

# Comet News

November 2023

Welcome back after the half term holiday. This half term will be packed with exciting learning experiences such as watching firework, activities around road safety as well as celebrating Diwali and Christmas.

## Primary school transition meeting

This meeting will support you in making choices for your child as they move to reception class in 2024.

Come along to a meeting with Lisa the Headteacher at 9am or 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 the office.



## Wellies

If your child is wearing wellies to school can they bring another pair of shoes to wear in the nursery. Often children find it hard to wear wellies all day!

## 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.

## Book Borrowing



Every week your child will be able to borrow a new book. Please share this book with your child and also keep it safe and cared for. We ask that you return the book bag the on a Tuesday ready for a new book on Wednesday.

## *Please name your child's clothes*

*Please can you name your child's clothes especially the Comet sweatshirts. Also hats and gloves now the weather is getting colder. If you have lost any clothes please see the class team or the lost property box in the reception area.*

**Please provide your child with a spare set of clothes to keep at nursery.**



Don't Forget

We are closed on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November** for the Hackney Mayor's Election



## Diwali Celebrations

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November we will be celebrating Diwali by learning about the traditions, culture and learning about the story of Diwali.



Hackney Education is running a consultation on behalf of several own admitting authority schools that are proposing changes to their admission arrangements for 2025/26. The proposed changes will apply to children starting Reception or Year 7 in September 2025 and any other applications submitted during that academic year. You can find out more on Hackney Education's website at [education.hackney.gov.uk/content/admissions-consultation](https://education.hackney.gov.uk/content/admissions-consultation).

The consultation is open for six weeks and you must submit your views by **Sunday 17 December 2023** using the online feedback form on the website.



### **Is my child too ill for school?**

We know it can be difficult deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they are unwell but please use this guidance and advice from the NHS [Is my child too ill for school?](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/when-to-keep-your-child-off-school/) to help you decide.

### **Coffee Morning**

On **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November**, we will be hosting a coffee morning where we can discuss children with **special educational needs** and different resources to support them at home. We look forward to seeing you there. If you have any concerns or general questions, please do not hesitate to speak to Rowan, Assistant Headteacher and SENDCo.



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

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](https://www.hackney.gov.uk/early-years-pupil-premium/)

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 and other 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 Comet t-shirt*

### **Children in Need - We're there for you- BBC Children in Need**

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November we will be supporting Children In Need. Children can dress up in anything spotty and we will be planning lots of spotty activities during the day.

Your donations can be made through ParentPay using this link:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=12850>

We will not be collecting cash in school.



### **Children's Centre**

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. Please see the link below to the Children's Centre page, both timetables are available there.

[Comet Nursery School & Children's Centre - Comet Children's Centre Timetable \(cometnurseryandcc.co.uk\)](https://www.cometnurseryandcc.co.uk)

## Dates for your Diary

### Autumn Term 2023

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 – Closed for Mayor of Hackney Polling Day

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November - Diwali celebrations

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Coffee morning for parents of children with additional needs

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

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Chickenshed Christmas show

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Children’s Christmas lunch

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

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

12<sup>th</sup> January – Chickenshed theatre group will be starting a 12 week project

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 – Visiting 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.**