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Newsletter

Friday 9th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new children and families. It has also been so exciting to reconnect with all the familiar faces from last year after the long summer break. Welcome everyone!

I have been so impressed with how the children have begun to settle in. I have watched so many of them walk calmly and confidently into their new classrooms, showing great courage as they begin to put their trust in the new adults in their lives and start to build the rich relationships that will develop over the coming year.

I am well aware that it is not just the children that have had to be courageous at drop off! This is a poignant moment for you as parents. Watching your children cross another milestone into a new stage of their lives, whether that be settling into daycare for the first time away from a parent/carer, starting Nursery or beginning 'big school,' there are so many mixed emotions. It has been lovely to watch how parents and staff have worked together to support the children to feel as confident as possible as they take these small steps towards becoming more independent. Of course there have been a few wobbles, but these are to be expected and all of the children have settled after a short while. Thank you for being patient while drop off and pick up has taken a little longer while we get to know names and faces and ensure everyone is in the correct class. This will become quicker as the term goes on!



Communication

Communication is key to the smooth running of the school and to ensure that you have as much information as you need to feel supported as a family while you are with us at Comper. We will communicate with you in the following ways:

Tapestry - next week you will receive an email (if you haven't already) about how to set up an account and what information to expect on this platform.

Email - emails will come from the office email address: office@comper.oxon.sch.uk. These emails will be regarding general whole school information, logistics, after school club (ASC), invoices and some adverts about key events we think you might enjoy in the local community

Newsletter - a communication from me every two weeks with key messages about our school community. This will come on either a Friday or Monday.

Website - www.comper.org.uk. All sorts of statutory and key information about the school plus links to follow us on **Facebook and Twitter.....please follow us!**

Parents Evenings (face to face) –these happen several times a year and are an opportunity for you to discuss your child's development and wellbeing with their key worker or teacher. You will receive notice in advance of the dates.

Parent Information Evening - Events that share key information on a specific topic. These will happen throughout the year and you will be given the details in advance of them.

Informal Catch up - drop off and pick up are times when you can have a quick chat with an adult. Pick up is better as drop off is very busy and adults are trying to settle children.

Headteacher meeting –please email the office to arrange or catch me on the gate

We try our best to communicate effectively, but of course there is always room for improvement. We welcome feedback and suggestions about how we can improve so please don't hesitate to get in touch with me if you would like to share your feedback.

Please ensure that your email details are up to date and we have your current email address on our database. This is sometimes different from the one that you filled out on the application form.



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Please come and get involved with the Comper PTA.

You can contact the PTA on: pta.comper@gmail.com. We will share a link to a new PTA Whats App Group in the near future. In the meantime, if you are interested in getting involved please contact Sam (mother of Maisie in Nursery) on 07801257207. Our two chairs, Michaela and Rachel have both literally just had new babies so Sam is holding the reigns for a bit while they recover and get to know their new little ones. We send them both huge congratulations!



Are you Green Fingeredor just enjoy gardening and plants?

We need parent volunteers that would like to give up any amount of time on an adf hoc or regular basis to support us with weeding, watering , planting and general maintenance of our lovely garden. If you are interested please email the office.

After School Club

After School Club runs five days a week. Please can I remind you that on a **Wednesday and Friday it finishes at 4.45pm.** **From this week we will charge for late collection. We charge £10 for every 15 minutes later then pick up you are.**

KEY DATES

Monday 19th September - Bank Holiday (Queen's Funeral) School Closed to all

Friday 21st October - October Half Term Holiday

Monday 31st October - Term 2 Begins

Tuesday 20th December - Christmas Holidays

Wednesday 4th January - INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN

Thursday 5th January —Term 3 Begins

Friday 10th February - February Half Term Holiday

Monday 20th February - Term 4 Begins

Friday 31st March — Easter Holidays Begin

Monday 17th April —Term 5 Begins

Monday 1st May - Bank Holiday School Closed to all

Friday 26th May - Summer Half Term Holiday

Monday 5th June—INSET DAY —SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN

Tuesday 6th June - Term 6 Begins

With very best wishes,

Catherine King