



# Comet News

January 2018

Welcome to all our new children and families, we hope you have a great time at Comet and access all the activities we have available both in the nursery and the children's centre. Please pick up a children's centre timetable from the office. Kelly, who works in the office is also our temporary Parental Involvement Worker, she will be able to answer any questions you have.

## Staffing at Comet

Welcome to Chantelle Sandiford who has joined the Comet team as a Nursery Education Officer. Chantelle is an experienced practitioner and will be key worker for a group of children.



We have to say goodbye and good luck to Paula who has worked at Comet for the last 5 years. Paula has made a huge contribution to Comet's children and families and has worked both in the nursery and with our 2 year old provision. Paula is going to be working as a nursery officer in a health team supporting children in school. Good luck Paula and thank you

from us all at Comet.

## What are we learning?

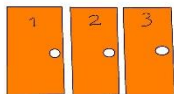
This term we will be supporting children in developing their personal, social and emotional skills and wellbeing through activities that support turn-taking, negotiation and developing friendships.

This week is Maths Week and we are offering children a range of exciting mathematical activities and experiences that support their knowledge of shape, space and measure. This will include a shape walk in the local area, cooking activities, building with the large wooden blocks to create structures and we have also got our 'Comet Shop' in our role play area.

## Home Learning ideas and visits

As we are focusing on shape, space and measure and maths development, why not play 'I spy' on the way to school looking for shapes in the environment.

"I spy a rectangle



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Have you ever visited the Science Museum? There is an interactive space called The Garden for children aged 3-6 years. It's completely free and you can get the tube there and take a packed lunch. <https://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/see-and-do/garden>



Tate Modern is also child friendly and free! At the moment there are lots of swings to try out in the Turbine Hall, why not get the 242 bus to St Pauls and then walk over the 'wobbly bridge' and visit the Tate <http://www.tate.org.uk/kids/explore/top-5/top-5-things-kids-do-tate>

## Children's Centre News

Comet Food Co-op: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018



Since October we have been running a monthly food co-op where all our families have the opportunity to buy fresh fruit and vegetables at amazing prices. In addition, to cash, families are able to exchange Healthy Start Vouchers and Rose Vouchers for fruit and veg.



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

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 monthly Comet Food Co-op.



**Goodbye Clara**



Clara has been working at Comet for 2 years and has made a real difference to the experiences that children and families have when they come to the children's centre. Clara has supported families in accessing an array of services and made sure children always have fun when they're learning! Clara has to leave us and is continuing her travels in South East Asia. We wish her luck, I'm sure she will keep in touch.

## Dates for your Diary

### Spring term 2018

Maths Week - 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> January

12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> February - Half term

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February - Chinese New Year (Year of the Dog)

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March - World Book Day and dressing up day

5<sup>th</sup> March - 9<sup>th</sup> March - Book Week

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March - Mother's Day

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Sport Relief Day

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Last day of term

### Summer Term 2017

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April - Children return to school

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May - School closed for Polling Day

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May - Open day for new families

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday school closed

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May - Class photos and family photos

28<sup>th</sup> May - 1<sup>st</sup> June - Half term

11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> June - Art Week

17<sup>th</sup> June - Father's Day

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.