

# Comet News

September 2019

Welcome back to all our returning children and to our new children and their families we would like to welcome you to Comet. It is a very busy time of year as all our new children settle into the nursery routine. We hope that they will all enjoy their time with us.

## Who we are!

We would like to welcome our new staff members.



Lilith – Star Class  
Teacher  
Thursday & Friday



Daniqua – NEO  
Moon Room




Chelsea – NEO  
Star Room



Maria - NEO  
Moon Room

 Star Room team - Jessica/Lilith (Class teachers), Nathan (NEO) Samantha (NEO)

 Sun Room team - Beatriz (Teacher), Busra (NEO) and Chelsea (NEO).

 Moon Room team - Natasha (Lead NEO), Chantelle (NEO) Maria (NEO) and Daniqua (NEO)

### **Early Years Pupil Premium and Free School Meals**

If you are in receipt of certain benefits such as **Universal Credit, income support and jobseeker's allowance** and think your child is entitled to free school meals please go to the Hackney Learning Trust website and register to get your child a free school meal. Without confirmation of free school meals you will be charged the daily rate of £2.00. A daily menu is displayed outside Sun Room.

If you are entitled to free school meals the school automatically gets Early Years Pupil Premium funding of £350 per year. This allows us to take children on trips, offer Forest School and gardening activities. We really do rely on this extra funding to make sure our children get lots of different opportunities to extend their learning.

**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.**

### **Attendance at Comet**

At Comet we believe it is really important for children to attend every day and that they are on time. This allows your child to start the beginning of their session with their friends and gives them positive life skills on the importance of being on time.

Our session times in Sun and Star Room (3 and 4 year olds) are:-

Morning session 9 - 11.30am  
Afternoon session 12.45 - 3.15pm  
30 hours provision 9am - 3pm  
Full day for part time children 9am - 3.15pm



The register is completed every day. If you bring your child later than 9.20am or 1pm you will need to see Katie, Kelly or Jenny in the office and your child will be marked in late. If you need to collect your child early we would ask that you do so by 11am or 2.45pm or 3pm for Moon Room, so children are not disturbed in their story time. It is also really important that your child is collected on time.

Our session times in Moon Room (2 year olds) are:-

Morning session 8.30 - 11.30am (if you arrive after 8.45am, you will be asked to wait outside until 9am to reduce disruption)  
Afternoon session 12.30 - 3.30pm

### ***Please name your child's clothes***



*Please can you name your child's clothes especially the Comet sweatshirts. If you have lost any clothes please see the lost property box in the hall.*

*Don't forget to provide your child with a spare set of clothes to keep at nursery. There is a named bag on their peg. **The bag must be kept at school.***

Please also make sure your child has good shoes for running and climbing and a coat now it's getting colder.



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.



### **Parents information Evening - Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 6pm -7.15pm**

Please come along to our Parents Information Evening. We will talk through the learning and opportunities that children will experience at Comet. We will also offer you a chance to see the types of activities we provide - you might even want to have a go!

A crèche will be available for a small number of children. More information to follow.

## Home Learning

We have lots of information and ideas for home learning for parents in the hall. Please take anything you think you and your child would like to do at home.



We also provide a book borrowing service. Children will be provided with a school book bag and will be able to choose a book to bring home every Wednesday. Please share this book with you child and also keep it safe and cared for. We ask that you return the book bag the following Tuesday ready for a new book.

## Macmillan Coffee Morning/Afternoon - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September



We are holding a coffee morning/afternoon to raise money for Macmillan cancer support. Please bring a cake or biscuits and stay for a coffee and a chat with other parents. We will meet at 8.45am and 12.30pm.

Please come along to support this charity event and meet other parents.

## Ideas for family outings

How about visiting Spitalfields Farm, it's just off Brick Lane and they have some lovely gardening areas, café, donkeys and goats and its free!

<https://www.spitalfieldscityfarm.org/>



Growing Communities have a farmers market in Stoke Newington on Saturdays. Here is the link. <https://www.familiesonline.co.uk/local/hackney/listing/the-growing-communities-farmers-market>

Discover Story Centre in Stratford has an exhibition and fun space of the classic story 'The Tiger who came to Tea'. Discover is a great place to take children for a visit, but please go online to buy a ticket before you go!

<https://discover.org.uk/event/the-tiger-who-came-to-tea/>



## Dates for your Diary

### Autumn Term 2019

- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September - Macmillan coffee morning/afternoon  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October - Parent's information Evening  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October - Heritage Week  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Steel Pan workshop for children  
21<sup>st</sup> October - 25<sup>th</sup> October - Half term holiday  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October - Children return to school  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October - Diwali celebrations  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November - Primary School transition meeting for parents at 10am  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November - Firework display for children  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November - School photographer for individual photos of children  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need fundraising  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - Book fair (all week)  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Children's Christmas lunch (TBC)  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas sing-a-long performance for parents  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Children's Christmas Party and  
last day of term

### Spring Term 2020

- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January - children return to school  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January - School closed for INSET day  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January - Chinese New year (Year of the Rat)  
17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> February - Half term  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February - children return to school  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - Book Week  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March - Fitness Week  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March - Sport Relief charity day  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - Mother's Day  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Autism Awareness week  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Last day of term

### Summer Term 2020

- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April - Closed for INSET Day (TBC)  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April - Children return to school  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May - Open day for new families  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May - School Closed for GLA Elections  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday school closed  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May - Hatching ducklings (2 weeks)  
23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> May - Eid ul Fitr  
25<sup>th</sup> May - 29<sup>th</sup> May - Half term  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June - Children return to school

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June - Art Week

16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> June - Canal trip for Sun and Star Rooms

21<sup>st</sup> June - Father's Day

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July - Leavers reports to parents

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July - End of term party for children and their families  
and last day of term