

Comet News

December 2018

Ofsted Inspection - 11th December 2018

A BIG thank you to all the parents who completed the online parent questionnaires and spoke to the Ofsted inspector on Tuesday. We are looking forward to the Ofsted report and this should be available for parents after the holidays. Thank you again for all your support.



Another thank you to all the parents who attended the playdough making workshop. We were so happy with how many parents were able to stay and the children had a great time. I hope you can make some more playdough at home, it has so many benefits for children's learning such as physical development, mathematical and scientific development. If you were not able to come but you would like the playdough recipe and ideas booklet they are available on the parents table in the hall.

The holidays are nearly here and another year draws to a close. Here are some of the activities and times you will need for the end of term arrangements. Please speak to a member of staff if you need further information.

Christmas Sing-a-long - Monday 17th December

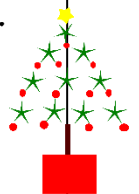
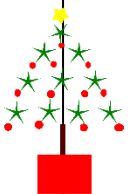
Parents are invited to come and hear the children sing some of their favourite Christmas songs.

For morning children the performance will be at 11am and for afternoon and 30 hour children they will sing at 2.45pm.

So come along for a mince pie and a song.

If your child has a Christmas jumper, we would love to see them wearing it.

Given the size of our hall, we ask that only 2 adults PER child attend.



Christmas Cards



If your child would like to send Christmas cards to their friends we will have a post box in the hall. **The last collection date will be Tuesday 18th December.** If you need names of children please pick up a list from the office.

Christmas Party

The nursery Christmas party will be on Friday 21st December from 10am until 12.30pm, this replaces ALL our usual session times.

PLEASE NOTE - there is no breakfast club, tea club or full day provision on this day.



We will provide all the food for the party and we are hoping that Father Christmas will visit us during the party!!

Natural Explorers

Some of our Natural Explorers have visited Oxford Street and Regents Street to see the Christmas lights. We also saw elves and had a look at all the exciting Christmas displays in the shops. We learnt how to get on and off the escalators at the tube stations and everyone had a chance to pay using the oyster cards. We had great fun!

If you think you are entitled to free schools meals please see the office staff for more information on how to apply.

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. For every child who is eligible the school gets extra funding and your child will become a Natural Explorer and enjoy outings and other activities such as Forest School.



Ideas for family outings



There are so many fun places to see and go to in the run up to Christmas. Could you take your child to see Father Christmas, the lights in Regents Street, a pantomime or maybe a festive walk along the Thames? Here are just a few ideas we have found.

Spitalfields Market is a great place to wander around and maybe a little shopping. It's easy to get the 242, 149 bus there from Kingsland Road.

<https://www.spitalfields.co.uk/event-calendar/christmas-at-spitalfields/>

Have a look at 'What's on in Hackney'.

<http://apps.hackney.gov.uk/servapps/WhatsOn/Event.aspx?Subjectid=29>



And for adults and children have a look at the pop up cinemas in Hackney.



<https://www.popupscreens.co.uk/>

Whatever you do have fun and enjoy time with friends and family.

Children's Centre News

Rose Vouchers

Are you in receipt of benefits? Do you receive Healthy Start vouchers? Are you pregnant?

If you answer yes to one or all of these questions, you could receive up to **£6 extra per week, per child**, under the age of 5 years old in vouchers that can be redeemed for fruit and veg at a Hoxton Street Market, Ridley Road Market and our own regular Comet Food Co-op.

Please ask to speak to Kelly Ladd and she will be able to give you more information and register you.



New Timetable

Our January to April 2019 timetable will be available to collect from the office or any of our sessions from Monday 17th December.

Children return to nursery on Wednesday 9th January 2019.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the staff at
Comet.

Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2018

Monday 17th December - Christmas sing-a-long performance for parents

Friday 21st December - Children's Christmas Party and last day of term

Spring Term 2019

Tuesday 8th January - closed for INSET day

Wednesday 9th January - children return to school

Monday 4th February - Chinese New year (Year of the Pig)

18th - 22nd February - Half term

Monday 25th February - children return to school

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day

Monday 11th March - Book Week

Friday 15th March - Red Nose Day fundraising

Sunday 31st March - Mother's Day

Friday 5th April - Last day of term

Summer Term 2019

Tuesday 23rd April - Closed for INSET Day

Wednesday 24th April - Children return to school

Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday school closed

Saturday 11th May - Open day for new families

Monday 13th May - Hatching ducklings (2 weeks)

Wednesday 15th May - Class photos and family photos

27th May - 31st May - Half term

Monday 3rd June - Children return to school

Monday 10th June - Art Week

16th June - Father's Day

18th and 19th June - Canal trip for Sun and Star Rooms

Friday 19th July - End of term party for children and their families and last day of term