



Comber Grove Primary School Weekly Newsletter Autumn Term 1

Friday, 15th September 2023

Dates
for your Diary



Key Dates:

- 18/09- Whole school Baseline Assessment Week, RBA
- 22/09- Jeans for Genes Day
- 22/09- Year 1 and Year 2 Coffee morning at 9:30am
- 26/09- Harvest Assembly (led by Pecan Foodbank)
- 29/09- EYFS Coffee morning at 9:30am
- 02/10- Black History Month begins
- 05/10- World Teachers' Day
- 06/10- Year 3 and Year 4 Coffee morning at 9:30am
- 09/10- Pupil Progress Meetings with Teaching Staff/SLT
- 13/10- **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER:** Siblings/ Individual
- 20/10- Last day of Autumn Term
- 23/10-27/10: October Half term**
- 30/10- Beginning of Autumn Term 2
- 03/11- Flu Vaccination
- 13/11- Assessment Week
- 17/11- BBC Children In Need
- 04/12- Pupil Progress Meetings with Teaching Staff/SLT
- 08/12- TUTORIAL DAY (school Closed to pupils)
- 14/12- School Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
- 19/12- Class Parties
- 20/12- End of Autumn Term
- 21/12 to 05/01- Christmas Holiday**

A message from our Headteacher

Dear Comber Grove families,

Welcome to Reception and Nursery children

Can I take this opportunity to extend a very warm welcome to our new Nursery and Reception children and their families. Your children have made an amazing start to their time at Comber Grove Primary School - they have come in smiling and positive and have been a credit to you.



Thank you for the part that you have played in preparing them to start school. We look forward to working with you all and getting to know you better. **We hope that all of our new children and parents will be happy at Comber Grove Primary School.**

Secondary School Transition Meeting

Today we held a secondary school transition meeting for our Year 6 parents. We hope you found this useful. Please do look through Southwark's secondary school brochure on our school website. Use the hyperlink below:

[Secondary Transition – Comber Grove Primary School](#)

I encourage you to visit the secondary school to help you decide if the school is a good fit for your child. Remember that you need to apply before the 31st October 2023. If you require any further support please contact me or speak to Yazmyn in the school office.



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Welcome!

Please join me in welcoming:
Miss Saunders (Assistant Headteacher)
Ms Kolodziejczyk (Year 5 Teacher)
Mr Oke (Year 4 Teacher)
Ms Laryea (Year 3 Teacher)
Mr Scholfield (2 days per week- Year 2 and Year 6)

Meet the Teacher Sessions



Thank you to the many parents who attended our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions on Wednesday, 13th September 2023. These sessions are in addition to our usual Parent Consultations later in the term when you will have a chance to talk with your child's teacher and discuss your child's progress.

The purpose of this meeting was for your child's new class teacher to introduce themselves, to tell you about the year ahead and what your child will be learning.

By the end of the session parents received information about the curriculum that will be taught as well as the standards that children

are expected to achieve by the end of the year.

Teachers took this opportunity to clarify how parents can help to support their children and answered any questions.

We were aware that some parents have children in more than one class and could only be in one place at a time! We also appreciate that some parents were not able to attend due to work commitments.

A copy of all 'Meet the Teacher' PowerPoint presentations will be emailed to you so that you can see what was discussed as well as uploaded onto the school website.

We hope that this provided a positive start to the year and helped to establish a good working relationship between you and your child's teacher.

Flu Vaccination:

Cold and flu season is approaching and your child's annual flu vaccine is now due. A QR code was emailed to all parents.

Please complete the consent form even if you decide you do NOT want to vaccinate your child against flu this year!

Please read this newsletter for more information about the flu vaccine. The flu vaccine will be administered at school on **Friday, 3rd November 2023.**

Have a restful weekend and see you all on Monday!

Lorram Black and Staff of Comber Grove Primary School



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Stars of the Week



Value of the Week: **HAPPINESS**

Class:	Pupil:	Reason:
Year 1 Benjamin Zephaniah	Mariam	Showing happiness and enjoyment when learning. Well Done for a good start to the year!
	Muhammed	Showing happiness and enjoyment when learning. Well Done for a good start to the year!
Year 2 David Attenborough	Rasheed	Well Done for showing 100% positivity at the start of Year 2.
	Kamilla	Well Done for showing 100% positivity at the start of Year 2.
Year 3 Mo Farah	Sabri	For showing happiness around the school. Well Done!
	Josephine	For showing happiness around the school. Well Done!
Year 4 Marcus Rashford	Darasimi	For always spreading happiness to everyone.
	Ailie	For always spreading happiness to everyone.
Year 5 Mae Jemison	Sarinah	Always happy and positive both in and out of the class Well Done!
	Bilal	Always happy and positive both in and out of the class Well Done!
Year 6 Olive Morris	Giuseppe	For always being happy and smiling all the time! Great start to Year 6!
	Khalid	For always being happy and smiling all the time! Great start to Year 6!



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Information and Support

Updating Personal Information

Please return your updated pupil data sheet by **Friday, 22nd September 2023**

Harvest Assembly-
Tuesday, 26th September 2023

This year we are supporting Pecan Foodbank.

Eligibility for Free School Meals (FSM)

If your child is entitled to **FSM** (not the same as Healthier Free School Meals), the school will be able to claim additional funding via the Pupil Premium.

Please check your eligibility and return the reply slip to the main school office **for the attention of Mrs Roberts- SBM.**

Flu Vaccination- Friday, 3rd November 2023

Please use the link provided to access the electronic consent form:

<https://sav.hrch.nhs.uk/flu/2023/southwark>

School Contact Information:

Telephone: 020 7703 4168

Email:

office@combergrove.southwark.sch.uk

School Website:

<https://combergroveprimary.co.uk/>



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Southwark Schools



This form should take no longer than 2 minutes to complete.

Flu Immunisation Consent Form 2023

Please scan the QR Code and complete the form.

This form should not take longer than 2 minutes to complete.

Please complete the consent form even if you decide you do NOT want to vaccinate your child against flu this year!

Jeans for Genes

Friday, 22nd September 2023

On Friday, 22nd September 2023 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.



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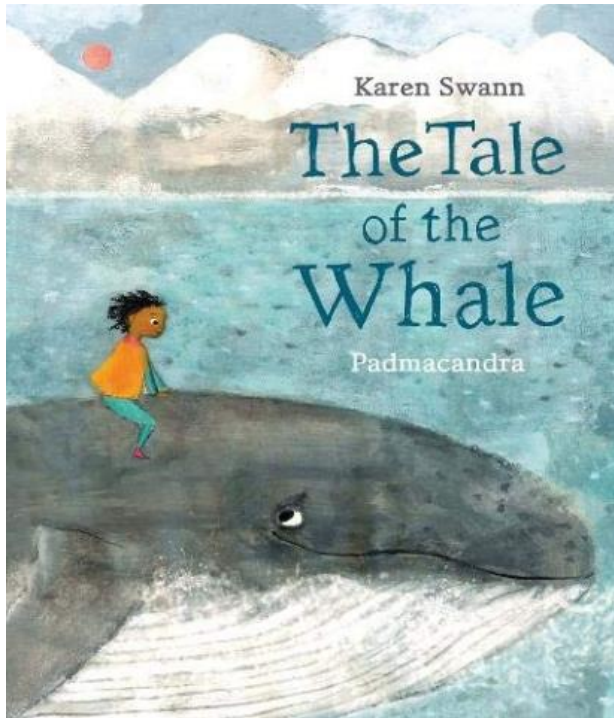
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KS1 Book



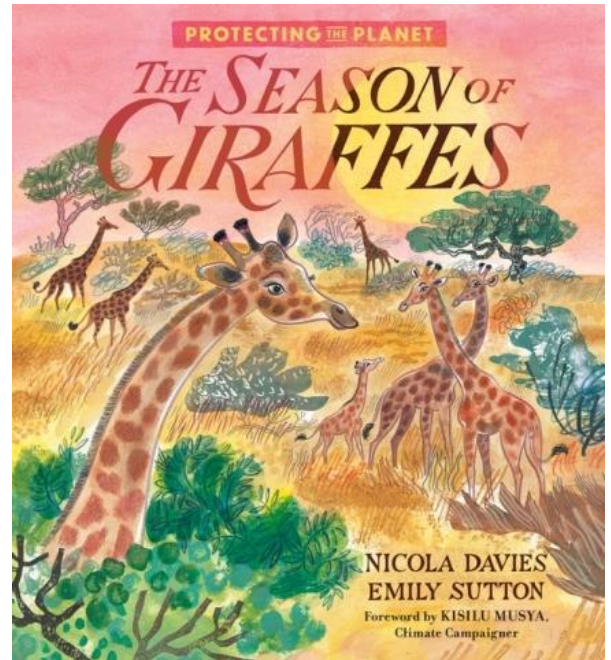
Author: Karen Swann
Illustrator: Padmacandra
Publisher: Scallywag Press

*'Where land becomes sky and the sky becomes sea,
I first saw the whale, and the whale first saw me.*

*And high on the breeze came his sweet-sounding song -
'I've so much to show you, if you'll come along'.*

Come on a magical journey of wonder and discovery from misty seaside shorelines to cold ice-capped seas. This beautiful tale of friendship between a child and a whale invites us to consider our responsibilities towards the environment and makes a direct plea to end plastic pollution.

KS2 Book



Author: Nicola Davies
Illustrator: Emily Sutton
Publisher: Walker

An ultimately inspiring story of how giraffes have dealt with modern climate change, beautifully told and illustrated – and marking the launch of an exciting new series.

Once, this season of rains was the season of giraffes . . .

In this powerful picture-book, bestselling children's author Nicola Davies writes in collaboration with conservationist Kisilu Musya to explain how one of the world's best-loved animals has dealt with the challenges of climate change. Giraffes were once a part of daily life in Niger – but after severe droughts one year, when the rains eventually return, the giraffes are nowhere to be seen. However, as award-winning artist Emily Sutton's magnificent illustrations capture, *The Season of Giraffes* ultimately has a hopeful, celebratory story to share . . . and an important point to make about how human beings can change for the better.

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Secondary School Applications 2024-2025

Key dates

Application for a secondary school place for September 2024 intake

Date	What should parents/carers look out for?
1 September 2023 to Tuesday 31 October 2023	<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.
Tuesday 31 October 2023, 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.
Friday 1 March 2024	<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
Friday 15 March 2024	<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.

IMPORTANT!

Closing date: Tuesday, 31st October 2023

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 a member of the SLT/ Admin.

We are here to assist you!

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DONATIONS of Egg Boxes!!!

Please donate your **EMPTY** Egg Boxes to our school! We are trying to make one of our rooms soundproof!

