

# Comet News

November 2018

We hope you had a lovely half term holiday. This term is always busy and there are lots of upcoming events. Please don't forget to look at the diary dates in this newsletter or on the board in the hall for updates.

Don't forget to call into the school on the first day of absence if your child is unwell or won't be in.

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## Macmillan Coffee

Morning/Afternoon - A BIG

THANKYOU

Wow.....thank you. You raised over £250 for the charity.



## Natural Explorers

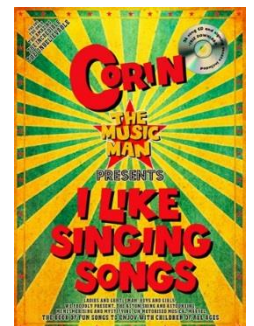
Our Natural Explorers have been out exploring the local area. During Maths Week they went on a number hunt and found numbers on doors, signs and in shops. They have also cooked apples on a fire in the garden and collected conkers in Shoreditch Park. Children who are entitled to Free School Meals are offered these exciting opportunities as part of our Natural Explorers programme and really benefit from going out in small groups and learning lots of new words to develop a broad vocabulary.

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.**



Corin is our Early Years music teacher and comes into Comet every week to work with the children. We thought we would let you know that he has a book and CD with lots of the songs the children love to sing. It is a great way to support the music we do and you can sing the songs at home. If you would like a copy it costs £10, and available from the school office or from Corin. Corin also has a YouTube channel, called 'I Like Singing Songs' or go to [ilkesingsongs.com](http://ilkesingsongs.com) to hear some of the music.



### What have the children been interested in?

The children have been very interested in Halloween and all things magical. We have a dark and spooky house in Sun Room where the children have been reading exciting stories such as, 'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson and mixing up spells in a cauldron, adding potions as they go.

We have also been lucky enough to have lots of gorgeous orange pumpkins and have been making drawing of them, practising the initial sound 'p' and of course, carving them and exploring what's inside. The children's curiosity has really ensured that they have had a broad range of learning experiences about this lovely time of the year.

### Home Learning

We update information and ideas for home learning in the hall. Please take a look at our carousel next to the 'Families at Comet' table. If there is anything in particular that you would like to support your child at home with then this is the place to look. Please let us know if you can't find what you're looking for.



Our book borrowing has been a real success already and we would like to thank you for returning the books in good condition so that we can change them every week.

We would also like to thank the parents who have been attending our weekly parent reading sessions on a Wednesday. When you drop your child off, please stay for a while and share a book. You don't have to read aloud but can talk to your child about the pictures and ask questions. It is also an excellent opportunity to see what they've been doing in their Special Book. These are available by the doors inside the rooms but please ask a member of staff if you can't locate it.



### Parent Workshop: Playdough Session Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Please save the date for our Parents workshop on the 12<sup>th</sup> December when you drop your child(ren) off to nursery. We will provide the ingredients you need for you and your child to make your own playdough. There will also be information about the variety of learning opportunities that playdough can offer and you can take your playdough home to get started. We will be running this in the morning and afternoon for Sun, Star and Moon parents. Keep an eye out for more information nearer the date!



We have some Breakfast and Tea Club spaces available for children in Sun or Star Room. If you would like to know more please see the office.



## Ideas for family outings

31 free things to do with children in London and some of them are very close to us!



<https://www.visitlondon.com/things-to-do/family-activities/31-free-things-to-do-with-kids>



Diana Memorial Playground is free and gets you all out in the fresh November air.

<https://www.royalparks.org.uk/parks/kensington-gardens/things-to-see-and-do/diana-memorial-playground>

Although the Geffrye Museum is closed they have lots of activities in their garden. You could go to the Christmas market on 8<sup>th</sup> December.

<https://www.geffrye-museum.org.uk/whatson/events/families/weekend-activities-family-days/>

When you're in the festive mood why not visit Father Christmas at Westfield.



<https://visitlondon.com/things-to-do/event/40074966-santas-snowflake-grotto-at-westfield-stratford-city>

## Dates for your Diary

### Autumn Term 2018

- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November - School photographer for individual photos of children
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need fundraising
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December - Book fair (all week)
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Children's Christmas lunch
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Parent workshop - Playdough making
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas sing-a-long performance for parents
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December - Children's Christmas Party and last day of term

### Spring Term 2019

- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January - closed for INSET day
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January - children return to school
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February - Chinese New year (Year of the Pig)
- 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Half term
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February - children return to school
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March - Book Week
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Red Nose Day fundraising
- Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Mother's Day
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April - Last day of term

### Summer Term 2019

- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - Closed for INSET Day
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April - Children return to school
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday school closed
- Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May - Open day for new families
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May - Hatching ducklings (2 weeks)
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May - Class photos and family photos
- 27<sup>th</sup> May - 31<sup>st</sup> May - Half term
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Children return to school
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June - Art Week
- 16<sup>th</sup> June - Father's Day
- 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> June - Canal trip for Sun and Star Rooms
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July - End of term party for children and their families and last day of term