



Newsletter

Friday 21st July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, what a momentous day for Comper and so many of you who are reaching another milestone in your children's lives as they move on to 'big school!' SSMJ are very lucky to be gaining so many lovely parents, children and staff too this year! We will miss you all so much at Comper. It will be rather quiet for a while, so please do come back and see us to share your news and let us know how you all are.

We have had so much fun this year at Comper and it has been great to have a full year of 'getting back to normal' after Covid. We have enjoyed, trips to Florence Park, Meadow Lane, regular Forest School, The Library, The Theatre at Christmas, The Natural History Museum, numerous trips to The Fish Bowl, the local Church, the Mosque, Oxford City Farm, trips to local shops and cafes and we were lucky enough to have had Farmer Gows visit us too. We have also been able to welcome our parents and carers back into school to volunteer with reading, helping on trips, teaching us about their work, helping us with gardening and raising money through baking and selling cakes. Thank you for all you have contributed to our school community this year, we wouldn't be able to do it without you. It was such a highlight to go ahead with the Comper end of year party too. Despite the rain, so many of you were there and you generously provided a wonderful spread of food - I think everyone was certainly very well fed!

Last night, the weather held for us and we had our staff celebration in the Comper Garden. It was lovely to see so many staff and governors past and current. While there was much to celebrate, there was also some sadness in the air as we said goodbye to our Reception staff team and those that are leaving this year for pastures new. We wish them all the very best for the future.

Staffing



We are delighted to introduce Rubbi Gurung who will be joining the team in September 2023. She will be working with the 3 and 4 year olds and in After School Club too.

Recruitment

We advertised for an administrator this term, but have unfortunately not been successful in recruiting. We are still seeking to employ an administrator to work on our front desk to start as soon as possible in September. We will be re-advertising the job towards the end of August. The advert will be on our website. The hours are 8.30am— 3.30pm, five days a week, term time only. Please can you help us spread the word. If you know anyone that might be interested, then please do encourage them to get in touch with us on the recruitment email: recruitment@comper.oxon.sch.uk. Alice will be monitoring this email and the office email on and off through the summer holidays, so she will contact anyone who is interested.

Communication generally over the summer - the office email (office@comper.oxonb.sch.uk) will be checked at various points over the summer, so if you have any important queries about September 2023 you will get a response but not immediately.

After School Club Update

There are still spaces in After School Club for September 2023, so if you are staying with us and you are interested, do contact the office email and we will send you an application form.



Governors



This term we sadly say goodbye to three very long standing governors, Ben Cairns, Heather Hamil and our current Chair of Governors, Jesper Ekelund. All three of them have seen multiple children go through both Comper and SS Mary and John. Their children are all now long gone from Comper, but their dedication and unwavering commitment to the strategic leadership of Comper and to Early Years education in East Oxford has driven them to continue to volunteer as governors for our school. Ben,

Heather and Jesper have seen Comper through many changes over the years and they have worked alongside three different headteachers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all very much for the time that they have so generously given up for the school over so many years. We are also saying goodbye to Cassie Torn, who has been a parent governor for a year with us. I would like to thank Cassie also for the time that she has given up and in particular her support with communications during the time she has been with us.

Thank you all!

There is a committed governing board for the 2023/24 academic year. Whilst there is currently no identified Chair of Governors for the next academic year, the Governing Board are working together with the support of the Local Authority to ensure all governing board duties and responsibilities are attended to.

Parent and Carer Feedback Survey

We have decided to keep this open until Wednesday next week as we have only had 33 response so far. We would be so grateful if you could take 10 minutes to fill it out please. Your feedback matters and really does contribute to positive change for the school in the future. Please click on the link:

[Parent/Carer Survey](#)

We will be back open to children on Wednesday 6th September at the usual time of 8.40am.

We wish you all the very best for September 2023 and a very happy and relaxing long summer holiday!

With very best wishes,



Catherine King

