

Comet News

April 2019

A BIG thank you!

Thank you to all the parents who came to the puppet making workshop with your child.

Thank you to all the parents who donated money to Comic Relief, we raised over £200!!!

Thank you to all the parents who stay to read with their child on Wednesdays – Please keep coming.

Garden project

We have been lucky enough to win a bid for some extra money to develop the nursery garden outside Sun Room. We are developing a new climbing frame, gardening area, water play and grassed areas. The work starts at the end of April and we hope it will be ready after the May half term holiday. It's going to be a really exciting project, which we are sure the children will love!



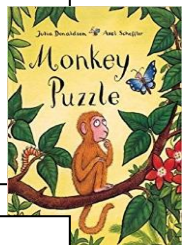
Julie, our gardener, will be back to work with the children after the Easter holidays. She will be planting fruit and vegetables with the children and teaching them how to care for them as they grow.



Book Week

What a great success it was. The children loved having the visit from Discover (see family outing ideas). They told the story of *Monkey Puzzle* by Julia Donaldson and the children enjoyed being involved and joining in with retelling the story.

We focused on Julia Donaldson books that week and other activities included children making their own books, role play of the stories and dressing up!



Reception Class places

If your child is transferring to Reception Class in September 2019 you will receive an email on the 16th April to inform you of your allocated school place. Please make sure you check your email and confirm and accept the place. If you are unhappy with your allocation you must contact Hackney Learning Trust as soon as possible to discuss this - 020 8820 7000.

What we've been learning

You may have heard that we now have some new pets at Comet! We welcomed two African snails and have really enjoyed watching them grow. We got them when they were babies but they should be full size by July. The children have named them Super Peter and Super Paul. Super Peter is a little bigger so they are easy to tell apart.

They live in soil and burrow down to sleep. They like to eat cucumbers and some of the lovely cabbage leaves we grown in our garden. They really love to take a shower in the sink. We're so excited to learn more about these fantastic creatures!



Family outing ideas

Discover - Children's story centre in Stratford is a great place for a family day out. At the moment they have activities based around the stories of Mog the Forgetful Cat and The Tiger who Came to Tea.



<http://www.discover.org.uk/>

Time out has a 101 things to do with kids section for the Easter holidays.

<https://www.timeout.com/london/kids/101-things-to-do-in-london-with-kids>

Let's Play: Easter at Kings Cross. There are lots of fun and free activities here over the Easter holidays. There will be a petting zoo, face painting, balloon play as well as a market to look around. In Granary Square there are small fountains that children can play in on a warm spring day! <https://www.kingscross.co.uk/event/lets-play-easter>



Have a lovely holiday, hopefully with lots of sunshine and see you back at Comet on Wednesday 24th April.

Children's Centre News

Easter Holiday Timetable

The Children's Centre is open over the Easter Holiday. We have lots of exciting activities taking place ranging from:

- Easter Nests with Comet Little Bakers
- Trip to Clissold Park, Tate Modern & Discover Children's Story Centre
- Easter egg hunt
- Messy play
- Playdough Stay & Play



The Easter timetable is available from the office, our website or Facebook page. The Children's Centre is open for families with children aged 0-6 years in the school holidays. We look forward to seeing you.

Summer Timetable

The new Summer Timetable has now been released, we have made some changes to some of our activities and added some exciting new courses. The timetable is available on-line or from the office:




Explore with Baby



We have moved the Explore with Baby session to Wednesday morning (9.30am-11am). If you have a baby under the age of 18 months then this session is just for you.

Stay & Play

Our Stay & Play sessions are running on the following days:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
NEW Session 1pm-2.45pm	9.30-11.20am & 1-2.45pm	Baby Time 9.30-11am Comet Little Gardeners 9.30-11.30am	Messy Play 9.30-11.20am 	Mini Stay & Play 9.30-10.45 & 11am-12.15pm

NEW Courses

We are running two new courses this term:

- **Sewing:** Will be run on Wednesday afternoons from 1pm-3pm with a limited crèche. The first 5 week course is already fully booked, to add your name to the waiting list for the next course, please see the office.
- **Swimming:** Lessons will take place at Britannia Leisure Centre on Friday afternoons 1-1.30pm for children under 3 years of age. They start on the 26th April and costs £15 for the 5 week course. Please ask the office for a sign up letter.



Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2019

Friday 5th April - Last day of term

Summer Term 2019

Tuesday 23rd April - Closed for INSET Day

Wednesday 24th April - Children return to school

Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday school closed

Saturday 11th May - Open day for new families

Monday 13th May - Hatching ducklings (2 weeks)

Wednesday 15th May - Class photos and family photos

27th May - 31st May - Half term

Monday 3rd June - Children return to school

Monday 10th June - Art Week

Sunday 16th June - Father's Day

18th and 19th June - Canal trip for Sun and Star Rooms

Wednesday 26th June - Leavers outing to Willows Farm

(nursery closed to all other Sun and Star Room children but open for Moon Room)

Friday 19th July - End of term party for children and their families
and last day of term