



Comber Grove Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

Friday, 23rd September 2022

Quote for the week:

'Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do is in harmony.' – Mahatma Gandhi

A message from our Headteacher

Dear Comber Grove families,

The children have been back at school now for 15 days, and the atmosphere in classes is calm and purposeful. Reception children are playing hard and managing full days and lunch with ease, Year 4 have started swimming and all classes are sharing their exciting learning in our weekly Celebration Assembly on a Friday.



At Comber Grove, we need you to support the school so your child can get the most from the opportunities currently offered and we are looking at extending our offer.

First, we need you to make sure your child arrives on time for school every day. We welcome all children on site from **08:45am** with the expectation that they will be in their classrooms or with their teachers by **08:55am**.

If you arrive after the whistle is blown at **08:55am**, your child is late. Children at Comber Grove need at least 5 minutes to get to their classrooms, hang up their coats and get organised for learning that starts at **09:00am**. Being late is disruptive and affects everyone: the children who have arrived on time have to pause their learning whilst the late children come in, and the children who are late feel embarrassed because the teacher has to stop. Children need to be taught that being on time is polite and respectful.

From Monday, all gates will be shut at **09:00am** and the only access to the school will be via the buzzer on the Main Gate, where you will be directed to the School Office where your child will be marked late. Warm thanks as always to the vast majority of parents and carers who support us by ensuring their children's school days start punctually, with the understanding that punctuality is a lifelong skill. The secondary schools are draconian about punctuality. Support your children to form good habits now.

Better late
than never
**But never late
is better**



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We also need you to encourage our children to make good **eye contact** when they are speaking to you, staff and with each other. They need to be encouraged to **speak politely in full sentences**.

We all need to build our children's cultural capital to give them the best life chances possible. Children who talk politely, with confidence, are more likely to be listened to. Children need to feel listened to and empowered.



Empowering children builds their esteem. Children with higher self-esteem are more resilient, and resilience enables children to learn from mistakes rather than be crushed by them. As Thomas Edison said, 'Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.'

Mobile phones

Kindly refrain from using your mobile phone while on the school premises, when entering the school building and visiting the school office. This is an added layer of ensuring that we are Safeguarding our children, families, and staff.



Safeguarding team at Comber Grove Primary School:

We are committed to providing a safe and secure environment for child and promoting a climate where children and adults will feel confident about sharing any concerns, which they may have about their own safety or the well-being of others.

The Safeguarding Team is made up of:

Mr Lorrain Black, Miss Joanne Fielding, Mrs Judene Anchebe, Miss Clare Rowe and Miss Paula Trent.

Finally - follow us on Twitter **@ComberGrove** as it is a great way to find out quickly what your children have been learning at school and information about what goes on here. In addition, you can retweet us! Spread the word; if you trust us to care and nurture your children, everyone else needs to know why.

The only way that Comber Grove Primary School can be the school of choice is if home and school work together in Partnership!

Have a restful weekend!

Lorrain Black and Comber Grove Team



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EYFS Coffee Morning

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:

**Parental Support Class Dojo School/ Home
Communication
Workshops Community Events**

DATE:

**Friday, 30th September 2022- EYFS Coffee Morning at
9:30am**

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

PARENT SURVEY

**We want to hear from you. Please complete the
parent survey below:**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScHWBYpyE4yqU71KKgTV05sXQuBYBFQKYULdUJ25it3IIBDI/A/viewform?usp=sharing>

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Stars of the Week



Value of the Week: **HAPPINESS**

Class:	Pupil:	Reason:
Year 1 Benjamin Zephaniah	Muhammad	Always positive and kind to others.
	Bianca	Settled into school and has made lots of new friends.
Year 2 David Attenborough	Paul	Being a great partner
	Aliyah	For always trying hard and doing her best
Year 3 Mo Farah	Elliott	For always making fantastic choices and being happy and kind.
	Daniella	For settling into school really well and being a happy member of our class.
Year 4 Marcus Rashford	Maria	For her exemplary behaviour and spreading positivity.
	Kazim	For making amazing choices and encouraging others to be happy in the class with his joyful, bubbly personality.
Year 5/6 Mae Jemison	Khalid	Always has a smile on his face, which brightens up everyone's day.
	Djenebou	It is a pleasure to see her happily sharing her learning from home, which links, to her learning in school.
Year 6 Olive Morris	Lyron	For a fantastic attitude towards class work
	Mahalee	For a fantastic attitude towards class work

Attendance Winners

School Target: 95.6%	This week's attendance: 86%
Years 1, 2 and 3	Year 3, 4 and 6
David Attenborough 90.7%	Olive Morris 92.7%

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Learning at Comber Grove Primary School

CURRICULUM PROVISION Autumn Term 1

	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5/ 6
School Global Curriculum Theme	Social Justice and equality (fairness)	Power and Governance	Power and Governance	Power and Governance	Power and Governance	Power and Governance
Project Based Learning Theme		What is right and what is wrong.	Is monarchy important?	Why is the law important	Why is democracy important?	What is democracy?
PE Days		Thursday	Monday	Friday	Wednesday Swimming on Wednesday	Tuesday

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMME

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Football KS1 3:30-4:15pm	Football KS2 3:20-4:15pm	Cricket 3:20-4:15pm	Basketball 3:20-4:15pm
		Arts and Crafts 3:20-4:15pm	

Our after-school programme started on Monday, 12th September 2022. The clubs currently operate on a first come first served basis.
Please ensure that pupils are collected promptly at 4:15pm!

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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



Monday, 26/09/2022	Harvest Festival Pecan Peckham
Wednesday, 28/09/2022	Film Night 3:20-5pm
Friday, 30/09/2022	EYFS Coffee Morning at 9:30am
Wednesday, 05/10/2022	World Teacher's Day
Friday, 07/10/2022 <i>(change of date!)</i>	Year 5 and Year 6 Coffee Morning at 9:30am
Monday, 10/10/2022	'Hello Yellow Day' - wear yellow (World Mental Health Day)
Friday, 21/10/2022	End of Autumn Term 1 (school closing normal time)
Monday, 24 th to Friday, 28 th October 2022	HALFTERM (School closed)
Monday, 31/10/2022	Children return to school
Friday, 11/11/2022	Armistice Day
Monday, 14/11/2022	Anti-bullying week
Wednesday, 07/12/2022	Winter Fayre 3:30-5pm (school hall)
Friday, 09/12/2022	PARENT DAY
Friday, 16/12/2022	School Closing at 2pm

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Parent/ Carer Information and Support

Our Harvest Assembly will be taking place on **Monday, 26th September 2022**. This will be led by Pecan, which is a community charity in Peckham.



WHAT PECAN DO:

Pecan is a community charity committed to uplifting our local community through **Kindness, Belief** and **Hope**. We do this through providing holistic support for the local community through our projects, addressing a range of needs across our

community.

Their mission is to restore futures and see an end to poverty in all its forms. We aim to transform lives through **kindness, Belief** and **Hope**, through practical support.

They help people who face seemingly impossible barriers to find a way through, re-write their futures and flourish. We never stop believing that with the right support, people can unlock their true potential.



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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">■ The admissions process starts.■ 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.■ Apply for secondary schools by completing an online application at www.southwark.gov.uk/schooladmissions■ 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.
Monday 31 October 2022, 11.59pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Closing date for submitting online applications.■ 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 Friday 21 October 2022 so that we receive it before the half term holiday and can contact you if necessary.
Wednesday 1 March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ 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.■ Applicants can also view the outcome of their application during the evening at www.eadmissions.org.uk
Wednesday 15 March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ No action is required if you are a Southwark resident and want to accept the school place offered to your child.■ 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 schools.admissions@southwark.gov.uk and include your unique application reference.
Appeals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Check dates of appeal hearings with individual schools.

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, 31st 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 1st September 2023 and 31st 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 15th 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:

28th September 2022 at 9:30am

5th October 2022 at 9:30am

12th October 2022 at 9:30am

19th October 2022 at 9:30am

9th November 2022 at 9:30am

16th November 2022 at 9:30am

23rd 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 15th January 2023.



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School Day (times of the day) Comber Grove Primary School



	Keystage 1	Keystage 2	
Gates open:	8:45am	8:45am	
Whistle blows:	8:55am	8:55am	
Learning starts:	9:00am	9:00am	
End of day gates open:	3:05pm	3:15pm	Children are collected by parents/ carers from the KS1 playground.
School finishes:	3:10pm	3:20pm	Children are collected by parents/ carers from the KS2 playground.
Gates close at the end of the day:	3:15pm	3:25pm	All children who have not been collected are taken to the main school office where they must be collected by a responsible adult.

Nursery and Reception times are shared directly with parents/ carers.

All children who arrive at school after **9am** should access the school through the main school gate and go straight up to the office to be registered.

Please inform the school if you are running late and will not be able to collect your child on time!

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