



Comet Nursery School and Children's Centre Newsletter

April 2015

Welcome back to the Summer Term which is always very busy but hopefully we will have some lovely weather!

WELCOME

I would like to welcome Fliss James to Comet. Fliss is our new Deputy Head Teacher and will be based in Star Class. Fliss has worked extensively in the early years, mainly in Tower Hamlets and has a real passion for young children's learning. She will oversee teaching and learning across the children's centre and nursery school. Please say hello when you see her.

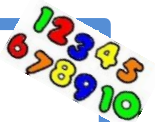


I would also like to welcome Gemma Trew to the team working in Moon Room. Gemma is an Early Years Apprentice and will be working with our 2 year old children.

Home learning

In response to suggestions made by parents we have developed a bank of home learning cards (a bit like recipe cards) that you can pick up from the nursery and use at home to support your child's learning. These cards will have suggestions such as shopping trips, playing with saucepans as musical instruments and laying the table. These all support learning through the Early Years Foundation Stage.

To launch this new initiative we have organised a coffee morning for Friday 1st May at 9am. Come along to meet Lisa and Zoe to find out how to support your child's learning in a fun way through materials that you have at home.



Are you receiving texts from the school?

If not please contact the school office to update your number.



Summer clothes

If we get hot weather please make sure your child has sun cream on and please avoid strappy tops so children don't get too much exposure to the sun.

Also children need covered sandals so they can still run, jump, climb and ride the bikes.



OPEN DAY

Please note that the date of our open day has changed. It will now be on Saturday 9th May from 11 - 12.30pm. This day is for new families to register and for any family that already attends Comet to visit.



COMET CLOTHES

If your child has come home wearing Comet clothes can you PLEASE, PLEASE wash them and bring them back. We have none of our clothes left and we can't change children who need a change of clothes. All the Comet clothes have the school name written on them!

Children Centre News



The Easter schedule was a busy time and our children had plenty of fun making chocolate nest, hunting for Easter eggs and using lots of energy on the bouncy castle.... Thank you to those families who attended during the break.

On **May 12th** at **9am** we will host a coffee morning with our professional employment advisor Caroline Modest. Caroline will give a talk about what support is available, including your benefit rights. Many people fear they will be worse off financially by returning to work as benefits will be cut. This is not always the case with much more assistance being available for those who take up employment opportunities.



So what is on offer? Skill assessments, interview technique practice, CV writing classes, confidence building and many more skill building sessions. Come along and book your 1:1 appointment with Caroline.

We have a **new** Adult Literacy class starting on Friday afternoons. It requires a short assessment to be completed prior to joining. (Speak to Gareth or the office for further details)

This **new** class will complement our current Adult Numeracy class on Thursday mornings. (Please see full timetable for more details)

Staff in the Children's Centre and office will be asking you to complete a short training questionnaire. Please take a few moments to complete this short form as it will really help us to understand what things you would like to learn and attend.



Dates for your Diary

Summer Term 2015

Monday 20th April for 2 weeks – Living eggs/hatching chicks

Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday school closed

Thursday 7th May – Polling day school closed

Saturday 9th May – Comet Open Day

Wednesday 13th May – Class photos and family photos

25th – 29th May – Half term

Monday 1st June – Children return to school

8th – 12th June – Art Week

17th and 18th June – Canal trip for all nursery children

Thursday 2nd July – Nursery leavers visit to Willows Farm

Moon Room open for 2 years old but nursery closed to all other children

6th – 10th July – Sports Week

Friday 10th July – Nursery leavers reports to parents

Tuesday 21st July – End of term party for children/families and last day of term

Autumn Term 2015

Tuesday 8th September – children return to school