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Newsletter

Friday 17th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have now completed a full week of term with all the children back in school and staying for their full allocated provision. Thank you so much for your patience and support with settling the children in slowly at the beginning of term. We fully understand that this has been difficult for some of you and has taken some organisation with work commitments too. The gradual start to term has really benefitted our children; it has helped them to get to know their new settings and the adults working with them. It also allows our adults to begin to get to know them better right from the start, as they have time to give everyone a little more attention. This has been even more important this year with the lack of transition at the end of term due to Covid. I think the success of this approach is born out in how wonderfully the children have settled in to their new settings. Many of them are now confidently walking into school and separating from their adults fantastically well. I know there are a few children who are still a little unsure, but it is still early days and they will soon be skipping in too! It can be an emotional process leaving your little ones at the door, so I would like to thank you all for trusting us with your precious children and supporting the settling process by saying goodbye confidently and quickly. Hopefully you are already set up on Tapestry (our online platform to communicate about the children) and are seeing photos and comments about how and what they are doing during the day. As always, if you have any questions about your child's wellbeing or progress, please do ask their key worker or teacher at the end of the day. You can also email the office and we will forward your query on to the correct member of staff.

The Garden

The Garden is very nearly finished and the children should be able to begin exploring it at the end of next week. It is looking great! There is a forest school area towards the bottom with a fantastic wooden shelter, fire pit and story telling circle. There are monkey bars, a new slide and various climbing options. It all smells wonderful too, as the company have used high quality wood to build with. There are some finishing touches to do, which will happen over the next few weeks but we are very much looking forward to inviting you all in to have a good look and celebrate its opening once it is complete.....watch this space for a tea party date!

SSMJ/Comper School Run

We know that some of you have been struggling with the drop off times between the two schools. There has been lots of debate with governors and staff about how best to address this. You should have received an email yesterday to let you know that from Monday 20th, Comper will be open between 8.40am - 9.00am for drop off. Hopefully this will make it a little easier, particularly for those of you that live the Hertford Street side of Iffley Road. We will be closing the gates at 9am from next week, so if you are later than this you will have to enter through the lobby. This is important so that learning can start at 9am.

Your Feedback

Your feedback is really important to us. It helps us ensure that Comper is running as smoothly as possible for you and is offering your children the best possible start on their school journey. We will be sending out a couple of surveys over the next few weeks via email. Please do help us by filling them in as we will use the results of them to inform our decision making over the coming academic year. If you have other feedback, you can always email the school office on office@comper.oxon.sch.uk.

Wishing you all a happy and relaxing weekend
With very best wishes,

Catherine King



Term Dates



Term 1

Friday 3rd September - Friday 22nd October

**INSET DAY - Friday 8th October.
SCHOOL CLOSED.**

Term 2

Monday 1st November - Friday 17th December

Term 3

Wednesday 5th January –Friday 18th February

Term 4

Monday 28th February - Friday 8th April

Term 5

Monday 25th April - Friday 27th May

Term 6

Tuesday 7th June - Thursday 21st July

THANK YOU!

To all our wonderful staff and families for making the start of term so positive.




⇒ Please remember to bring the following items to school for your children:

- ◆ Wellies
- ◆ Waterproof all in one suit or waterproof coat and trousers
- ◆ Gloves and hat as the weather gets colder
- ◆ Water bottle
- ◆ Bag to put their belongings in

REMINDER

INSET DAY

FRIDAY 8th OCTOBER

SCHOOL CLOSED

Holiday Club

We are taking bookings for the October half term. Open to Nursery and Reception children too. Please contact the office

We still have spaces!

We will be spending lots of time outside with the children in all weathers. Please ensure that they have the right clothes to be able to be warm and dry outside as the weather gets colder and wetter.

All the childhood research shows that being outside improves children's wellbeing and there are so many fun opportunities to explore and learn outside. But we want them to be warm and comfortable to fully enjoy their experience.





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Having fun at Comper

