



# Comber Grove Primary School Weekly Newsletter Autumn Term 1

Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022

## Quote for the week:

*'I'd rather be proud of what I am, rather than desperately try to be something I'm really not; just to fit in.'* – Immortal Technique

## A message from our Headteacher

Dear Comber Grove families,



We were all saddened by the news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II last week and talked to the children about this in our whole school assembly last Friday. I'm sure you have talked about this over the past week, but this is a link to the Royal website with lots of information about her life if you wish to read further:

<https://www.royal.uk/queens-life-and-reign-1>

We have been informed that schools will be closed next **Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022** for the state funeral.



**Welcome** to some of our youngest Comber Grove children who started school in Reception and Nursery this week. All the children who started this week came so well prepared with pristine uniforms, book bags and water bottles. It was a real pleasure to meet them and to welcome our new families.

Thank you to all our new parents for arriving on time. It really helped! We look forward to meeting the rest over the next couple of days. We welcomed some new families across the school last week and will continue to welcome new Nursery children over the next few days!

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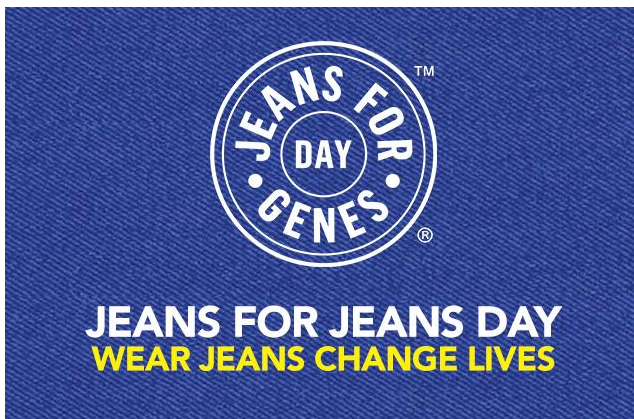
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## National Jeans for Genes Day 2022

Thank you to all staff and pupils for wearing jeans and denim to support of 'Jeans for Genes Day'.

The Jeans for Genes campaign raises awareness of the daily challenges faced by those living with genetic disorder, such as sickle cell, and raises money to fund projects that make a difference to the lives of those affected.

**Thank you everyone!**



## Coffee Mornings

Come and meet the Headteacher and Members of staff over a cup of coffee/ tea and a biscuit.

We want to hear from you and work with you as your Senior Leadership Team at Comber Grove Primary School.

**A few items for discussion:**

**Homework**

**Class Dojo  
Workshops**

**School/ Home Communication  
Community Events**



**DATES:**

**Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022-** EYFS Coffee Morning at **9:30am**

**Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022-** Year 3 and Year 4 Coffee Morning at **9:30am**

**Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022-** Year 5 and Year 6 Coffee Morning at **9:30am**

Thank you to THE PARENTS IN Year 1 and 2 who attended this morning. It was an absolute pleasure to meet you and thank you for your suggestions!

**Come and SPEAK to us!!! We want to hear from you!!!**

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## Stars of the Week



Class:	Pupil:	Reason:
Year 1 Benjamin Zephaniah	Adama	Takes pride in his behaviour and all his work.
	Erica	Enthusiastic learner and takes pride in her work.
Year 2 David Attenborough	Athena	For showing pride during her first week at Comber Grove
	Karadie	For showing Pride in his learning.
Year 3 Mo Farah	Ayaz	For showing pride in his learning and work. Well Done!
	Fatima	For always showing pride in all her work. Well Done!
Year 4 Marcus Rashford	Amina	Always showing pride in her work.
	Logan	Always helping others and showing pride in his work.
Year 5/6 Mae Jemison	Charlotte	Taking pride in her presentation. She is always looking smart and tidy in her uniform
	Ayoub	Walking around the school sensibly
Year 6 Olive Morris	Tianna	Showing good behaviour and pride in her work.
	Freddie	Showing good behaviour and pride in her work.

## Attendance Winners

School Target: 95.6%	This week's attendance: 84.3%
Years 1, 2 and 3	Year 3, 4 and 6
David Attenborough 88.7%	Olive Morris 91.5%

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## School Information & Events

### Attendance and Punctuality:

#### ATTENDANCE MATTERS!!!

We aim to ensure that all children attend school regularly and on time wherever possible to ensure that they are able to make the most of the educational experiences offered at Comber Grove Primary School!

#### Why is attendance at school important?

School education lays the vital foundations of a child's life. Please work in partnership with us in making education a success and in ensuring that all children have full and equal access to all that our school has to offer.

#### Attendance Ladder



### Dates for your Diary



Date tbc	Harvest Festival Pecan Peckham
Friday, 30/09/2022	<b>EYFS Coffee Morning at 9:30am</b>
Wednesday, 05/10/2022	World Teacher's Day
Friday, 23/09/2022 <b>(Change of date)</b>	<b>Year 3 and Year 4 Coffee Morning at 9:30am</b>
Monday, 10/10/2022	'Hello Yellow Day' - wear yellow (World Mental Health Day)
Friday, 14/10/2022	<b>Year 5 and Year 6 Coffee Morning at 9:30am</b>
Friday, 21/10/2022	<b>School closing at 2pm</b>
Monday, 24 <sup>th</sup> to Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	<b>HALF TERM (School closed)</b>
Monday, 31/10/2022	Children return to school
Friday, 11/11/2022	Armistice Day
Monday, 14/11/2022	Anti-bullying week
Friday, 09/12/2022	PARENT DAY
Friday, 16/12/2022	School Closing at 2pm

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## Parent/ Carer Information and Support

# Secondary School Applications 2023-2024

### Key dates

#### Application for a secondary school place for September 2023 intake

Date	What should parents/carers look out for?
1 September 2022 to Monday 31 October 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ The admissions process starts.</li><li>■ Contact schools for a copy of their prospectus and details of their open days/evenings. We strongly advise families to check each school's website for details on how and when they will be holding their open day/evening as this may be subject to change at short notice. Please view page 8 for further information on school open days/evenings.</li><li>■ Apply for secondary schools by completing an online application at <a href="http://www.southwark.gov.uk/schooladmissions">www.southwark.gov.uk/schooladmissions</a></li><li>■ If any of the schools you have listed as one of your preferences requires a supplementary information form (SIF), you must complete and return the SIF directly to the school. You should contact the school to check their individual closing date.</li></ul>
Monday 31 October 2022, 11.59pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ <b>Closing date for submitting online applications.</b></li><li>■ You must ensure that we have received your online application and you have uploaded any additional supporting documents with it by this date. We strongly recommend that you submit your application by <b>Friday 21 October 2022</b> so that we receive it before the half term holiday and can contact you if necessary.</li></ul>
Wednesday 1 March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ <b>Applicants who apply on time will receive their child's offer of a school place by email after 5pm. This email will also include information on what to do next.</b></li><li>■ Applicants can also view the outcome of their application during the evening at <a href="http://www.eadmissions.org.uk">www.eadmissions.org.uk</a></li></ul>
Wednesday 15 March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ No action is required if you are a Southwark resident and want to accept the school place offered to your child.</li><li>■ Should you wish to reject the offer of a school place allocated to your child, you must notify the school admissions team by email at <a href="mailto:schools.admissions@southwark.gov.uk">schools.admissions@southwark.gov.uk</a> and include your unique application reference.</li></ul>
Appeals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Check dates of appeal hearings with individual schools.</li></ul>

These are important deadlines which you will need to keep in mind. If you miss these dates, your chances of being offered a place at a preferred school will be reduced.

### **IMPORTANT!**

## **Closing date: Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022**

If you need any support with your secondary School Application, please do not hesitate to call the school on: **020 7703 4168** to make an appointment with Paula Trent (Family Support Worker).

We are here to assist you!

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## Applying for Reception Place for September 2023

If your child will be five between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024 (date of birth 1.9.18 – 31.8.19) you need to apply for a school place. The closing date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023. More information on the process can be found here:

[Starting Primary School in Southwark Brochure 2023 24.pdf](#)

We will be conducting tours of the building during school time, but numbers will be limited.

Please contact the school and book your place as soon as possible on:  
**020 7703 4168.**

Tours will be taking place every Wednesday between 9:30 and 10:30am on the following dates:

**28<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 9:30am**

**5<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 9:30am**

**12<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 9:30am**

**19<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 9:30am**

**9<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 9:30am**

**16<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 9:30am**

**23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022 at 9:30am**

The tours will give you the opportunity to ask questions that can be answered by EYFS staff. As numbers are limited, contact the school as early as possible.

Please let any friends or neighbours with children in this age range you may know about this as well. Southwark Admissions deal with the applications.

**IMPORTANT**– having a place in our Nursery does not guarantee a place in our Reception – you must still apply. Also, even if you have other children in the school, you must apply and please ensure that you say on your application that your child has siblings at Comber Grove Primary School.

**Closing Date: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023.**