

# Comet News

October 2022

It has been a busy start to the new school year and all the children have now settled into their routines at nursery. We hope you as parents/carers have also had a good start to the year. If you have any questions please speak to your child's keyworker or the office staff who will be more than happy to help. For information about the curriculum and how children learn in the early years please come to our Parent Information Session.



## Parent Information session

Come and meet Lisa and Simran to find out about the nursery curriculum, how the children learn and how we work with the children to support their progress and future learning.

There will be lots of time for questions!

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

## Maternity Leave

Chelsea in Sun Room will be going on maternity leave after half term. We would all like to wish her lots of love and a bit of rest and relaxation before the new arrival.

Rabiye, who already works at Comet, will cover her maternity leave and will be the key person for the children.



## 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



## Coffee Morning

On **Friday 4<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 see me.

Simran



## Rights Respecting School Award

At Comet, we are on our journey to becoming a Rights Respecting School. Together young people and the school community learn about children's rights, putting them into practice every day. The Award is not just about what children do but also, importantly, what adults do. In Rights Respecting Schools children's rights are promoted and realised, adults and children work towards this goal together.



## What we have been learning so far this term.

This term we have been very busy learning with lots of exciting activities about Black History Month. Children have been weaving, making African necklaces and painting flags from African and Caribbean countries. Other activities have included playing African drums, drawing self-portraits, tasting spiced bun with cheese and making Kente cloth collages. The children have also made their own crowns and trumpets for their carnival float!



## Half term ideas

Here are some ideas for places to take the children, some are free and some have a charge!

[Where kids can eat free in the UK | Families Online](#)

Children can also eat free at M&S cafés if you spend £5



[Best things to do during October half-term 2022 - Family Activity - visitlondon.com](#)

[What's on at the Museum | Events | Exhibitions | Galleries | Gardens | Museum of the Home](#)



[Diwali Family Celebration Day | Family Activities | Winter Festival 2022-23 | Museum of the Home](#)

[Hackney Council organises programme of carnival activity over October half-term](#)

## Book Borrowing Volunteer



Are there any parents who would like to volunteer to help the children choose their books on a weekly basis? We are looking for some help from 9.30-10.45am or 1-2pm every Wednesday. If you can help us please let the office know.

## Cost of living crisis

We are all feeling the effects of the cost of living crisis on our energy, food and general living costs.



At Comet we are able to provide you with foodbank vouchers, please see the office.

Don't forget to apply for Free School Meals, you can do this even if your child is in Moon Room. If you are eligible for FSM you will also receive food vouchers in the holidays and if you are in Sun or Star Rooms your child would also be able to attend our playscheme in the holidays.

Please see the links below, we hope they are helpful.

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

[Help with the rising cost of living | Hackney Council](#)

## Children's Centre News

Hi from our children's centres! If you haven't visited us before, please take a look at timetables and see all the exciting sessions we have to offer for children aged 5 and under, all year round.

This term we have introduced the Kitchen Club, running every Wednesday at Comet Children's Centre. Together with your child, you will prepare and eat fresh ingredients as well as learning about healthy snacks, nutrition and low cost recipes. No need to book but arrive early to guarantee your space.

Comet@ Thomas Fairchild Children's Centre will be adding a new Storytelling and Book Borrowing session on Thursday mornings. Look out for this after half term.

Please take a look at our half term timetable for both our centres. These are also available online on our website, Instagram and Facebook pages. Hope to see you soon.



## Dates for your Diary

### Autumn Term 2022

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

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Road Safety day

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)

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Chickenshed Tales from the Shed Christmas show (pm)

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.**