



## Newsletter

Wednesday 21st December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of a very long, cold and rather germ ridden term, which has certainly had its highs and lows, but what a high we ended on this week! I would like to thank the wonderful Comper Staff Team for all the hard work that they have put in to make the last couple of weeks of term really magical for the children; there has been glitter, tinsel, twinkly lights, popcorn, pompoms, sprinkles, home made Christmas cards, mince pies, decorations, Christmas parties, a school disco, a trip to the theatre, a visit from Father Christmas and a lot of singing! The Nursery and Reception children all put on fantastic performances and it was so lovely to see so many of you able to come and join us to celebrate with your children.

Daycare hosted their second successful stay and play this term, which again was full of lots of messy play and activities to spark the children's curiosity and support parents to enjoy time with their children in school. I think our lovely cleaners will be glad to see the back of the glitter and homemade 'reindeer food' much of which seemed to end up on the floor!

The children and staff have also already enjoyed their first Christmas dinner this year, cooked on site by Tracey and Yasmin, our cooks. They put on a fantastic spread and it was all served up by our wonderful lunchtime staff who work everyday to ensure that the children have an enjoyable lunchtime experience and a safe and happy playtime. Thank you Tracey, Yasmin and the lunchtime team for all your hard work to make the Christmas dinner particularly special.

With all this going on over the last few weeks, it was no surprise to see a lot of tired children and staff leaving school yesterday ready for bit of quiet time at home.



Just to remind you that we now have two INSET days at the start of next term on Wednesday 4th January and Thursday 5th January 2023. School will be closed to all children on these days. School will re-open on Friday 6th January 2023 at the usual time of 8.40am. Due to the extra INSET day in January, we will not be having an INSET day on Monday 5th June 2023. Comper will be open as usual on this day. We apologise for any inconvenience this change may have caused.



Thank you to all of you who donated food for our collection for The Porch Oxford. We added to the already large collection, with food left over from our settings and After School Club; staff lugged the boxes and bags around the corner before they left at the end of the day. The Porch were very grateful for all that we had donated. We are still very much hoping to take small groups of children to visit there in the new year to understand a little more about where their donations were going and why. With all the activity this term, we were not able to squeeze this in as we had hoped.



I think it is fair to say that all the children had a fabulous time at the school disco. There were certainly a lot of hot and rather worn out children by the end of the day. We are very pleased to announce that the event raised:

**£263!** We are hoping to be able to buy some more books with this money to support our curriculum. Thank you PTA for organising this event.



Comper is a real team effort and every little thing that everyone does to support the school and the children helps us to provide the best education and extra curricular experience that we can for our young children. We couldn't do it without so many people who are so committed and help us. So, I'd like to extend a big thank you to:

Hester Crombie— for giving up your time weekly to provide music lessons for our children in all settings. This is a wonderful and highly valued experience for our children and we are very lucky to have you.

Parent volunteers for reading support— Angel Busby, Kelly Griffiths, Cressida Jervis Read and Jessica Willis. Your time is invaluable!

PTA - Michaela Thornton for continuing to lead on bringing our community together through organising events for the families to enjoy and raising all important funds for the school. Thank you also, to all those parents who regularly help support Michaela with organising and running these events.

Forest School Volunteer - Sally Platt, thank you for enduring all the elements to support our Reception children.

Grounds - thank you to Lucy Kempton for planting and weeding and to Olly Owen for getting on top of the leaves!

General parent helpers— thank you to all of you (too many to name) that give up your time to support us with school trips and events that we really wouldn't be able to do without you. We know many of you are busy juggling other family commitments and work and your efforts are very much appreciated.

Governors - being a governor is a volunteer role and all our governors juggle careers and families alongside a commitment to their governor role. I would like to thank our parent governors, Suzy Dixon, Hester Crombie, Haris Irshad, Cassie Torn and Alex Hurrell and our long standing governors from the community (many of them previous parents) Jesper Ekelund (Chair) Heather Hamil (Vice Chair) and Ben Cairns. All our governors care deeply about Comper and work hard behind the scenes on the strategic leadership of the school.

Nicole and Phoebe - Our office staff work tirelessly behind the scenes to keep Comper up and running in so many ways. I would like to extend a huge thank you to Nicole and Phoebe who have worked an enormous amount of over time under great pressure this term while we were one office administrator down before Alice joined the team.

Laura Chaplin - Thank you for all the hard work you put into keeping our social media profile up to date in the very limited time you have. We are so grateful for all your hard work on this.



I would like to wish all of you a very happy, healthy and restful winter break and for those you that celebrate the festival of Christmas.



With very best wishes,

