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Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of our first week back at school and it has been so lovely to be back with the children again after the long summer break. I can't deny that it has felt quiet with a smaller number of staff and minus 60 four and five year olds! However, this has made room for our younger children to have the run of the big garden and really allowed them the confidence and space to explore and engage with the outdoor environment in a purposeful way. There has been lots of bug hunting, listening to the birds sing, splashing in water, climbing, running and jumping and the adults have commented on how the space that the children can now access on a daily basis is enabling interesting and rich interactions with the children. Those children that have joined Comper this year are settling well and we are looking forward to getting to know them and you and your families better over the coming months.

It is the beginning of a new era for Comper as we continue to welcome in our Nursery age children and two year olds, but also begin to plan how Comper is going to develop over the coming months. I am very much looking forward to our first governing body meeting on October 9th when we will be thrashing out ideas about what direction to take next with our wonderful school and this beautiful space. There are already some exciting ideas flying about. If you have any bright ideas, please do come forward and share them with us.

Staffing



We are delighted to introduce Rozina Hadi. Rozina worked with us a bit through the academic year last year on an ad hoc basis and mainly with reception. Rozina is now a permanent employee at Comper and will be starting on Monday 18th September. She will be working mainly with the Butterflies and will be in After School Club daily with Sarah Korting and Rubbi Gurung.

After School Club Update

There are still spaces in After School Club this term so if you need your child to do longer days then please get in touch with via the office email: office@comper.oxon.sch.uk

After School Club now runs Monday -Thursday 3.00pm - 5.30pm. It is run by the following members of staff:



Rozina Hadi



Sarah Korting-Lead



Rubbi Gurung

Sarah Korting Leads the team in After School Club with great enthusiasm. The Club now has a dedicated space in one of the freed up classrooms that leads directly onto their own outdoor area. The children all sit down in the Apple Room for a healthy snack and drink as soon as they finish in their settings. There are carefully planned play activities out for the children each day with singing and sharing books, all part of the routine. Come and ask if you want to know more!



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SUPPORT



We are very pleased to announce that we are welcoming Oxford Breastfeeding Support into Comper to run a weekly session on a **Thursday morning 10.00am – 12.00pm**. They will be operating out of the Apple Room. The dedicated team of specialist breastfeeding support facilitators and volunteers provide vital assistance to families in Oxfordshire, enabling them to breastfeed their babies and children. For more information visit their website: Oxford Breastfeeding Support



The children have been really enjoying our school dinners cooked on site by our lovely cook Tracey. We always run a family style lunchtime where children sit in the dining hall in small groups with the adults to share a meal. It's a lovely relaxed atmosphere and there's a great deal of supportive encouragement for the children to try new foods and enjoy their mealtimes. It's also a great opportunity to quietly engage in conversation to support their communication development. We often find that children who won't eat well at home or try new foods, will do so when eating with their friends. The meals we provide are carefully thought through and monitored for nutritional content so there is a good balance through the week. Please see the latest school menu attached.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ⇒ **Our next INSET day is Friday October 6th 2023. School will be closed to ALL children.** Please note that there will not be an INSET day on June 7th as originally advertised. Comper will be open as usual.
- ⇒ **Parents Meeting** (Come and meet your child's key worker) will run during week 6 of this term, the week beginning **Monday 9th October—Friday 13th October**. There will be sign up sheets outside the classrooms for you to book your appointment nearer the time.
- ⇒ **Stay and Plays** - come to school with your child and play and learn with them. Bring them at their usual time and then stay for the hour after, **9am—10am (morning child), 12pm—1pm (afternoon child). Tuesday 17th October, Tuesday 19th December, Tuesday 6th February, Friday 8th March & Friday 14th June.**
- ⇒ **Nursery Library Visits** - **Tuesday 3rd October, 1pm, Wednesday 4th October, 9.15am & Friday 13th October, 1pm.** Children will be going on the bus to Temple Cowley Library. Drop and collect at Comper as usual.
- ⇒ **Children in Need Day** –dress in spots and bring a £1 for charity, **Monday 27th November.**
- ⇒ **Stories by candlelight** - **Tuesday 28th November 4.30pm -6.00pm.** Drop your child back at school after dark for them to share stories and drink hot chocolate under the twinkling with fairy lights & a nighttime nature trail round the big garden.
- ⇒ **Christmas Event** -“Toy Shop at the North Pole” by Little Magic Train - Interactive Early Years show for our children in Butterfly Room. This will happen at Comper. **Friday 15th December, 10am.** Afternoon children and those that do not normally attend that day are welcome to join us for the show, but will need dropping for the show and collecting directly after. More details to follow.

These are the dates we have to share with you so far. There will be further dates to come and we will try to give you as much notice as possible. We try to keep our website calendar up to date, so please do check that too!

With very best wishes,



Catherine King