



# Comber Grove Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

### Summer Term 2

Friday, 07<sup>th</sup> July 2023

#### Quote for the week:

*'Do what you have to do until you can do what you want to do!'*  
- Oprah Winfrey

#### A message from the Headteacher:



Dear Comber Grove families,

#### **Future of Comber Grove due to falling rolls in Southwark**

The proposal of an amalgamation is at a very early stage and negotiations with other schools that may be in a similar position will take place soon. This type of decision does not happen overnight, and consultations, led by the Local Authority, will be carried out in the Autumn Term.

Comber Grove is as important to us as it is to you, and we will be there at every stage of the consultation period and any negotiations that may take place. We will continue to ensure that the children are at the heart of any decisions made and support you all through this.

Thank you to the parents who attended the Coffee Morning with the Chair and Vice Chair of Governors this week. Parents asked for support with a letter, which was emailed to all families this week.

We ask that you are patient and don't make any rush decision! Comber Grove Primary School will be open on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023 for the new school year and we look forward to seeing you.

#### **End of year preparations:**

Please check the school diary as there are a number of exciting activities planned to take place in the next two weeks.

#### **End of Year Reports:**

Children have worked very hard this year and staff are in the process of completing their end of year reports which we will share with you on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023. End of KS1, Phonics and End of KS2 official results will also be shared with you this week!

#### **REMIINDER:**

**School closes at 2pm for ALL CHILDREN on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023!**

Enjoy your weekend!

*Lorram Black and Staff Comber Grove Primary School*

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## Why does my child take Standard Assessment Tests?

The tests intend to:

- Help measure the progress your child has made and identify if they need additional support in a certain area
- Assess our school's performance and to produce national performance data

## How are children assessed at the end of EYFS?

A completed EYFS Profile consists of 20 items of information: the attainment of each child is assessed in relation to each of the 17 Early Learning Goals descriptors, (ELGs) together with a short narrative describing the child's ways of learning expressed in terms of the three characteristics of learning.

## What is the EYFS profile at the end of Reception?

The EYFS profile assesses a child at the end of reception to ensure they're progressing well and meeting national requirements. The report is sent home to parents for them to read and will include assessments on the following: Communication and language - Listening, attention, understanding and speaking.

## Phonics screening check information and results

### What is the phonics screening check?

The phonics screening check is a quick check of your child's ability to decode words using only his or her phonic knowledge. The check is a statutory requirement and took place in the Summer term at school. All children who are in Year 1 complete the phonics check. It helps us to confirm whether your child has met the expected standard for a child at the end of Year 1.

Children who did not meet the expected standard at the end of Year 1, also completed the phonics check again at the end of Year 2.

### How does the check work?

- Your child was asked to read 40 words aloud to a teacher who is known to him/her.
- Your child may have read some of the words before, while others would have been completely new.
- The check took only a few minutes to complete and there was no time limit.



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### Meeting the expected standard

In order for children to demonstrate that they have met the expected standard in phonic decoding, they had to score at least **32** marks in the phonics screening check. Children who scored fewer than **32** marks are considered not to have met the expected standard in phonic decoding. Any child who has not met the expected standard will be given additional support in phonics to help him or her to improve. The nature of this support will vary depending on how close to the threshold he/she was.

### What is the system for KS2 primary school test results?

Since 2016, SATs results have been reported using scaled scores at the end of KS2.

### What is a scaled score?

Each child is given a scaled score as a number. This is based on their raw score – the number of marks they receive in a test.

Children may achieve a scaled score of:

- **Below 100**, meaning they have not met the 'expected standard'
- **100**, meaning they have reached the 'expected standard'
- **Above 100**, meaning they have exceeded the 'expected standard'

For children in year 6 taking the KS2 tests, scores range from 80 to 120.

A child who reaches the expected standard (100 or above) is considered to be ready for the next stage of their education.

### Why use scaled scores?

Scaled scores help test results to be reported consistently from one year to the next.

For example, if 2 children achieve the same scaled scores in different tests in different years, they will have the same level of attainment.

### How will results be reported in year 6?

Most children in year 6 will have taken tests in maths, reading, and grammar, punctuation and spelling.

Your child's end-of-year report will include their scaled score and clear confirmation as to whether they have met the national standard.



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### Should I be worried if my child doesn't meet the expected standard?

There's no reason to worry. The tests are designed to help identify where children may need extra support as early as possible.

Your child will also receive teacher assessment results, which help to give a broader picture of how well they are doing.

If you have any concerns, please speak to your child's teacher.

### Were the tests easier this year because of the pandemic?

No, the tests returned in 2022 without any adaptations and it will be the same this year. Using the same, consistent approach as in 2019 means it will be easier for the DfE to identify the impact of the pandemic.

### Can we compare the results with previous years?

The DfE "strongly discourages" directly comparing data from this year to previous years. This is because of the uneven impact of the pandemic on pupils and schools, meaning data will likely look quite different this year to previous years.

### Contact the school

If you have any questions about changes to KS2 assessments and what they mean for your child, please do not hesitate to contact us.

[office@combergrove.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:office@combergrove.southwark.sch.uk)

#### Further information

You might find the following sources helpful:

➤ **Scaled scores at KS2**, GOV.UK – STA

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/scaled-scores-at-key-stage-2>

➤ **Key Stage 1 and 2 national curriculum tests: information for parents**, GOV.UK – STA

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/2017-national-curriculum-tests-for-key-stages-1-and-2-information-for-parents>



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# Notification of Upcoming Works- Comber Grove



Footway improvements- construction of pedestrianised area- will be taking place from **24/07/2023 to 29/09/2023.**

The work will be taking place outside and opposite Comber House, to the junction of Blucher Road.

Should you have any queries, please contact works supervisor **Paul Well** at FM Conway Control Centre on **01732 600700** or via email, [\*\*southwarkenquiries@fmconway.co.uk\*\*](mailto:southwarkenquiries@fmconway.co.uk)



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## School Information and Events

July 2023	
Monday, 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Year 3 Trip to British Museum Reception Sports Day (at school) <i>(families invited to attend)</i>
Wednesday, 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Nursery Sports Day (at school) Year 6 Performance to Parents (5:00pm)
Thursday, 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Whole School Awards Assembly at 2pm and Music presentation <i>(families invited to attend)</i> Governing Body Meeting and school visit
Friday, 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Year 6 Award Ceremony and prize-giving at 11am <i>(families invited to attend)</i>
Friday, 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Families receive End of Year Reports for 2023
Friday, 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Year 6 PROM (5-7pm)- School Hall
Monday, 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Children 'Meet New Teacher' sessions Reception Graduation Celebration at 1:30pm <i>(families invited to attend)</i>
Tuesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	LA PROGRESS REVIEW MEETING at 9:30am Year 4 Trip to Hollywood Bowling
Wednesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	'Carnival of Cultures' and international food festival/ End of Year Class Parties
Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023	Last day of Summer Term. School closing at 2pm
<b>SUMMER HOLIDAYS:</b> Monday, 24 <sup>th</sup> July to Friday, 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2023	
Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023- INSET Day 1	
Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023- INSET Day 2	
First day of Autumn Term 1: Wednesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	

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# **Carnival of Cultures**

**Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**Comber Grove Primary School** is a very diverse school with pupils and staff speaking over 26 languages and coming from a culturally diverse background.

In order to celebrate our diversity, we will be holding an exciting Carnival of Culture Day on **Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

The children will be learning about different countries and their cultures.

We would therefore like to encourage all children to dress in a costume from their country.

If you do not have a traditional dress to represent your heritage, children are encouraged to wear very **BRIGHT COLOURS!!!**

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#### Term Dates 2023-2024

AUTUMN TERM	
INSET DAYS for staff (School closed to pupils)	Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 and Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
First day of Autumn Term 1 (Pupils return)	Wednesday, 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
End of Autumn Term 1	Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
Half Term (School closed)	Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> October to Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
First day after Half term (Autumn Term 2)	Monday, 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
Tutorial Day	Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
End of Spring Term	Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 (2pm finish for children)
CHRISTMAS Holiday (School closed)	Thursday, 21 <sup>st</sup> December to Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
SPRING TERM	
First day of Spring Term 1 (Pupils return)	Monday, 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
End of Spring Term 1	Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Half Term (School closed)	Monday, 12 <sup>th</sup> to Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
First day after Half term (Spring Term 2)	Monday, 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Tutorial Day	Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024
End of Spring Term	Thursday, 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 (2pm finish for children)
EASTER Holiday	Friday, 29 <sup>th</sup> March Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
SUMMER TERM	
INSET DAY for staff (School closed to pupils)	Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
First day after EASTER Holiday (Summer Term 1)	Tuesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
May Day Bank Holiday (School closed)	Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
End of Summer Term 1	Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
Half Term (School closed)	Monday, 27 <sup>th</sup> to Friday, 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024
INSET DAY for staff (School closed to pupils)	Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024
First day after Half term (Summer Term 2)	Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2024
Last day of Summer Term	Wednesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 (2pm finish for children)
INSET DAY for staff (School closed to pupils)	Thursday, 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2024

#### INSET DAYS:

Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
 Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
 Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
 Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024  
 Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024

#### Public Holidays

Christmas Day Holiday      Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
 Boxing Day Holiday      Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
 New Year Holiday      Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024  
 Good Friday      Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
 Easter Monday      Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024  
 May Day Bank Holiday      Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
 Spring Bank Holiday      Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
 Summer Bank Holiday      Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> August 2024

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