



**Comber Grove Primary School
Weekly Newsletter
Autumn Term 1**

Friday, 09th September 2022

Thursday, 8th September 2022



**Comber Grove Primary School mourns the passing
of our Queen Elizabeth II.**

**Comber Grove Primary School took part in a special
assembly to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II and her
dedication to serving the people of the
United Kingdom and the Commonwealth.**

Long live the King!

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Quote for the week:

'Grief is the price we pay for love.' – Neil Heath

A Message from our Headteacher

Dear Comber Grove families,

Thank you all so much for welcoming me into your community. I have met many of you over the past few days and everyone I have met has greeted me with kindness and a smile. My first week at Comber Grove Primary School has been very busy meeting people and getting used to the school layout.

It has been great to see the children back in school this week. We have had a gentle start, getting used to new routines, remembering the rules and school values and meeting new teachers.

The summer break can be an exciting time; however, it can also be a very challenging time with parents and carers juggling day-to-day demands, while also meeting the needs of their children.

The economic climate, which has been heavily focused on in the news, may have and may continue to cause stress and anxiety for our school community. Parents and carers may have and may continue to face difficult circumstances.

Although I hope the summer break was restful and enjoyable for all, please know that we are here to help. If you would like support, please speak with **me, Ms Fielding, Mrs Anchebe (SENDCo) or Miss Paula Trent (Family Support Worker)** who are at the gates in the mornings. Or you can call the school on: **020 7703 4168** to speak to any of the above people. **The school may be able to offer support or information regarding local services.**

We are delighted to have everyone back and are looking forward to an exciting year ahead!

I am sure many of you have questions for me. I would like to invite you to informal coffee mornings where I would like to hear and discuss suggestions you might have to support the continued development of Comber Grove. Please see the dates of the **Coffee Mornings** listed in the Diary section of this newsletter. I hope many parents and carers can attend.

I look forward to seeing you all bright and early next week. Have a lovely weekend!

Lorram Black and Comber Grove Team





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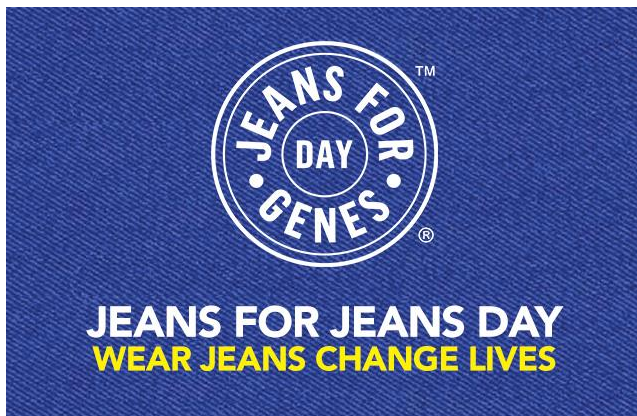
School Information & Events

National Jeans for Genes

On Friday, **16th September** we would like all children and staff to wear jeans and denim in support of 'Jeans for Genes Day'.

This is the day to wear double, even triple denim! Children and staff are asked to bring in a **£1** donation for Jeans for Genes.

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.



Dates for your Diary



Thursday, 15/09/2022	Banji Alexander (Author of 'Lockdown Looms') visit to school 'Lockdown Looms'
Friday, 16/09/2022	Jeans for Genes Day (dress in jeans)
	Year 1 and Year 2 Coffee Morning at 9:30am
	Teaching Assistants' Day
Date tbc	Harvest Festival Pecan Peckham
Friday, 30/09/2022	EYFS Coffee Morning at 9:30am
Wednesday, 05/10/2022	World Teacher's Day
Friday, 07/10/2022	Year 3 and Year 4 Coffee Morning at 9:30am
Monday, 10/10/2022	'Hello Yellow Day' - wear yellow (World Mental Health Day)
Friday, 14/10/2022	Year 5 and Year 6 Coffee Morning at 9:30am
Friday, 21/10/2022	School closing at 2pm
Monday, 24 th to Friday, 28 th October 2022	HALF TERM (School closed)
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

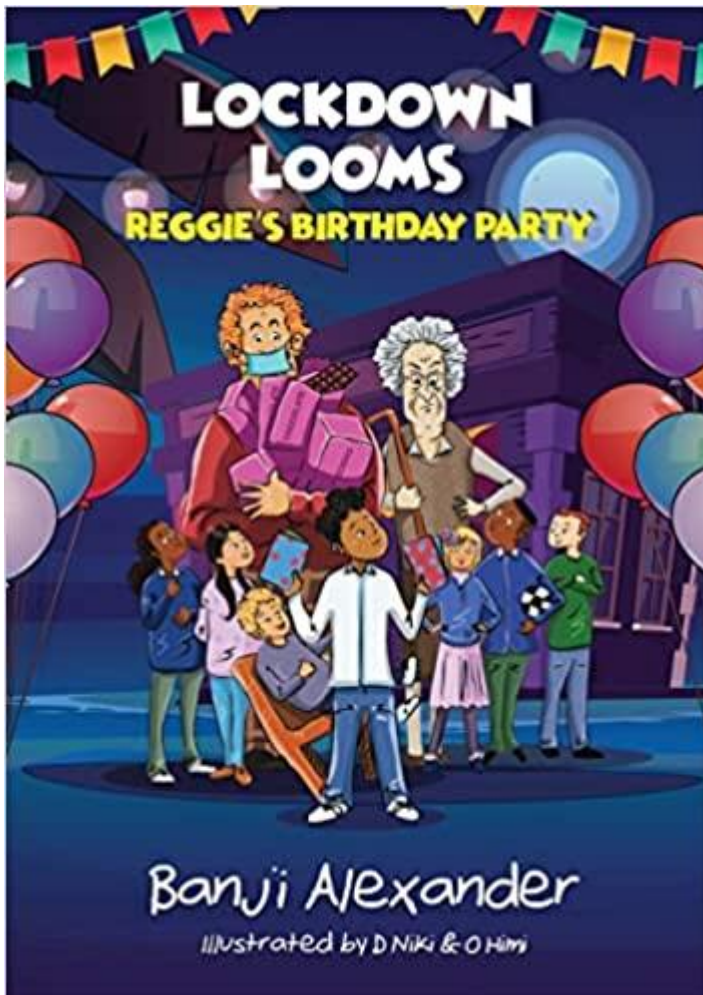


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Parent/ Carer Information and Support

Banji Alexander
'Lockdown Looms'



Banji Alexander, author of *'Lockdown Looms'* will be visiting the school on Thursday, 15th September 2022 to lead sessions with our children.

We are really excited and looking forward welcoming Banji to our school.

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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).

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