



# Comber Grove Primary School Weekly Newsletter Spring Term 1

Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023

## Quote for the week:

*'Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year!'* - Ralph Waldo Emerson

## A message from our Headteacher

Dear Comber Grove families,



Welcome back to the spring term and to our first newsletter of 2023! I hope that all of our pupils, families and staff had a peaceful and restful break.

It has been lovely to see everyone back and I have been so pleased with how our children have settled back into their classroom routines and have focused on their learning.

In classes this week, children looked at how New Year is celebrated across the world. They discussed how many people make resolutions this time of year and how a new year can be seen as a new start. Children shared their resolutions for the New Year and discussed what they were going to focus on.

Wishing our school community, a safe, healthy, and peaceful 2023!

*Lorram Black and Team Comber Grove*

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## School Attendance Matters

### Can We Help?

Your child's school attendance is very important, and we are here to help. If you need support to increase your child's attendance, please contact any member of the Safeguarding and Wellbeing Team (Mr Black, Ms Fielding, Mrs Anchebe, Ms Rowe or Ms Trent).

Call the school on: **020 7703 4168** or email: [office@combergrove.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:office@combergrove.southwark.sch.uk)

## Attendance Matters



### Every Day Counts....

Days off school add up to lost learning!

**175 NON-SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR**

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, household jobs and other appointments.

0 DAYS ABSENCE (190 school days) <b>100%</b>	6 DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE <b>96%</b>	15 DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE <b>92%</b>	19 DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE <b>Below 90% (Persistent Absentee)</b>
<b>EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>SATISFACTORY ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT</b>	<b>CAUSE FOR CONCERN</b>
Best chance of <b>SUCCESS!</b>	Harder to make good progress.	Less chance of success.	Serious concern. Possible court action!

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**ATTENDANCE MATTERS**  
*every student, every day*

**Attendance Winners**

<b>School Target: 95.6%</b>	<b>This week's attendance: 86.8%</b>
<b>Years 1, 2 and 3</b>	<b>Year 4, 5 and 6</b>
<b><u>Well Done:</u></b> <b>David Attenborough</b> <b>87.5%</b>	<b><u>Well Done:</u></b> <b>Mae Jemison</b> <b>92%</b>
<b>Class:</b>	<b>Attendance:</b>
<b>Reception</b> <b>Maggie Aderin-Pocock</b>	<b>78.9%</b>
<b>Year 1</b> <b>Benjamin Zephaniah</b>	<b>84.4%</b>
<b>Year 2</b> <b>David Attenborough</b>	<b>87.5%</b>
<b>Year 3</b> <b>Mo Farah</b>	<b>86.7%</b>
<b>Year 4</b> <b>Marcus Rashford</b>	<b>82.9%</b>
<b>Year 5/6</b> <b>Mae Jemison</b>	<b>92%</b>
<b>Year 6</b> <b>Olive Morris</b>	<b>84.8%</b>

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## School Information and Events

 <b>Dates for your Diary</b> 	
Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	<b>After School Clubs Registration (3-4pm), lower ground floor hall</b>
Week beginning Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	<b>After school clubs begin this week</b>
Tuesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	<b>Parenting Course Introductory Coffee Morning (Mr Mark Thrush)</b>
Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	<b>Year 6 Swimming lessons begin</b>
Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	<b>Parent Coffee morning at 9:30am</b>
Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	<b>Parent Coffee morning at 9:30am</b>
Wednesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	<b>SCHOOL DISCO (times to be confirmed)</b>
Thursday, 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	<b>Full Governing Body Meeting at 5pm</b>
Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	<b>School closing at 3:15pm for Spring Half term</b>
<b>Half Term: Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023</b>	
Monday, 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	<b>First day of Spring Term 2</b>
Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	<b>National offer day for Secondary Schools</b>
Thursday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2023	<b>World Book Day</b>
Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2023	<b>Parent Coffee morning at 9:30am</b>
Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> to Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	<b>Assessment Week</b>
Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup> March to Sunday, 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	<b>British Science Week –THEME: ‘Connections’</b>
Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	<b>Staffing Committee Meeting at 4pm</b>
Thursday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2023	<b>Full Governing Body Meeting at 5pm</b> <b>Beginning of Ramadan</b>
Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	<b>Parent OPEN Day</b>
Wednesday, 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	<b>SPRING Fair</b>
Friday, 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	<b>End of Spring Term. School closing at 2pm</b>

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## After School Clubs

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and ending Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023

We are excited to announce which clubs are taking place at Comber Grove during the Spring Term. The clubs will run for **10 weeks**, starting on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> January and ending on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

### There are eight clubs during the Spring term.

The cost for each club is £30. Comber Grove does not make a profit from after school clubs and any extra money will be used to reduce costs and purchase resources.

Please make sure that you read the information carefully as some clubs are for particular year groups. If there are not enough pupils for each club, the club will not continue.

The spaces available in each club varies and places will be given on a first come - first served basis. All money must be paid at the time of booking. Places cannot be reserved or held. Clubs can only be booked during the signing up sessions. These are on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 9am -10am** and **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 3pm -4pm**. Both sessions will be held in the bottom hall. Please come along to sign up.

Club	Day	Location	Time	Teacher/Coach	KS1 or KS2	What to wear	Cost
Art and Mindful coloring (10 places)	Monday	Year 2 classroom	3:15 -4:15	Ms Fielding Ms Tighremt	Years 1 – 6	Uniform	£30
Football (16 places)	Monday	KS2 playground	3:15 -4:15	Alex	Years 1 and 2	P.E kits	£30
Recorders (10 places)	Tuesday	Music room	3:15 -4:15	Mr Black	Years 3 and 4	School uniform	£35 (recorder included)
Football (16 places)	Tuesday	KS2 playground	3:15 -4:15	Alex	Years 3-6	P.E kits	£30
Film Club (15 spaces)	Wednesday	Music room	3:15 -4:15	Ms Yazmyn	Years 1 – 6	Uniform	£30
Indoor sports (16 places)	Wednesday	KS2 playground	3:15 -4:15	Alex	Years 1- 6	P.E kits	£30
Guitars (10 places)	Thursday	Music room	3:15 -4:15	Mr Symmons	Years 5 and 6	School uniform	£30
Arts and crafts	Thursday	Intervention Room	3:15 -4:15	Keiran	Years 2- 6	School uniform	£30

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## Comber Grove School Communication Procedures 2023

### Introduction:

We at Comber Grove Primary School want to make it easy for you to get in touch with any concerns or questions you might have. This procedure, outlined below, is to make it clear and easy for parents to communicate with the school regarding any queries. We hope this explains clearly the process for expressing concerns, and clarifies which member of staff is best placed to speak to you about given issues.

We understand the importance of a strong working relationship between parents and staff in supporting all of our children in their learning. In addition to these procedures, the Headteacher (Lorram Black), and Deputy Headteacher (Joanne Fielding) look forward to speaking to parents in the playground and at school entrances. If you have concerns about your child, you should speak to your child's class teacher including any SEND.

### Safeguarding:

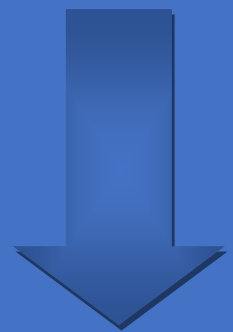
At Comber Grove Primary School, it is of paramount concern that all of our children are happy and safe. If you have any concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child, please speak to our Designated Safeguarding Leads: Lorram Black, Joanne Fielding, Judene Anchebe, Paula Trent or Clare Rowe. They are always available to speak to you.

### Chain of Communication

#### Class Teacher:

You should approach your child's class teacher, in person where possible, in the first instance to discuss:

- Home learning
- Social, academic and personal progress
- Classroom and playtime incidents.
- Organisation issues, e.g. lost property which is not in 'Lost property Area'
- SEND concerns



#### SENDCO:

**Mrs Judene Anchebe** in person or by email at [office@combergrove.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:office@combergrove.southwark.sch.uk)

- Queries regarding additional needs your child may have.
- Safeguarding concerns



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#### **Deputy Head Teacher**

**Ms Joanne Fielding** in person or by email via the school office at: [office@combergrove.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:office@combergrove.southwark.sch.uk) to discuss:

- After School Club payment and places.
- Safeguarding concerns
- Volunteering at the school

#### **Family Support Worker**

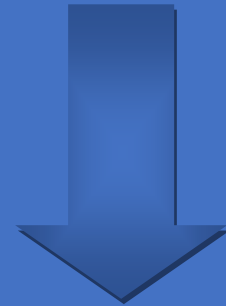
**Ms Paula Trent:** in person or by email via the school office at: [office@combergrove.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:office@combergrove.southwark.sch.uk)

- Queries about behaviour income support,
- Housing support
- Support with online applications

#### **Headteacher:**

You should approach **Mr Lorrain Black** ([office@combergrove.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:office@combergrove.southwark.sch.uk)) to discuss:

- unresolved issues after speaking to the classteacher and SENDCo
- Safeguarding concerns as mentioned above
- Attendance
- Request for authorised absences
- Punctuality (lates)



#### **The School Office:**

The majority of other queries you may have, which are not answered on our website, are best dealt with by the school office in person, by telephone:

**020 7703 4168**, or by email at [office@combergrove.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:office@combergrove.southwark.sch.uk)

You could also speak to

**Ms Yazmyn O'Doherty (Administrative Assistant)** or **Mrs Susan Roberts (School Business Manager)**

- This may include questions about school meals, updating contact details, absences or other points of which you wish to inform school. Arrangements for end of day pick-ups and appointments

A range of useful information can also be found on our school website  
<https://combergroveprimary.co.uk/>

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# **SPRING FAIR**

**Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023**



Please put this date in your dairy.

We would like to invite as many parents/ carers as possible to help plan our Spring Fair this year.

Please speak to Ms Joanne Fielding if you are able to offer your help, support, volunteer!!!







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## New Year Resolutions Happy 2023!



Many people make resolutions this time of year. New Year can be seen as a new start.  
Every year we make a resolution to change ourselves.  
This year, make a resolution to be yourself!

Happier January 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Find three things to look forward to this year	2 Make time today to do something kind for yourself	3 Do a kind act for someone else to help brighten their day	4 Write a list of things you feel grateful for and why	5 Look for the good in others and notice their strengths	6 Take five minutes to sit still and just breathe	7 Learn something new and share it with others
8 Say positive things to the people you meet today	9 Get moving. Do something active (ideally outdoors)	10 Thank someone you're grateful to and tell them why	11 Switch off all your tech at least an hour before bedtime	12 Connect with someone near you - share a smile or chat	13 Take a different route today and see what you notice	14 Eat healthy food which really nourishes you today
15 Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful	16 Contribute positively to your local community	17 Be gentle with yourself when you make mistakes	18 Get back in contact with an old friend	19 Focus on what's good, even if today feels tough	20 Go to bed in good time and allow yourself to recharge	21 Try out something new to get out of your comfort zone
22 Plan something fun and invite others to join you	23 Put away digital devices and focus on being in the moment	24 Take a small step towards an important goal	25 Decide to lift people up rather than put them down	26 Choose one of your strengths and find a way to use it today	27 Challenge your negative thoughts and look for the upside	28 Ask other people about things they've enjoyed recently
29 Say hello to a neighbour and get to know them better	30 See how many people you can smile at today	31 Write down your hopes or plans for the future				

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