

# Comet News

January 2020

## 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.

## Chinese New Year



This year is the Year of the Rat. If you are born in the in the Year of the Rat you are thought to be very industrious and thrifty, diligent and positive. We will be celebrating this week with cooking, dancing and creative activities. Celebrations in Chinatown are this

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January and there will be a children's workshop at the Museum of London Docklands on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> February. See links below.

<https://www.visitlondon.com/things-to-do/event/4733685-chinese-new-year-in-london>

<https://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/museum-london-docklands/event-detail?id=241608>



### 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!



### Keep in touch with Comet!

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

<https://www.facebook.com/CometNSandCC>



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## Complaint!

We have received a complaint of littering from a neighbour in the New Era Estate. She has said that rubbish is left on the ground while parents are sitting and waiting on the wall. Please make sure you take all your rubbish home with you or use the bins that we have outside our main entrance. Thank you.



**Don't forget to bring your child's book bag back to nursery. We change their books every Wednesday.**



We are looking for 2 parents who would like to be governors at Comet. A letter will be coming out to you this week providing you with information about this exciting opportunity to be part of the governing body, helping to shape the work we do at Comet. If you need any more information or have a question, please see Lisa.

### **Do you need childcare in the summer holidays?**

We will be sending out a questionnaire to find out if this would be something parents of children in Star and Sun Rooms would like us to provide. The information outlines the cost and weeks we would be able to provide the play scheme. Please see the Katie or Lisa for more information.

### **Are you entitled to Free School Meals?**

If you think you might be please apply to Hackney Learning Trust or speak to someone in the office who will be able to give you more information. If you are entitled to free meals we are offering a free Comet t-shirt as a thank you as the school will receive extra funding.

### **Family outing ideas**

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.visitlondon.com/things-to-do/family-activities/31-free-things-to-do-with-kids>

Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood has lots of family friendly activities in the warm. <https://www.vam.ac.uk/moc/>

Or why not go for a walk along the canal to see the ducks or maybe a walk through Shoreditch to see the amazing and ever changing street art.

# Children's Centre News

## Sensory Stay & Play Session

**Sensory Stay & Play**

Every Friday  
Beginning 17th January  
9.30-10.45am  
8 children maximum per session

Come & join us for sensory activities specifically designed for children age 0-4 who have additional needs.

This session will be dedicated to stimulating, developing & relaxing the senses.

In contrast to other stay & plays, this will allow your child the freedom & autonomy to explore the environment for themselves, in their own time, using their senses.

Limited spaces, booking advisable!  
20 Halcomb Street, London, N1 5RF Tel: 020 7749 9850

Every Friday morning at 9.30am - 10.45am we have a sensory stay & play session for families who have children with additional needs (aged 0-4). If you have a child with additional needs or know of other friends that live in Hackney that may benefit from this sensory stay & play, please let them know about this session.

## Toy Library

We will be visiting Shoreditch Library for our Toy Library session every last Tuesday of the month, where you can borrow toys and books to take home. Dates are on the leaflet opposite.

Come and join us at  
**SHOREDITCH LIBRARY**  
for our Toy Library session  
every last Tuesday of the  
month Dates: 25 February,  
31 March, 28 April, 30 June  
1pm-2pm

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## February Half-Term - 17<sup>th</sup> February - 22<sup>nd</sup> February

We are open for half term. Our timetable will be available from the office from Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> January - a sneak preview is below! Comet Little Bakers will be making an appearance along with a trip to the National History Museum, wild walk to Hackney Marshes, jewellery making and an opportunity to meet our resident snails - Super Peter & Super Paul!



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Morning Session</b>	<b>17</b> Comet Little Bakers 9.30 - 11.30am Come along for a muffin pizza bake-off 	<b>18</b>  Day Trip to the Natural History Museum 10 - 2pm	<b>19</b> Body Painting with Babies 9.30 - 11.30am <b>Pre-Walkers ONLY</b> Join us for a fun messy play session 	<b>20</b> Wild Walk @ Hackney Marshes 9.30 - 11.30am Take a walk on the wild side - sign up during stay & play 	<b>21</b> Sensory Stay & Play for children with additional needs 9.30 - 10.45am This session is for families who have children with additional needs
<b>Afternoon Session</b>	Fairy Tale Stay & Play 1 - 3pm Join us for fairy tale fun & activities 	Join Morgan & Sarah-Jane for a visit to the Natural History Museum. Spaces are limited, please sign up during a stay & play session Please bring your topped up Oyster card & a packed lunch	Creepy Crawlies Stay & Play 1 - 3pm Come along and meet our pet snails Super Peter & Super Paul 	<b>NO SESSION</b> 	Jewellery Making Stay & Play 1 - 3pm Come in and make some jewellery to take home & treasure 

## Dates for your Diary

### Spring Term 2020

17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> February - Half term

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February - children return to school

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February - Pancake Day

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - Book Week

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March - Discover Story Centre visiting Sun & Star Rooms

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 &  
Easter activities

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Last day of term

### Summer Term 2020

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April - Closed for INSET Day

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