



# Comet News

December 2017



## Staffing at Comet

Gareth, who is our Extended Services Manager in the Children's Centre will be leaving us at the end of term to further his work in Attachment Psychotherapy. Gareth has made a huge contribution to how the Children's Centre is organised. He has supported many families to access services but also has led the Children's Centre in offering high quality experiences in services such as stay and play, breakfast and tea club and family courses. We would all like to wish him good luck in his new role. We will miss his commitment to Comet's children and families.



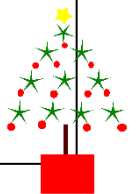
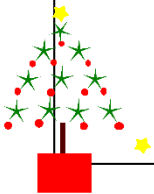
Rizwana, who is a Nursery Education Officer in Star Room, and has worked at Comet for 16 years and is also leaving at the end of term to spend more time with her family. Rizwana has been a key worker for many children and families over the years and has made a great contribution to our provision. We wish her lots of luck, with a big thank you from all the staff and children.

### Christmas Sing-a-long - Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December

*Parents are invited to come and hear the children sing some of their favourite Christmas songs.*

*For morning children the performance will be at 11am and for afternoon and 30 hour children they will sing at 2.45pm.*

*So come along for a mince pie and a song.*



## Christmas Cards



If your child would like to send Christmas cards to their friends we will have a post box in the hall. **The last collection date will be Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December.** If you need names of children please pick up a list from the office.

## Christmas Party

The nursery Christmas party will be on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December from 10am until 12.30pm, this replaces ALL our usual session times.

**PLEASE NOTE - there is no breakfast club, tea club or full day provision on this day.**



We will provide all the food for the party and we are hoping that Father Christmas will visit us during the party!!



## Home learning ideas for the winter



We hope you all enjoyed getting out in the snow but what other experiences is there to do in the winter?

- Try going for icy walks and looking for patterns in the ice.
- There are lots of events on at Spitalfields Market over the Christmas period, have a look at their website for information [www.spitalfields.co.uk/events-calendar](http://www.spitalfields.co.uk/events-calendar)
- Have a walk along the canal to feed the geese and ducks.
- Geffrye Museum have changed all their rooms for Christmas. Go and have a look before they close for refurbishment.



### Children in Need

Thank you, we raised an amazing £164.00 for the charity and had a great day.

## Children's Centre News



### **Comet Food Co-op:**

Since October we have been running a monthly food co-op where all our families have the opportunity to buy fresh fruit and vegetables at amazing prices. All produce comes from a local supplier, some of which is organic. In addition, to cash, families are able to exchange Healthy Start Vouchers and Rose Vouchers for fruit and veg. The next date for our Co-op is in January 2018. Look out for the posters for more details.

***Are you in receipt of benefits? Do you receive Healthy Start?  
Are you pregnant?***

If you answer yes to one or all of these questions, you could receive up to **£6 extra per week, per child**, under the age of 5 years old in vouchers that can be redeemed for fruit and veg at a Hoxton Street Market, Ridley Road Market and our own monthly Comet Food Co-op.



If you haven't signed up to attend our Christmas party, don't worry, it is not too late. Please speak to Clara or Sarah in a Stay and Play to sign up.

**Christmas Party - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 10am - 12.15pm.**

Next week our January to April 2018 timetable will be available to collect from the office or any of our sessions.

**Children return to nursery on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the staff at  
Comet.

## Dates for your Diary

### Autumn Term 2017

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas sing-a-long performance for parents

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December - Children's Christmas Party and  
last day of term

### Spring term 2018

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January - Children return to school

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February - new children photo day

12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> February - Half term

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February - Chinese New Year (Year of the Dog)

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March - World Book Day

5<sup>th</sup> March - 9<sup>th</sup> March - Book Week

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March - Mother's Day

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Sport Relief Day

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Last day of term

### Summer Term 2017

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April - Children return to school

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May - School closed for Polling Day

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May - Open day for new families

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday school closed

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May - Class photos and family photos

28<sup>th</sup> May - 1<sup>st</sup> June - Half term

11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> June - Art Week

17<sup>th</sup> June - Father's Day

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.