



Newsletter

Friday 11th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who attended parent consultations, in Reception, this week. Both Reception teachers have said how lovely it was to be able to have time with you all and to celebrate the children's progress and learning so far. Nursery parents, we are very much looking forward to seeing you for parent consultations next week.

We have had two very successful Stay and Play sessions this week in both Nursery and Reception. We are so enjoying being able to welcome parents in to the school and for you to have a chance to share your child's daily school experience. Making connections between home and school is so important for our children to ensure their sense of belonging and wellbeing at school. I know many of them were very excited to have you in. We will be trying to do a Stay and Play session on a regular basis in each setting throughout the year, so please watch out for the dates.

At school it is very important that we have the correct information about children and families recorded on our system. This helps us make sure that we understand the community we are serving and that we are making every effort to ensure that our curriculum and teaching methods are meeting the needs of our children. Soon, you will receive a very short google survey to complete about your ethnicity and what languages you speak at home. We are keen to know exactly how many children we have in school for whom English is not their first language, or who are learning two (or maybe more languages) simultaneously. Learning multiple languages at the same time from your parents is an incredibly rich experience for children. There is plenty of research to show that it positively impacts children's brain development and their outcomes in later life. In some classes in the school we are already saying good morning at register in multiple different languages; a wonderful celebration and reflection of our diverse community.

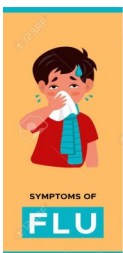
Please do take 5 minutes to complete the survey when it comes into your email box. We want to hear from as many families as possible including all of you who are speaking only English in your homes. Thank you in advance for taking time to do this.

At school, we are really trying to promote a love of reading for the children. Nursery and Daycare have had a fantastic time exploring Temple Cowley Library this week. They have also met the librarian and been read to, by them, too. Going to the library regularly is a real treat for the children and helps give them a broad experience of all the literature and information that is available to them. Having this positive experience early on in their lives, will hopefully begin to foster a life long love of books and reading. The library staff are very friendly and helpful and would welcome any families visiting during the week or at the weekends. Click on this link to the library website [Temple Cowley Library](#) for more information about opening times and what's going on at the library. They are open every day except Thursdays and Sundays. Throughout the week they host various child and parent groups for example Rhyme Time and a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) workshop.



At the cake sale last week, we raised: £57.50

Thank you to all who contributed. There were quite a few cakes left over, but we did not let them go to waste! We took them to The Porch on Magdalen Road. This is a local charity in our community that provides day long support for homeless and vulnerably housed people wanting to move forward in their lives. They were extremely grateful for the sweet treats! We are hoping to be able to support The Porch more in the run up to Christmas. Please look out for more information about this in the coming weeks.



If your child is sick We are now fully into the winter months and the flu season is hitting pretty hard. I know that lots of your children have already been unwell with high temperatures and heavy chesty coughs. The staff are unsurprisingly going down with it too! We are doing everything we can to maintain good hygiene routines with the children in school to stop bugs spreading. Check out the [Health and Wellbeing](#) part of our website for information on staying healthy.

If your child is sick and will not be in school, please can you email the school office (office@comper.oxon.sch.uk) by 9.00am to let us know rather than call. This will be a much more efficient way of us getting the information. Please can you let us know exactly what is wrong with your child as we have to record this information each day they are ill. We will call you between 9.00am-9.45am if we have not heard from you.



Just to give you as much notice as possible, it has been decided that there will be another Bank Holiday to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III next year, **the government has announced an extra bank holiday on Monday, May 8, 2023**. The whole school will be closed on this day.



We will be supporting Anti Bullying Week Next week from Monday 14th November to Friday 18th November. We will be looking at books with anti bullying themes and focusing on empathy, compassion, celebrating difference and being kind to each other. It is never too young to start to support children with these themes in the hope that we reduce incidents of bullying as the grow up.



Christmas Show - Friday 16th December

We are very excited to announce that we will be taking all our Nursery and Reception Children to see Emma Boar perform one of her amazing puppet shows for their Christmas Treat. Last year she came to us. This year we will be taking all the children to the Jacqueline Du Pre building at the end of the Iffley Road for her performance. Every time we have seen Emma in action the children have loved it, so we are really excited to be able to offer this again. The cost of the trip will be £5.00. You will receive further information about payment via email.

Lateness & Punctuality

Every school, by law, has to register pupils twice a day; first thing in the morning at the start of the school day, and again in the afternoon session. If a pupil fails to attend or arrives late they can be marked as absent for that session.

It is a parent's responsibility to ensure their children arrive at school on time. Lateness can disrupt the learning of others and can result in a decline in pupil wellbeing. They can feel greater stress and achieve poorer outcomes. It is very difficult for our young children to walk into the classroom on their own when everyone else is settled and learning has started.

Research shows a close link between attendance at school and a child's achievement. Being late adds up to a loss of learning.

Please make sure your child arrives at school on time

Minutes late per day

5 Minutes
10 Minutes
15 Minutes
20 Minutes
30 Minutes

Equivalent of missing

3.4 school days a year
6.9 school days a year
10.3 school days a year
13.8 school days a year
20.7 school days a year

The Comper gates open at 8.40am and close at 9.00am. This is to allow time for parents dropping between Comper and SSMJ. It is enough time to be on time at both schools. Register is taken at 9.00am. **Please make sure that your child arrives at the very latest just before 9.00am so they are through the gate with their coat off and settled ready for learning.**

With very best wishes,



Catherine King