



Newsletter

Friday 21st October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

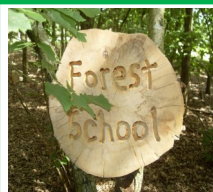
We have arrived at the end of what has been a long but successful term. We have so enjoyed getting to know all the new children and families at Comper. This term the children have particularly enjoyed getting to know our lovely big garden. It has been wonderful to watch them exploring and there has been lots of work across all settings, observing how the season has changed from Summer to Autumn.

THANKYOU!

I would like to say a massive THANK YOU to all the parents and carers who so generously contributed towards the new reading books in Reception this term. They have all arrived and have been stamped and put into the classrooms for use this week. A particular thank you to Fridolin Wild, for organising this initiative. At this time when budgets in Education are very tight, financial donations towards a particular project of need really do make the difference between having up to date resources and not.

OFFICE HOURS

Yesterday we said goodbye to lovely Basia Schofield from the office. Thank you to all those that came to wish her well. We are in the process of recruiting a new administrator. While we do this our Business Manager, Nicole Grazier and our Administrative Manager, Phoebe Larcombe will be carrying out all the tasks that Basia used to do and continuing with their own work too! This will put the office under considerable pressure. **As a result, we have taken the decision to temporarily close the office between 12.30pm-2.30pm everyday for term 2.** During these hours there will be someone available to answer the telephone, but please only call with really urgent issues during these hours. The email will be manned on a daily basis, so please do use this as a form of non-urgent communication. Thank you for your cooperation with this in advance.



We are very excited that Sarah Merry has now completed her Forest School Leader training. She was studying for this throughout last year and she had her final training day at the end of September - CONGRATULATIONS to Sarah!

Sarah will now be running forest school for groups of children all day every Tuesday at the Kidneys, off Meadow Lane. On this day Sarah's class will be in the very capable hands of our Deputy Head, Sarah Weaver.

Reception will be the first year group to have forest school sessions next term. They will go in small groups of 15 in the mornings and afternoons. Mango and Strawberry class will go on alternate weeks. We will then be planning for Nursery and Daycare to benefit from this opportunity throughout the academic year.



It was lovely to welcome so many of you into the school for our first 'Stay and Play' event since Covid. Daycare opened up their doors at the beginning of this week and welcomed parents in to school to stay and support their children with learning through their play. It was a lovely atmosphere and I could see that the children, families and staff were all having great fun. I certainly enjoyed making a large batch of blue playdough with one child. Thank you to the daycare team who worked so hard to make this such a successful event and to all the parents and carers who were able to attend.

We will be holding 'Stay and Play' events in both Nursery and Reception during term 2. All are welcome. Reception 'Stay & Play' -Friday 4th November & Nursery 'Stay & Play'-Tuesday 8th November, both 8.40am - 9.45am.



We are continuing to try to promote healthy eating in school and support the children to stay active. In Mango class last week, the children discussed how to eat healthily to keep their teeth strong and in good condition. If your child has a packed lunch please remember to pack them a healthy lunch with just one sweet treat on a Monday and Friday only, in line with our school dinner policy. Please follow the link below to support you with ideas for a healthy packed lunch: [Healthy Packed Lunch Video](#)

With budgets being tight for families across the UK please follow this link for ideas about how to feed your children healthy meals for less money: [Eat well for less](#)



For some top tips and information about brushing your child's teeth follow this link: [Teeth Cleaning Tips](#)

And if you think a little song might help get them brushing try having a look at this link: [Tooth brushing song](#)

We are hoping to invite a dentist or dental nurse into school to come and talk to the children about oral hygiene. If you work as a dentist or dental nurse or you know anyone who does, we would love to hear from you!



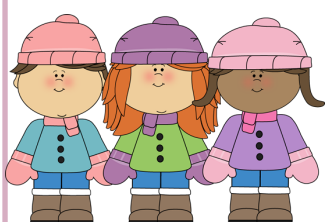
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CHILDREN BREATHING



Thank you to all you who are making an effort to walk, scoot, cycle and even run to school. This helps keep pollution in our community lower, reduces the traffic on the streets, making them safer for our children and is supporting our children to understand the importance of making positive choices to help keep themselves and our planet healthy.

We understand that for a very few families it is essential that you drop your children to school by car. If you are one of these families, please ensure that you park safely away from the school entrance, not on the pavement and that you **turn your engine off**. The fumes released from idling engines are toxic and are not good for the health of our children.

Please do consider whether you do really need to drive your child to school.



When we come back to school, the weather will be much colder and possibly wetter too. We like the children to be able to access the outdoor environment in all weathers. Teachers will plan for activities throughout the week that are outdoors. Please ensure that your child comes to school in clothing that will keep them warm and dry. **Wellies, and or good water-proof shoes are essential**, hat, gloves and scarf/snood. We do have good quality water-proofs that the children can borrow.

Please find attached with this newsletter, a list of key dates for your diaries for term 2. We are hoping to add a Christmas show for the children to go to and some dates when you will be invited in to come to school and share some Christmas/Winter celebrations. Dates to be confirmed early next term.

Wishing you all a very relaxing and happy half term holiday.

With very best wishes,



Catherine King