

Comet News

March 2017

We would like to welcome Deborah Hayward to the Comet team. She is the class teacher in Sun Room and is also the SENDCo (special needs coordinator). Deborah joins us from a school in Newham and has considerable experience in working with nursery age children.



Liz Moona also joins us at Comet as the breakfast and tea club leader in our extended day provision.

What have the children been interested in?

The children have been very interested in sharing books and stories. You may have noticed the new sofas in the book corners! These have really encouraged the children to sit and look at books with each other and have created a lovely way for the adults to engage in reading books. The children have been asking the adults to read their favourite stories, often asking for them to be read again! As its Book Week we will be continuing to focus on reading and storytelling, look out for the children's own stories!



Home learning

Reading stories aloud to children is one of the most highly recommended activities for supporting their language and literacy development. One way to develop your child's oral language is to read stories to them and chat about the story as you read it. By simply sitting together in a quiet space, cuddling up for a few minutes and focusing on a story together, you are not only improving your relationship but helping your child to become familiar with a type of language that they won't hear in everyday conversation. Children love to imitate what they see happening around them. If parents are seen to read in the home, this sends a powerful message to children about the importance of reading. Think about how to dedicate some time to sharing books and remember to make lots of comments about the pictures and not ask too many questions!

Lost Property!

We have a lost property box in the hall, please look to see if anything belongs to your child.

PLEASE PUT YOUR CHILD'S NAME
ON THEIR CLOTHES.



We are collecting Sainsbury's vouchers. The collection box is in the hall.



Reminder!



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If your child has a sickness or diarrhoea bug you will need to keep them off school for 48 hours. We have had a lot of sickness recently and we are trying to stop it spreading to more children. We would really appreciate your support in this.

Children's Centre Update



Comet Parent Forum

We are currently recruiting new parents who would be willing to become part of the Children's Centre Parent Forum. Your input will help us to develop the services we offer in the future by understanding what is well received and what you feel might be missing. Meetings will be held at the Children's Centre every term lasting approximately one hour. If you have used our Children's Centre and feel that you could help develop our services in 2017 please speak to our Parental Involvement Worker, Carol Wynter, who works Tuesday to Thursday.

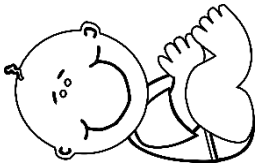
Have you signed up yet?

We have some very exciting short courses beginning during the spring term. There are a restricted number of places for some of these classes so please register your interest with a member of the office team soon to avoid disappointment:

- ❖ Gardening - Starting Wednesday 19th April
- ❖ Sewing - Starting Wednesday 10th May

Baby Massage

Do you have or do you know anyone that is having a baby soon? We will shortly begin delivering Baby Massage classes at Comet with Clara Babechuk our Lead Early Years Practitioner. Baby



Massage has numerous benefits to both the early days of your infants' life, mother baby relationship and attachment whilst providing you simple yet soothing techniques to support your newborn. Look out for further information on our noticeboard.

Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2017

6th March - 10th March - Book Week
Friday 17th March - St Patrick's Day
Tuesday 21st March - Jane Grell, visiting storyteller
Friday 24th March - Red Nose Day
Sunday 26th March - Mother's Day
27th - 31st March - Easter activities
Friday 31st March - Last day of term

Summer Term 2017

Tuesday 18th April - Children return to school
April - Visiting gardener will be working in the summer term with the children
Wednesday 26th April - English as an additional language (EAL) parents
coffee meeting
Monday 1st May - Bank Holiday school closed
Saturday 6th May - Open day for new parents
Wednesday 10th May - Class photos and family photos
15th - 26th May - Natural Explorers project
Monday, 22nd May - School closed for training

29th May - 2nd June - Half term

Monday 5th June - Children return to school
12th - 16th June - Art Week
18th June - Father's Day
Friday 7th July - Outing for children transferring to primary school
Friday 21st 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.