



www.comper.org.uk
Hertford Street, Oxford OX4 3AJ Tel: 01865 245768
Office email: office@comper.oxon.sch.uk
Office Administrators: Basia and Phoebe



Newsletter

Friday 1st October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

The first and most exciting piece of news is the we have finally opened the garden this week—hoorah!!

I wanted to write to you prior to opening, but various factors were contributing to being uncertain we were going to be able to, not least whether the council would have enough petrol to drive to collect the fencing that has kept it cordoned off while it was unsafe.

Yesterday, knowing that the 30th was the deadline we had set to open, we decided to take matters into our own hands and take the plunge! Early yesterday morning, our dedicated reception team rallied round to move all the fencing and place it safely so we could finally let the children explore! The weather wasn't quite on our side, but as you can imagine, we felt like we could wait no longer. Our reception children were so excited to finally stop looking at the space through the bars, but actually be able to run, play in and investigate it. There is no doubt that they had an amazing time and it has been well worth the wait.

Today with the glorious weather, we took the opportunity to open the garden up to the daycare and nursery children as well as reception. So, along with a delightful infestation of ladybirds who were prompting much curiosity, the children spent the afternoon, under a glorious early autumn sun, playing and exploring in our wonderful new space. After a stressful year governed by separation and 'bubbles', to have all our staff and children enjoying our new space together was very special. It was moving to see the children interacting so beautifully together, older children playing with and supporting younger children, siblings playing together and staff reconnecting with younger children they have taught before or getting to know new children. All the children were so engaged and their joy at being in and using the new space was really magical.

I would like to thank all of you and particularly the children, for waiting so patiently for the garden to be opened. **Thank you** for all your generous contributions to our just giving page and other fundraising events. We really couldn't have done it without you!

We would like our community to be able to enjoy and celebrate the garden with us, so our newly formed PTA, are planning a garden tea party (weather permitting) on Friday 22nd October after school ends. We will communicate more details with you via email soon.

PTA

We have a newly formed and enthusiastic PTA at Comper which is very exciting. They are already busy planning the garden tea party on the 22nd. The PTA are looking for more parents/carers that would like to get involved, not just in this event, but others they will plan throughout the coming year. This is a great chance to meet new parents and make friends while also supporting the school and its community. We have a new PTA email address, so if you would like to get involved, please do email Michaela and Rachel at: pta.comper@gmail.com

Feedback

Thank you to everyone who completed the holiday club questionnaire. Your feedback has been very helpful.

Wishing you a relaxing and recuperative weekend.

Best wishes,

Headteacher



Term Dates



Term 1

Friday 3rd September - Friday 22nd October

**INSET DAY - Friday 8th October.
SCHOOL CLOSED.**

Term 2

Monday 1st November - Friday 17th December

Term 3

Wednesday 5th January –Friday 18th February

Term 4

Monday 28th February - Friday 8th April

Term 5

Monday 25th April - Friday 27th May

Term 6

Tuesday 7th June - Thursday 21st July

REMINDER

Is your child turning 4 before August 31st 2022?

If so, from 2nd November you need to apply for a primary school place on line. Please follow the link below for information:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/reception-applications>

THANK YOU!

For helping getting our garden refurbished!

Thank you to those of you that have brought in bikes, cycle helmets and waterproofs that you no longer need. These are all massively appreciated— we still need more, so keep them coming and spread the word!



Now the garden is fully open all settings will be spending more time outside. As it gets wetter and colder, it is really important the children have the right clothing.

⇒ Please remember to bring the following items to school for your children:

- ◆ Wellies
- ◆ Waterproof all in one suit or waterproof coat and trousers
- ◆ Gloves and hat as the weather gets colder
- ◆ Bag to put their belongings in

Holiday Club—We still have spaces!

Half Term: Monday 25th October—Friday 29th October

Christmas: Monday 20th December—Thursday 23rd December

You do not have to book the for the whole holiday. So, if you just need a day here and there that's fine too. For more information, availability and prices please either email the school office on: office@comper.oxon.sch.uk or call on: 01865245768 and speak to Basia.

Don't forget— INSET DAY

FRIDAY OCTOBER 8th - SCHOOL COMPLETELY CLOSED