



Newsletter

Thursday 26th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to all the new families that have joined our Comper community this September. It has been lovely to begin to get to know you over the last few weeks. It has also been lovely to welcome back all the familiar faces too!

The new children have been settling well. These first few weeks at a new setting can be almost most tough for parents; you have to leave under emotional circumstances with a slightly anxious feeling to carry around for the day. We would like to reassure you though, that despite the parting tears, the children are actually having a lovely time and making very positive relationships with their key workers and the other children. When we go in to the classes about 10/15 minutes after drop off, most children are settled well and engaging with the activities the staff have planned for them. If you are worried about your child at all, please don't hesitate to talk to your child's key worker.



We are very excited to let you know that we have ordered a wood-working bench and new tools with the money that we raised at the summer fair. This is a curriculum area that we have been wanting to develop for some time, so we are super excited that the money we raised has enabled us to move forward with this. We will keep you posted with when we are ready to get up and running in the environment with it. We have no doubt that the children will love it! Thank you for all your generosity at the summer party -what you donate really does make a difference to the learning experiences that we are able to offer the children.

Can you help us with resources? We need:

- ⇒ Plastic and tin foil milk bottle tops
- ⇒ Corks (if they are a bit stained, please just cut the bottom off, they are still usable for us)
- ⇒ Junk modelling, please bring your clean recycling to us (yoghurt pots, cereal & egg boxes, toilet and kitchen rolls, bits of clean tin foil, string, wool are just some examples)
- ⇒ Small off cuts of wood, softer woods (Balsa and Pine) are best as they are easier to hammer



Embracing the deluge at Comper!



Love, Curiosity, Courage and Aspiration



Governors



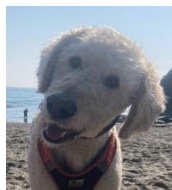
We are still seeking new governors to join the governing board at Comper. We are extending the deadline to Friday 4th October, so if you are at all interested, please do get in touch with either Catherine King or Sarah Weaver through the office or Suzy Dixon on the email below. We would love to hear from you. suzydixon@comper.oxon.sch.uk



It looks like we *may* have some additional spaces in our after school club on Mondays and Thursdays. If you are interested, please do get in contact with Sophie in the office to express your interest. After School Club runs from 3.00-5.30pm and costs £16.00 per session. Parents are invoiced at the end of each half term for their sessions. If you miss a session for any reason, you will still be charged.

For those families that are new to Comper, we would like to introduce you to our two school dogs. Sonny is owned by headteacher, Catherine King and Dotty, is owned by School Business Manager, Alice Kiddell. The dogs are in school most days that Alice and Catherine are in. They stay in the office apart from some little comfort breaks and fresh air in the garden at various intervals throughout the day. Sonny is a 9 year old Labradoodle and Dotty is a Boarder Terrier puppy. Sonny, is very gentle and friendly dog. He will sometimes visit the children, who love to pat him and throw him his ball. Dotty is very friendly too, but is young and still being trained. She does not yet visit the children. The dogs are always accompanied by either Catherine and Alice and strictly supervised at all times.

If your child has a pet fur allergy please let us know. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.



Sonny



Dotty

You can find out more information about Sonny and Dotty on our website: [Our Pets](#)



Please can you help us reach our target to buy a Defibrillator for our Community.....We need to raise £1500 and we have £572 so far. Please follow the link to our fundraising page: [Go Fund Me](#) or click on the QR code:





Staffing update

We are delighted to let you know that we have employed two new members of staff this term that will be joining the Caterpillar team after half term. We will share photos of them and a bit more information when they have started.

SAVE THE DATE

We are looking forward to sending you a dates overview for the whole academic year. This should be out to you towards the end of next week, so look out for it. In the meantime, please see below some important dates for your diary for terms 1 and 2.

Monday 21st October - 9.00am - 10.00am Stay and Play (Caterpillar & Butterfly)

Friday 25th October break up for half term holiday.

Wednesday 6th November – Morning Caterpillar children visit to Caper Book Shop on Magdalen Road

Week beginning the 11th November - Parent Consultations all week after school. There will be a sign up sheet nearer the time.

Friday 15th November - Children in Need. Bring a £1 and wear spots.

Tuesday 19th November - Afternoon Caterpillar children visit to Caper Book Shop on Magdalen Road

Tuesday 26th November 4.30pm-6.00pm Stories by Candlelight. Bring your child back to a magically lit Comper for stories, biscuit decorating and wildlife hunts in the garden. Mince pies and Mulled wine for parents.

Tuesday 10th December 10.30am - older Butterfly children walk to the Isis Care Home to sing Christmas songs to the residents.

Thursday 12th December - Christmas Jumper day and Christmas lunch.

Tuesday 17th December - 9.00am - 10.00am Stay and Play (Caterpillar & Butterfly) followed by (10.00—10.30am) the children performing Christmas songs to parents.

Thursday 19th December - 10.30am Butterfly trip to Pegasus Theatre for their Christmas show.

Friday 20th December - Class Christmas Parties. Break up for the Christmas Holidays.

Wishing you all a relaxing, recuperative and hopefully slightly drier weekend.

Catherine King and *Sarah Weaver*

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