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## Newsletter

Friday 15th October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Comper has been very busy over the last couple of weeks with lots of lovely learning going on. The children have been thoroughly enjoying the new garden and the weather has been perfect for spending lots of time outside. There has been much discussion about falling leaves and changing seasons. We have been very excited to open the garden space up to nursery and daycare too. They have been accessing it on a daily basis during the times when reception are not using it. We have also decided to open it up to all settings on a regular basis on a Friday afternoon, which so far is a really lovely experience for staff and children.

Thank you so much to those of you that have donated balance bikes, helmets and waterproofs. The balance bikes have been very popular and the children are now learning all about how to stay safe on a bike by wearing a helmet. We are looking to purchase some more waterproof clothing for the children so as the weather gets wetter and colder the children can continue to be outside as much as possible. This clothing is quite expensive, £25.00 for one pair of waterproof dungarees. Any donations towards helping us to buy waterproof clothing would be very welcome. Please see Basia in the office.



Some of the children may come home this week talking about the special visitor that has been in school!

Sonny, who is my family dog, has been in school for two days this week. He is a big, but very gentle Labradoodle. He spent most of his time in the office, where some children came to visit him in small groups. He also visited some classrooms where the children were able to stroke him and ask questions. In nursery they even got to see him show off his 'good listening' skills while he played catch with the ball in their

outdoor area. The children have loved having him in school and asked very thoughtful questions about how he is looked after, what he likes playing and even whether he ever cries. We're hoping Sonny might come and visit again soon.

### Staffing



Our big news this week is that Grace Lee, our wonderful daycare lead is leaving us. Her last day at Comper will be 10th November. Grace has worked at Comper for 11 years and has made a fantastic contribution to the Comper Team. Many of you will have experienced the care and dedication with which Grace looks after the children in daycare and like us, you will be sorry to see her go. We wish her all the very best in her new ventures.



We are very pleased to announce that Paris Fine, who currently leads in Nursery, will be taking daycare under her leadership aswell as Nursery. Daycare will be in safe hands! We will be appointing a new teacher over the next few weeks to join Paris in Nursery and she will continue to be supported by the very capable staff teams that already work in daycare and nursery.



We are also saying good bye to Shabs Shafi at the end of term. Shabs has worked as a lunchtime supervisor and member of the support staff at Comper for 20 years! Shabs' commitment to the Comper community has been unwavering and the children and staff will miss her greatly. Shabs has two of her own grandchildren on the way now, so is freeing herself up for granny duties! We wish her all the very best with this new stage of life.

Wishing you all a happy and relaxing weekend.

With very best wishes,

Catherine King



## Term Dates



### Term 1

#### Last day of term:

Friday 22nd October

### Term 2

Monday 1st November - Friday 17th December

### Term 3

#### School Closed

Monday 3rd - Bank Holiday

Tuesday 4th - INSET DAY

#### School Opens

Wednesday 5th January –Friday 18th February

### Term 4

Monday 28th February - Friday 8th April

### Term 5

Monday 25th April - Friday 27th May

# THANK YOU!

To Grace Lee and Shabs Shafi for all the love and dedication you have shown the Comper community. We will miss you!



### Attendance

At Comper we monitor the attendance of our children on a weekly and termly basis. We look at attendance across each class and at individuals.

Government stipulate that children's attendance should not fall below 96% on a regular basis. Unsurprisingly, poor attendance at nursery and school has a direct impact on children underachieving in the longer term.

Attendance at Comper is currently well below 96%. We are very aware that there have been some very nasty bugs around and that lots of our children have been very unwell and of course they should not be in school if they are ill. However, please do try to ensure that your children are in school regularly when they are well as they miss out on so much if they are not in and we miss seeing them! This is particularly important, after having such a disrupted start to their early education over the last 18 months.

### Garden Party

Friday 22nd October from 3.30pm

Please come along and celebrate our lovely new space and have fun with friends and family. We really hope to see you there. If you would like to help or contribute food please contact the PTA on: [pta.comper@gmail.com](mailto:pta.comper@gmail.com)

## REMINDER

### Holiday Club

We are still taking bookings for the October half term and Christmas Holiday Club. Holiday Club is open to Nursery and Reception children too. Please contact the office.

**We still have spaces!**





# Having fun at Comper

