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Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a while since I have sent out a newsletter, so apologies for the silence! It has been another busy and rather disrupted term where we have been very plagued by illness, mainly Covid. Thank you so much for bearing with us while we had to shut Nursery and for all your supportive and encouraging words to me and the staff while we have navigated a period of serious staff shortages. I would like to thank the staff for all their hard work this term, their patience and flexibility as they supported each other to keep the school as open as possible. The team work has been a real credit to the school. The children have also been amazingly resilient and flexible as they have worked with a variety of staff across the school whom they were not always entirely familiar with. I think we are over the worst now and I am hoping to start next week with a full compliment of staff in school for the first time in some weeks.....watch this space!

Next week is Children's Mental Health week, so we will be taking time to have a special focus on the children's wellbeing and how they can keep their minds healthy! We will be looking at healthy eating, exercise, mindfulness and doing lots of discussion around our emotions and the relationship between what we feel physically and what that can tell us about how we are feeling emotionally. Here are some of the books we will be exploring to help us understand ourselves better.



Community Connections

We are currently developing a growing relationship with Magdalen College School (MCS) who are now supporting us with hearing the children in reception read once a week. We had ten MSC students in school on Tuesday afternoon. The reception children were very excited to be showing off their reading skills to the students, who were so friendly and patient with them. We are hoping that this set up will continue after half term too.

We are excited to have two of our lovely ex Comper pupils back once a week to volunteer with garden maintenance from next week. Tommy and Felix, who are now in year 10 at Spire Academy, are coming to volunteer with us as part of the requirements of their Duke of Edinburgh award. We are very happy to be continuing to support them with their education and welcoming them back to Comper.

Staffing

Next week we will be saying goodbye to Pablo from Daycare. Pablo was on a fixed term contract with us which has now come to an end. Pablo has been a lovely member of the Daycare and extended day team. We wish him every success in the future. All Pablo's key children will be taken on by other experienced members of the Daycare team, who already know them well. Paris will be in contact with you at the beginning of next week to give you further information if your child is effected by this change.

We will be welcoming Almudena, on to the Daycare team from next week. Almudena is a qualified primary school teacher in Spain and has been in the UK for two years working in a local private nursery. She is very excited to be joining the Comper Team.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy weekend.
Best wishes,

Catherine King