna New Year Celebrations (Year of the Dragon)

12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February – Half term

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – children return to school

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Maths workshop for children and parents

4<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> March – Book Week

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Mother’s Day activities

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Global recycling day

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Easter activities week

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Last day of term

Summer Term 2024

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – closed INSET Day

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Children return to school

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Eid celebration party

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Polling Day school Comet closed

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – INSET Day closed

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday closed

13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May Hatching ducklings

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Class photos

27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May – Half term

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Children return to school

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Open day for new families

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Father’s Day

24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> June – Art and Creativity Week

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – children’s showcase event for parents

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Leavers reports to parents

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Comet’s Got Talent

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

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Moon Room fun day

15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July – Olympic Week

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Donkey Day

Wednesday 24<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.**