

Comet News

January 2019

Happy New Year (if a little belated!)

Welcome back to all our children and welcome to Comet to all our new children and their families. We hope you enjoy your time at Comet.

Ofsted Inspection Report



You should all have received a copy of our recent Ofsted report. If not please pick one up from our parents information area in the hall. We are hugely proud of retaining our Outstanding status and I feel the report accurately reflects the work at Comet and celebrates the breadth of experiences the children are offered during their time in the nursery. It also notes the partnership working between the Comet staff and the parents. We are truly a great team for your child start to their education journey. I would like to say a **BIG** thank you to all the parents who completed the online parent view questionnaire and also the parents who spoke to the inspector on the day. If you have any questions about the report or the inspection please see Lisa.



What we've been learning

The children have been noticing the change in weather as we settle into Winter. This has been a really great opportunity to support the children in becoming more independent with keeping warm. So far we have tackled putting coats, hats, scarves and gloves on with growing independence - they are doing really well with this! We have also been exploring how to keep our bodies warm when outside. This has allowed the opportunity for lots of active play, making sure we keep moving and go inside when we feel like we need to heat up.

How you can help at home:

- Make sure all your children's clothing is labelled and draw their attention to their name in their clothes. This will help their independence even further.
- Talk to your child about seasonal changes they might see on the way to school such as, trees with no leaves, how they see their breath on very cold days, maybe even a flurry of snow or an icy puddle.



Changes to the office

The staffing has changed a little in the office. Jenny will now work in the mornings and Kelly in the afternoon.

Katie, the School Business Manager will also now take on the role of the Extended Services Manager for the Children's Centre.

Don't forget to name your children's clothes. This really helps us if they have lost an items of clothing.

Don't forget

Nappies and pull-ups!

We have a lot of children who are currently not toilet trained and are using nappies or pull ups. If your child is still using a nappy we are requesting that you always bring and use nappies and NOT pull ups as it takes the staff much longer to change a child in pull ups.

If your child is ready for toilet training please help them to be independent. If you need some help and advice please speak to you key worker.

Thank you.

Keep in touch with Comet!

Our website.

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



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Family outing ideas



Chinese New Year - It's the Year of the Pig. The Museum of London has some great sessions and activities for the children and family on the 2nd and 3rd February.

<https://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/museum-london-docklands/whats-on/chinese-new-year-celebrations?id=193408>

The main celebrations in China Town will be the weekend of the 9th and 10th February.

<https://www.timeout.com/london/chinese-new-year-in-london>

Time out has section devoted to 'free things to do with the kids in London' from museums to farms and cultural experiences. Have a look here.

https://www.timeout.com/london/kids/activities/free-things-to-do-with-the-kids-in-london?package_page=48369

Children's Centre News

New Timetable

Our January to April 2019 timetable is available from the office and on our website. Have a look at what we have to offer this term. We will have an exciting week of activities for February half term, the timetable for this will be available by the end of this week.



Baby Time

Every Monday morning (9.30am-11am) we hold our 'Explore with Baby' session. If you have a baby under the age of 18 months then this session is just for you. The children's centre activity room is turned into a soft and sensory area and is the perfect opportunity for you to meet other new mums and their babies. Andrea, our breastfeeding support advisor, joins the session during the school term to offer support and advice.

Fitness

Come and join Ade, our fitness trainer, for a fabulous workout which combines body weight, cardio and strength exercises to help you keep fit. Ade will meet you in Shoreditch Park every Thursday, 10-11am and the cost is £2.00 (which you pay to Ade). We do not provide a crèche, but children are welcome to join in.



Mini Stay & Play

We now offer 3 mini stay & play sessions during the week. These sessions are shorter, quieter and sensory, with only a maximum of 8 children. If you feel your child would enjoy these session, we would love to see you. These sessions fill up quickly, so to avoid being disappointed please arrive a few minutes before the start of the session:

- [Wednesday, 1.30-2.45pm](#)
- [Friday: 9.30-10.45am AND 11am-12.15pm](#)

Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2019

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 (dressing up day)

Monday 11th March - Book Week

Tuesday 12th March - Discover (Storytellers) will visit for the day

Thursday 14th March - Parent puppet making workshop

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

Sunday 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