



Newsletter

Monday 8th July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is a busy time of year in schools. There are always lots of end of year activities, trips, celebrations and transitions going on, so life can feel very full. It can be an exhausting time for children, families and staff and with the light evenings too, bedtimes can often get a bit later in my experience, which can leave everyone feeling a bit more frazzled than usual. We are working hard in school to keep the children engaged with their learning and supporting them to manage their emotions and friendships calmly and kindly even when they are feeling a little less resilient than usual.

Ofsted

We would like to extend a **huge thank you** to those of you that completed our Ofsted questionnaire last week, took time to speak to the inspectors in person and for all the good wishes and supportive messages to staff. It means a lot to us and really helped us to feel positive and calm on the day. We are always grateful to have such a wonderfully supportive parent body to work with. The sun was shining and we actually had a great day in Nursery. Our inspectors were professional, respectful and fair; despite the inevitable tension and pressure that is hard to avoid, the inspection went as smoothly as possible. Our staff as always were AMAZING; professional, energetic and team focused. I would like to publicly thank them for all their hard work both before and during the inspection and every single day for providing such fantastic opportunities for our children. The final report will not be published for some weeks as there is an extensive process of drafts, checks and moderation that has to go on before the final is published. We will share it with you as soon as we have it.



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Governors



We are seeking two new governors to join the governing board for September 2024. If you are interested and would like an informal chat, please come and speak to Catherine or Sarah, or email Suzy Dixon, one of our Co-chairs on:

suzydixon@comper.oxon.sch.uk. Please express your interest in the role by Friday 19th July.



Our After School Club is full for this term. It is a consistently well used provision by regular parents. It is very unlikely that you will be able to pick up adhoc sessions before the end of term.

For September 2024, if you are staying with us, places have already been allocated. There is now a waiting list running which is managed by Sophie in the office on a first come, first served basis. Please email Sophie if you would like to be added to the waiting list.

Now that Rubbi has left, Anna Parry will be taking over running the after school club with Rozina.

Due to our struggle to staff this provision in the past, we have a limited number of 10 spaces in the provision, which is why it is hard to get a place. We are very sorry not to be able to offer a more extensive provision at this time. For those of you that need after school care and have not got a place in our after school club, please follow the link for [registered child minders in Oxford](#).



We know that this can be a difficult time for some families and holidays can seem long, with not a lot to do. Please have a look at some of the links to activities for children in and around Oxford during the summer:

<https://coordinate.cloud/haf-oxfordshire-county-council/>

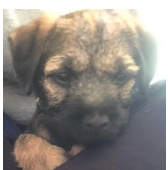
<https://oxfordshiremummies.co.uk/days-out-in-and-around-oxfordshire/whats-on-for-kids-over-the-summer-holidays-in-oxfordshire/>

<https://www.afso.org.uk/summer-2024/> (Summer activities for families with children with Autism)

<https://freetimewiththekids.com/whats-on-in-the-summer-holidays-oxfordshire/>



Many of you will have seen and maybe met Sonny, my dog who comes to school regularly with me. He spends most of the time with me in the office, but he sometimes pops out to say hello to the children who love to pat him and throw him a ball.



We would like to introduce Dotty, our latest school dog, who has joined Sonny in the office. Dotty is a Border Terrier puppy and belongs to Alice, the School Business Manager. She is too young to be around the children yet, but we hope that as she grows more mature she too will be able to pop in to have a play with the children if they'd like to.

If you would like to see more information about Sonny and Dotty and read our risk assessment, please visit our [website](#).



Staffing update



We are sad to let you know that Sophie Allington, who joined us this term to work in Butterflies will be leaving Comper at the end of the term. She was employed on a temporary contract to particularly support some of our more vulnerable children. While we would love her to stay as she become very much part of the Comper team and has already had a significant impact on the children, unfortunately we always new that she had other commitments from September. Thank you Sophie for the work you have done at Comper this term. We will miss you but wish you every success in your next venture.

We are delighted to be welcoming a new member of staff to the team, Lucy Kempton. Lucy will be joining us from 15th July. Some of you may know her as Lenny's (now at SSMJ) mum and a governor. She has stepped down from the governing body in order to join the staff team. Welcome aboard Lucy!

From September, Ursula Jackson will be moving back to work in Butterfly room to be able support all the 2 year olds that are moving up in September 2024.

We hope to be able to let you know who your child's keyperson is by the end of the week as there will be some changes. However, of course we will keep these to a minimum wherever we can.

SAVE THE DATE

A few term 6 dates for you:

Monday 8th July - Friday 12th July - Parent consultations week

Tuesday 9th July - Parent Information evening
5:45pm - 6:45pm

Thursday 11th July - Trip to Meadow Lane playground - Butterfly class

Wednesday 17th July 2024 - Caterpillar end of term sing-a-long
9:15am & 2:30pm

Thursday 18th July 2024, Butterfly end of term sing-a-long
9:15am & 2:30pm

Friday 19th July 2024 - Comper summer celebration
5pm -7pm

Tuesday 23rd July 2024 - End of term parties
11am

I would like to extend a personal thank you to all of you for your kindness to me over the last couple of months when you thought I was leaving and your friendly and positive response to the news that I am now able to remain in post in September! I am very much looking forward to continuing to work with you and your children.

Wishing you all a relaxing and recuperative weekend.



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