



Comet Nursery School and Children's Centre Newsletter

September 2015

Welcome back to all our returning children; we hope you had a lovely summer. To our new children and their families we would like to welcome you to Comet. It is a very busy time of year as all our new children settle into the nursery routine. We hope that they will all enjoy their time with us.

Attendance 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 Class (3 and 4 year olds) are:-

Morning session	9 – 11.30am
Afternoon session	12.45 – 3.15pm
Full time	9am – 3.15pm
Long day	9am – 2pm

Part time children attend for four morning or afternoon sessions and one long day (9am-2pm).

The register is completed every day. If you bring your child later than 9.20am or 1pm you will need to see Katie or Humaira in the office and your child will be marked in late.

If you need to collect your child early we would ask that you do so by 11am or 2.45pm so children are not disturbed in their story time. It is also really important that your child is collected on time.

Our session times in Moon Class (2 year olds) are:-

Morning session	8.30 – 11.30am
Afternoon session	12.30 – 3.30pm

Thank you for your support.

What we will be learning this half term?

We will be focusing on supporting children to learn about sharing, taking turns and making new friends. Our longer term development plans include supporting children's skills in their language and communication, developing creativity and critical thinking and to provide children with an environment where they can take risks, develop their independence and positive well-being.



Comet Breakfast and Tea Club for 3 and 4 year old children



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Breakfast – 8 -9am

Tea Club – 3.15 – 5.45pm

If you are interested or need more information please see Katie or Humaira in the office.



Toast, fruit and milk is available every morning for the children in the classroom.

Free School meals

If you are in receipt of certain benefits such as income support and jobseeker's allowance and think your child is entitled to free school meals please collect a form from the office. Without confirmation of free school meals you will be charged the daily rate of £1.80.

A daily menu is displayed outside Sun Room.



Clothes



*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.***

Come for coffee, meet other parents and raise money for Macmillan Cancer Care

*Friday 25th September
9-10am and 12.45-1.45pm*

'The Great Comet Bake Off'

Bake a cake for our competition and win a prize. To enter please see the office and register for the competition.

The competition will be judged at 9.45am

All proceeds from the coffee morning Bake Off will go to the charity.

Book Borrowing

Please bring your child's book bag back every Monday so they can choose a new book on Tuesday. Please enjoy sharing the book with your child.

If you would like to borrow a book for yourself we have a selection of books for adults in the hall. Please help yourself and then return it when you have finished it.





What's going on in the Children's Centre?

What a busy summer we have had and it was lovely to see so many of our families as well as some new faces 😊 This summer we wanted to provide a variety of different activities both in the centre and around our local community.



We went on a Wild Walk around Hoxton and Haggerston ending in a beautiful secret garden. We also spent a great day out in Southend-on-Sea. Two coaches left the children's centre with 100 smiling faces. The coaches were full of wellies, buckets, buggies, sandwiches and lots of booster seats!!! We were all excited to be going to the seaside. Many took the opportunity to paddle in the sea, run around on the sand and wade in the mud whilst the sea was way out in the distance!! After a fish 'n' chip lunch, candy floss and a few turns in the amusement arcade we all got back on the coaches and headed for Comet, with most of the children fast asleep!



Another exciting day was when the farm came to Comet! What a great day! We had the chance to stroke and pat a goat, donkey, pony, sheep, ducks and who could forget Mr Tickle the dog! We painted faces and made animal masks and had lots of fun!!

Thank you to all the families that came to our sessions over the summer period and we hoped that you enjoyed the variety of activities that were available. Over the next few weeks we would like to get your feedback on the summer programme. Please take a few minutes to complete the short questionnaire as this will help us plan for the future.

Our Parent Forum met this week to discuss ideas for Christmas including fundraising for a trip to see Mother Goose at Hackney Empire. If you would like to get involved in fundraising or join our Parent Forum please speak to Carol at the centre.

Please check out our new timetable for full details of programmes and activities during this busy term. Don't miss out on our Baby and Child First Aid course run by the British Red Cross and our Christmas Cooking classes!! Ask centre staff for more details.

We look forward to seeing you at the centre very soon.

Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2015

Friday 25th September – Macmillan BIG coffee morning/afternoon

Monday 5th October – Heritage week

Tuesday 6th Steel Pan workshop for children

Monday 19th October – School photographer for individual photos of children

Tuesday 20th October – Parent's information Evening

Friday 23rd October – School closed for a INSET day

26th October – 3th October – Half term holiday

Monday 2nd November – Children return to school

November 9th – 13th Week of Light (fireworks and Diwali)

Friday 13th November – Children in Need fundraising

Monday 14th December – Christmas sing-a-long performance for parents

Friday 18th December – Children's Christmas Party
and last day of term

Spring term 2016

Wednesday 6th January – Children return to school

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

Tuesday 9th February – Pancake Day

15th – 19th February – Half term

Monday 22nd February – School closed for INSET Day

Tuesday 23rd February – Children return to school

29th February – 4th March – Book Week

Sunday 6th March – Mother's Day

Thursday 17th March – St Patrick's Day

21st – 24th March – Easter activities

Thursday 24th March – Last day of term

Summer Term 2016

Monday 11th April – Children return to school

18th – 22nd April – Week of Happiness

Monday 2nd May – Bank Holiday school closed

Saturday 8th May – Comet Open Day

Wednesday 11th May – Class photos and family photos

Friday 27th May – School closed for INSET day

30th – 5th May – Half term

Monday 6th June – Children return to school

13th – 17th June – Art Week

11th – 15th July – Sports Week

Friday 22nd July – End of term party for children and their families and last
day of term

We will inform you of any new dates as soon as possible.