

Comet News

February 2021

Dear Parents,

We hope you are all keeping well in these really difficult times. We also understand how hard it must be to have the children at home and making sure they are still learning and having fun!

For those children that are attending we would like to reassure you, as parents, that we are working hard to keep the nursery safe and clean, children wash their hands as they come into the classroom at the beginning of their session and then throughout the day. We encourage the children to play outside and again this is a way of minimising any risks to their health and rooms are well ventilated. If you would like any more information please contact us while our Risk Assessment is available on the website.

We hope you have all received phone calls from your keyworker, we are doing this as a way of keeping in touch. However, if there is anything we can help you with please call us.



Social distancing and wearing a mask - dropping off and picking up!

We would like to remind you to please follow the queuing system as you drop off and pick up your child. **Please ALWAYS wear a mask.** We understand that this might not be great in bad weather but it is important we follow social distancing rules especially with the increase in positive cases in the community.

As you may have seen the Government are hoping to reopen schools more fully from the 8th March. We will be following any guidelines and will keep you informed as soon as we hear any news. We continue to have reduced staffing levels and are keeping numbers of children low to make sure everyone is safe. However, if you feel you have a need for your child to return to nursery please email your request to admin@comet.hackney.sch.uk

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all your support at the moment, for following our rules and for understanding the difficulties of making it work seamlessly for the children, let's hope we can get back to normal soon!!!!



It's Children's Mental health Week this Week. Please make some time to talk with your child about their feelings, listen to them, give them a hug and let them know you love them

especially now in these tough times!





PLEASE HELP!



We need fruit/vegetables donated on a weekly basis for the children's snack time. Some parents are fantastic at bringing it in but we really need everyone to bring a few pieces each week. Thank you in advance.

Learning at nursery



The children have been really busy, they have been climbing and learning to use the monkey rings, they have enjoyed the snow, have made their own pizzas and are now waiting to use our new tree house garden area.



The tree house garden is now finished and we are looking forward to using it. There will be lots of opportunity for the children to climb, slide and play in the new mud kitchen area. We have also created an area where we will be able to use our fire pit to make popcorn and barbequed sweetcorn!



Nest week it will be Chinese New Year so the children will be taking part in lots of activities to celebrate this time of year.

The year of the ox starts on the 12th February. The ox is the second animal of the Chinese zodiac and denotes hard work, positivity and honesty.



Home Learning

Make sure you have a look at our 'Home Learning' section on our website. The practitioners have created some amazing videos for you to watch. They are full of fun learning opportunities, such as science experiments, things to make, stories to listen to (English, Turkish and Spanish), food to make and songs to sing!



Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of certain benefits such as **Universal Credit, income support and jobseeker's allowance** and think your child is entitled to free school meals please go to the Hackney Education website to complete the form for Free School Meals.

During this lockdown period if you are in receipt of Free School Meals you will be entitled to vouchers that are issued by the government. If you need more information please speak to the office.

We are giving away a FREE Comet t-shirt to all children who are entitled to free schools meals as a thank you for registering.

Children's Centre News

The Children's Centre is running a virtual timetable. There are activities to do every day so please have a look!






We are also running a Toy and Book library every Tuesday, please call up and let us know if you will be coming.

Check out Corin's YouTube channel and get involved with his fun songs. Also make sure you follow us on Instagram and be our friend on Facebook, every day we will post activities, new ideas and links to support groups.



Comet Nursery School and Children's Centre
Virtual Timetable Spring 2021
Meet Morgan and Maria online every day!



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Messy Monday  Fun and stimulating messy play activities for you and your children.	Tasty Tuesday  Healthy and nutritious recipes for you and your family. Toy and Book Library 10:00am-11:00am Held outside the front of the Children's Centre.	Wellbeing Wednesday  Activities to make you think positive and feel good. Follow us on Instagram	Creative Thursday  From arts and crafts to science experiments, join us every Thursday for creative activities.	Corin Live Starts 9am  Join Corin live every Friday morning for music and movement via his Youtube channel. Simply type 'I like singing songs' into your Youtube search bar.

PLEASE WEAR A MASK IF ATTENDING TOY & BOOK LIBRARY

We understand that this may be a very difficult time for some of our families. If you feel you need support please do not hesitate to contact Morgan on 020 7749 9850

Rose Vouchers will continue to be posted to parents during the lockdown. For any more information please send us an email at admin@comet.hackney.sch.uk

Have a great half term holiday

Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2021

Monday 8th February – Chinese New year (Year of the Ox)

15th – 19th February – Half term

Monday 22nd February – children return to school

Monday 1st March – Book Week

Thursday 4th March – World Book Day

Sunday 14th March – Mother's Day

Friday 19th March – Comic Relief charity day

Monday 29th March – Easter activities week

Monday 29th March – Autism Awareness week

Thursday 1st April – Last day of term

Summer Term 2020

Monday 19th April – Closed for INSET Day (TBC)

Tuesday 20th April – Children return to school

Saturday 1st May – Open day for new families

Monday 3rd May – Bank Holiday school closed

12th/13th May – Eid ul Fitr

31st May – 4th June – Half term

Monday 7th June – Children return to school

Canal trip for Sun and Star Rooms (TBC)

Sunday 20th June – Father's Day

Monday 8th June – Art Week

Friday 9th July – Leavers reports to parents

Wednesday 21st July – summer end of term party & last day of term

We will update you with new events as we plan them.