

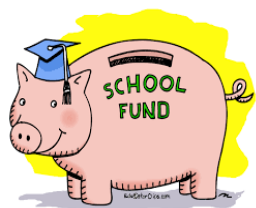


Newsletter

Monday 15th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for all your kind words and support for the school while Ofsted was in the week before last. It was very much appreciated. It is always a slightly tense process, but both SSMJ and our leadership feel that the process was fair. The final report will take a few weeks to be published, but as soon as it is we will share it with you. The report will belong to SSMJ but the Early Years part of the report will reflect what the inspectors observed in Reception. We are still have one more inspection to go which is the inspection for Nursery and Daycare which is due any time. This is an entirely separate inspection and will have a separate report. I would like to extend my particular thanks to all the staff at Comper who worked so hard during the inspection days, everyone rallied round to support the reception staff with their preparations. We are very lucky to have such a wonderful team.



I am delighted to announce that our Comper School Fund is now open! Please find the details below:

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Our bursar, Heather Emerson will manage the fund and is currently working on registering the fund as a charity which means that we will be able to collect gift aid on it if you are a UK tax payer. So, if you do make a donation and you are a UK tax payer, please can you complete the google form below which will give us permission to claim back the gift aid.

[Comper School Fund Gift Aid Declaration Form](#)

All the donations collected will be carefully managed and go towards particular projects to enhance the children's learning. We will keep you informed of projects we are working towards. The first focus will be raising money to purchase a woodwork table and tools for the children.

Governors



Come and join the team.....

We are seeking enthusiastic and committed members of our community to come and join the Comper Governing Body. Please find attached with this newsletter more information about being a governor (The Fact Sheet) and the nomination form if you are keen to nominate yourself.

Staffing update



We are very sorry to be saying goodbye to Sarah Merry the week after half term. Her last working day will be Friday 9th June. Sarah will be starting her maternity leave after half term and will be away from Comper for the majority of next academic year. We wish her every happiness on her new adventures into motherhood! Strawberry class will be taken over by Lisa Roberts who will be returning from maternity leave.

Many of the class will already know Lisa as their Nursery teacher. Lisa will work with Claire Bray one of the lovely supply teachers that we have been working with over the last couple of years. Lisa will work two days a week and Claire will work three days. Both adults will be in and out of Strawberry class over the next few weeks to ensure a smooth hand over. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to come and see me.

Farmer Gows - Farmer Gows are coming to Comper with a range of farm animals for the day on Tuesday 23rd May. All the children will be spending time with the animals. This is fantastic opportunity for the children. However we cannot afford to offer opportunities like this if we don't get payment from parents. These experiences are such an important part of enriching the children's curriculum and enabling them to have real life experience from which to learn. **If you haven't already paid, please can I remind you to do so as soon as possible.**



Attendance

We continue to try and offer exciting opportunities every day for our children to spark their curiosity and encourage them to really want to come to school. Setting good habits for attendance and punctuality from an early age is important. Regular attendance in the early years supports the children's learning, development and their wellbeing and ensures that they do not miss out on their entitlements and opportunities that may be offered through attending. Good attendance supports good outcomes for children in the long term. We are aiming for children's attendance to be no lower than 96%. Below are the average attendance figures in Reception and Nursery. They are lower than we would like them to be currently. Let's see if we can work together over the next few weeks to improve them by the end of the year. If you need any support with improving your child's attendance, please don't hesitate to come and talk to us. Sometimes you may be facing barriers to better attendance that we can support you with.

Attendance figures from September - end of last week (May 12th)

Reception Attendance = 92.81%

Nursery Attendance = 87.28%

We take safeguarding at Comper very seriously and have a few important rules that we need the whole school community to follow to keep our children safe. Please can you help us with this by ensuring you do the following:



⇒ Please DO NOT use your mobile phone anywhere on the Comper site. Step outside the school gates if you need to take a call or send a message.

⇒ If you are volunteering or helping out on a particular day (which we love!) please ensure that after you have dropped your child you return to the front entrance and sign in with Alice at the office and get a visitors lanyard.

⇒ Please ensure that your child is dropped at school in a timely fashion so that you can leave the premises through the outside gates by 9am when the gates are locked. It causes a risk to some of our more vulnerable children if multiple adults are wandering unsupervised back through the school over an extended period of time in the morning. It is also a distraction to the children in Strawberry class who are trying to start their learning.

Thank you for your cooperation with these matters in advance.

Important Dates

Term 5 ends - Friday 26th May

Term 6 begins - Monday 5th June. There is no INSET day for Comper on the 5th June, we are open as usual.

Term 6 ends - Friday 21st July. This will be an early finish for reception children at 12.45pm.

Term 1 2023/2024

INSET Days

Friday 1st September & Monday 4th September - School Closed for children.

Term begins Tuesday 5th September 2023.

Best wishes,



Catherine King