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## Newsletter

**Friday 28th April 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term staff will be revising two of our Comper values, **Curiosity and Love**. There is always lots of growing activity at Comper in terms 5 & 6 and in true style all our children have been busy planting seedlings. Over the coming weeks we will be nurturing them with love and observing them with curiosity as they grow and change with the hope that we will be able to taste the fruits of our labour before we break up in July...bring on the sunshine! Hopefully by term 6 we will have sunflowers, peas and strawberries at the very least. We are very grateful to Lissa Rodd, a local green fingered volunteer who has been working hard to clear and sort our allotment area ready for growing. We are very pleased to let you know that last week she planted a courgette plant, some mange-tous and a broad bean plant in the newly cleared raised bed. The soil in the allotment area is not particularly good quality and we need lots of good compost and soil for the children to continue with their planting projects so if anyone would like to donate compost or soil to us, it would be welcomed!



While we are talking green fingers, this would be a good place to remind you of our up and coming **Comper Community Morning on Saturday May 20th**. We would love to see as many families as possible coming along to help us with some gardening (no expertise needed, just a willingness to weed) and a few other little projects to support us with the maintenance of the outside area and our continuous provision. Some refreshments will be provided for the workforce! Sarah Weaver will be in touch in the near future with more detail but please save the date.

## Staffing

We are very pleased to let you know that this week we have had two new full time members of staff join the Comper Team.

Shabeena Ali has joined the Daycare Team and Tayaba Ahmed has joined the Nursery Team. They have both already settled in brilliantly and are beginning to build lovely, positive relationships with the children and staff.



Shabeena Ali



Tayaba Ahmed



We are very sad to announce that we will be losing Almudena from the Nursery Team this term. Her last working day will be Monday 15th May. Almu has been a valued member of the Comper Team. The care, attention and love that she shows the children is second to none; she will be very much missed. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Almu for all her hard work with the children and families at Comper over the last two years. We wish you every success in your new ventures Almu.

## After School Club Update

I would like to tentatively give you an update on where we are with the After School Club situation. We are in the process of recruiting at the moment for two new members of staff for After School Club. It looks like we have some strong applicants and we will be short listing and interviewing after the bank holiday weekend. We are hoping that by September (and possibly earlier) we may be able to offer you a more comprehensive extended day provision. I would like to thank you all so much for your continued patience and support with our recruitment difficulties in this area of our provision. We understand how difficult it has been for many of you and we hope to bring you good news soon.

**Love Curiosity Courage and Aspiration**



## Governors



### Come and join the team.....

We are seeking enthusiastic and committed members of our community to come and join the Comper Governing Body. You do not need any particular expertise, just a commitment to supporting us to provide excellent Early Years education in East Oxford and an interest in working with the current governors to be part of key strategic deci-

sion making in line with the schools vision and ethos as we move Comper into another exciting academic year.

If you are interested or you know anyone who might be, please get in touch with us via the school email: [office@comper.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office@comper.oxon.sch.uk)

### Coronation Lunch



On Thursday 4th May the children will be given a Special Coronation Lunch instead of the usual Thursday Menu. If your child normally has a packed lunch and you would like them to have this lunch instead, please email Alice in the office by end of day on Tuesday 2nd to let her know. Please see the menu attached in this email.



Heather Emerson our Bursar has been working hard set up and verify a school fund. This will mean that parents and carers and anyone else who is keen to support the school can either set up a regular donation to the school or make one off payments into the fund. The fund will be able to claim gift aid, so if you are a UK tax payer you will be able to sign to confirm you are, which will enable us to benefit from your donation in full. The details will follow in an email from the office by the end of week 4, so please look out for them. All the money raised will go towards supporting school

trips and buying well needed resources for the school.

**Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility**



We take safeguarding at Comper very seriously and have a few important rules that we need the whole school community to follow to keep our children safe. Please can you help us with this by ensuring you do the following:

⇒ Please DO NOT use your mobile phone anywhere on the Comper site. Step outside the school gates if you need to take a call or send a message.

⇒ If you are volunteering or helping out on a particular day (which we love!) please ensure that after you have dropped your child you return to the front entrance and sign in with Alice at the office and get a visitors lanyard.

⇒ Please ensure that your child is dropped at school in a timely fashion so that you can leave the premises by 9am when the gates are locked. It causes a risk to some of our more vulnerable children if multiple adults are wandering unsupervised back through the school over an extended period of time in the morning. It is also a distraction to the children in Strawberry class who are trying to start their learning.

Thank you for your cooperation with these matters in advance.

Wishing you all a very happy and long weekend.

Best wishes,

*Catherine King*