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Newsletter

Friday 28th May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

This term seems to have flown by, I can't believe that we are already at half term! I am hopeful that we may get some well needed sunshine while we enjoy some time away from school.

In the last week or so we have been gently beginning to talk about transitions with the children. This can be a slightly unsettling time of year for children (and families) as they become increasingly aware that change is on the horizon. For some of us we take change in our stride and even thrive on it, for others it can feel rather nerve racking. The children have already had to cope with a lot of change this year, which although has been very tough for them, may hopefully have helped them to build some resilience too. We will be doing lots more work with the children next term to support them with managing their emotions and preparing them for the transitions ahead. Please look out for information via email about the transition programme that we have put in place.

We have been thoroughly enjoying the ducklings over the last week in school. They have been rotating round the three settings and have stimulated lots of discussion. They finally left yesterday. Do have a look at the photos below of children enjoying them. Having animals in the school has really inspired lots of talk and learning and has definitely got staff thinking about whether we could have a more permanent furry friend joining us at Comper.....watch this space!

We have had builders on site over the last couple of weeks working on the boundary fence between Comper and the Irving building. The contractors were very friendly and the children enjoyed watching the digger at work and chatting through the fence to the workman about what they were doing. The boundary fence is now complete and secure and the fence running along the Essex street gardens has been mended too. During half term, the company we have secured to carry out the refurbishment of the reception garden will be spending a couple of days doing some initial clearing. We will then be on to the design phase. As soon as I have some designs to show you, I will share them. It feels like we are making steady progress towards positive change and improvement in our outdoor learning area which is very exciting. We still need to raise further funds to complete all the works we would like to, so don't forget to donate on the justgiving page if you haven't already.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/compergardenfund?utm_term=dxxBp8BNw

I am meeting with some parents at **2.15pm on Friday 11th of June** to discuss the **Comper Summer Fete/Social**. This year has been seriously lacking in opportunities to connect as a school community and get to know each other better. This has greatly saddened me and I know for many of you, this lack of connection with the school community has been very hard. I am hoping that if the planned lifting of restrictions goes ahead, we should all be able to get together and celebrate the end of the academic year with hope for a calmer, more connected and peaceful academic year ahead. If you have ideas to contribute to the fete or would like to get involved in planning, organising or contributing in some way to it, please do just email the office and let me know that you will be joining us for the meeting. Every one is welcome. If you cannot make that time, then please do email the office with any of your suggestions and I will share them at the meeting.

Please remember that **Comper is open as usual on Monday 7th June**. We look forward to welcoming you

all back and hearing about your half term holidays.

Wishing you all a restful and recuperative half term break.

Best wishes,

Catherine King



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THANK YOU!

Term Dates



Summer 1

Monday 19th April to Friday 28th May (school closed
Monday 3rd May - Bank Holiday)

Summer 2

Monday 7th June to Thursday 22nd July

Term 1 2021

INSET - Wednesday 1st September 2021

INSET - Thursday 2nd September 2021

School open to children for the new academic year:

Friday 3rd September 2021



28th May.

Holiday Club will run over the half term break.

Looking forward to... Half term



holidays!

⇒ Thank you so much to Sarah Lane Smith from Strawberry class for organising the plant sale this week and to Charlanne Sajwaj and Brid Spillane for helping her to sell the plants. The stall raised £186.10 and there was more added to the just giving page. Thank you so much for all those who brought plants and made donations to the stall. Your money is all going towards a very worthy cause.

⇒ Thank you to the PTA at SSMJ who very thoughtfully delivered cakes to the staff at Comper and SSMJ this week to keep our energy up through the last week of term. They were delicious and very much appreciated!

⇒ Thank you also to Laura Chaplin (who works in Reception) who has set up our Twitter account (@Comperschool) this term and is now managing all our social media platforms. Please do follow us on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.



If your child is ill please keep them off school. If they have had Cal pol in the morning in order to enable them to feel well enough to come to school, this puts staff in a difficult position. The medicine wears off and then children are unable to cope at school because they are not well. If staff become ill it puts the school under pres

sure to be able to staff it effectively, so we need to keep everyone as healthy as possible. Ill children, spread their bugs to the staff and other children, so please keep your child off school if they are not well. If they need Calpol, then they are not well enough to be in school.

Should your child test positive for Covid over the half term, please email the office: office@comper.oxon.sch.uk to inform us as we are acting as a track and trace service over the holidays and will need to inform people that they will have to isolate.



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Having fun at Comper



