



Comber Grove Primary School Weekly Newsletter Autumn Term 1

Friday, 29th September 2023

Dates
for your Diary



Key Dates:

- 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
- 09/10-EYFS Parent Phonics Workshop at 2:30pm
- 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
- 06/12- Year 6 trip to Fire Station (TFL)
- 08/12-TUTORIAL DAY (school Closed to pupils)
- 14/12- School Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
- 19/12- Class Parties

A message from our Headteacher

Dear Comber Grove families,

We have had a very busy week. It has been great to see everyone back with such focus and all of our Nursery and Reception children so settled. Please remember to look at our school Twitter page to see what your children have been up to each week.

Harvest Food Donation

Each year we collect toiletries, nappies, tinned and dried goods to donate to our local foodbank.



Kindness | Belief | Hope

This week, Genevieve and Shahid from Peckham Pecan led our Harvest Assembly on Tuesday morning. The children learnt about Harvest and our reason for collecting and donating during Harvest. Thank you to the many families who have already donated much needed tinned foods. A donation box for all contributions is in the School Office.

Baseline Assessment

This week all the children completed baseline assessment checks in Reading and Maths. These small tests will support us to identify gaps in learning and we can target support where it is needed.



PE Kit



Please make sure your child comes to school dressed in the correct PE kit on their PE day. Please ensure children are wearing black unbranded shorts or tracksuit bottoms, a plain white t-shirt and the correct footwear for PE. We thank you in advance for your support.

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Happy National Teaching Assistants' Day!

National Teaching Assistants' Day is an awareness day which takes place on 29th September.



On National Teaching Assistants' Day, schools across the UK celebrate their own TA's.

Teaching Assistants are the eyes and ears of a classroom. They help individual pupils stay up to speed with the rest of the class.

This work is particularly important for making classrooms a more inclusive space for children with special educational needs and disabilities.

National Teaching Assistant's Day was created by Teaching Personnel in tribute to the many thousands of TAs we work with every year.

Attendance Matters!

At Comber Grove Primary School, attendance is a high priority. There is a clear link between good attendance and good attainment and the opposite is true; poor attendance can lead to poor attainment.

Attendance is also linked to Safeguarding; if your child is not in school then we need to check that they are safe and well. We regularly review your child's attendance and where there is a concern we will get in touch.

We have a graduated response that means we will send letters, invite you to attendance panels and may issue Penalty Notices (fines). We have a good relationship with Southwark Council and work together to ensure as many children as possible are in school every day.

- Please inform us if your child will be absent from school. If you have a medical appointment, you will be asked to show proof of this.
- If your child is feeling 'a bit under the weather' then please send them into school and if they do not improve, we will contact you to collect them.
- Please do not book term time holidays
- Please ensure your child arrives on time and is collected on time



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with attendance

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8:40am

The school day begins at 8:40am when the school gates open. Your child has arrived in good time to meet friends and get ready for learning.

8:45am

The school bell rings. Children line up and are led into the school building where lessons begin.

8:50am

The school gates are now closed. All children have started the first lesson of the day. All children who arrive after 8:50am must be taken to the school office.

9:00am onwards

Registers are closed. If your child arrives after the registers are closed then it will be marked as 'U' for unauthorised late. This code covers the entire morning session and will affect your child's attendance record!

Did you know that your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?

That is when every minute counts the most!

Being a 'little bit late' may not seem much but..,

They are only missing ...	but that equated to ...	which is ...	and over 13 years of schooling, that's ...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks a year	Essentially <u>half a year!</u>
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Over 2.5 weeks a year	Nearly a <u>whole year!</u>
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks a year	Almost <u>one and a half years!</u>
1 hour a day	1 day per week	8 weeks a year	More than <u>two and a half years!</u>

Have a restful weekend and see you all on Monday!
Lorram Black and Staff of Comber Grove Primary School

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We love LEARNING

What's on the menu?					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE w/c 4 th Sept w/c 25 th Sept w/c 16 th Oct w/c 13 th Nov w/c 4 th Dec w/c 8 th Jan w/c 29 th Jan	Pasta Bolognese Linguine with Pesto and Parmesan Citrus Carrots / Fine Green Beans Fruit Flapjack	Chicken Balti Chickpea and Vegetable Tagine Steamed Basmati Rice Braised Savoy Cabbage / Sweetcorn Spanish Style Orange Cake	Beef Casserole Pasta Neapolitan Roast Potatoes Fresh Cauliflower / Garden Peas Chocolate and Pear Sponge with Chocolate Sauce	Teriyaki Chicken Mixed Bean Ratatouille Sweet Chilli Noodles Roasted Butternut Squash / Parsnips Citrus Shortbread	Breaded Fish Fillet Sweetcorn and Squash Fritter Chunky Chips Baked Beans / Garden Peas Vanilla Ice Cream with Fruit
WEEK TWO w/c 11 th Sept w/c 2 nd Oct w/c 30 th Oct w/c 20 th Nov w/c 11 th Dec w/c 15 th Jan w/c 5 th Feb	Mexican Style Chilli Beef Penne Arrabiata New Potatoes in Garlic and Herbs Braised Savoy Cabbage / Swede Carrot and Orange Cake	Spanish Style Chicken Mild Black-Eyed Bean and Vegetable Chilli Steamed Basmati Rice Citrus Carrots / Sweetcorn Chocolate Shortbread	Steak Pie with Gravy Macaroni Cheese Roast Potatoes Roasted Parsnips / Fine Green Beans Dorset Style Apple Cake with Custard Sauce	Chicken Kabsa Spaghetti in Herb and Tomato Sauce with Cheddar Roasted Butternut Squash / Seasoned Carrots Pineapple Flapjack	Margherita Pizza Falafel Patty Chunky Chips Baked Beans / Garden Peas Ice Cream with Fruit
WEEK THREE w/c 18 th Sept w/c 9 th Oct w/c 6 th Nov w/c 27 th Nov w/c 18 th Dec w/c 22 nd Jan w/c 19 th Feb	Baked Chicken Sausages with Braised Onion Gravy Vegetable Lasagne Creamed Potatoes Braised Savoy Cabbage / Carrots Wholemeal Apple Crumble with Custard Sauce	Meatballs in Herb and Tomato Sauce Chickpea with Spinach and Butternut Squash Pasta Fine Green Beans / Fresh Cauliflower Strawberry Jelly with Mandarins	Jerk Chicken Sauté Sweet Potato with Mixed Beans Jollof Rice Roasted Carrots / Parsnips Canadian Gingerbread with Vanilla Sauce	Beef Lasagne Linguine in Herb and Tomato Sauce with Fresh Salmon Garlic Bread Fresh Broccoli / Butternut Squash American Style Cookie	Battered Fish Fillet Cheese and Potato Pinwheel Chunky Chips Baked Beans / Garden Peas Frozen Yoghurt with Peaches
<p>Available daily: Hala! . Salad Selection. Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings. Seasonal Vegetables. Organic Milk. Freshly Baked Wholemeal Bread. Fresh Fruit Platter. Fruit Yoghurt or Smoothie</p>					

About Your Catering Service

Harrisons are delighted to be working in partnership with CGP. They are an award-winning company with a vision to encourage children to explore new tastes and make healthier food choices through their formative years, which will positively influence them for life.

What's on the Menu

Our approach, wherever possible, is to use quality, sustainably sourced, seasonal fresh food, including ingredients, such as British free-range eggs and British sourced fresh meat and poultry. Our menus are created with local tastes and preferences in mind and offer a range of popular, delicious, full of flavour dishes to encourage balanced meal choices and we follow the school food standards.

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS!!!



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every student, every day

Attendance Winners

School Target: 95.6%

This week's attendance: 91.8%

Group	Present	Comment:
Nursery David Bowie	87.1%	Cause for Concern
Reception Aderin-Pocock	96%	Excellent Attendance
Year 1 Benjamin Zephaniah	87.8%	Cause for Concern
Year 2 David Attenborough	88.6%	Cause for Concern
Year 3 Mo Farah	92.3%	Requires Improvement
Year 4 Marcus Rashford	93%	Requires Improvement
Year 5 Mae Jemison	89.9%	Cause for Concern
Year 6 Olive Morris	96.1%	Excellent Attendance

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Stars of the Week



Value of the Week: **COMMUNITY**

Class:	Pupil:	Reason:
Year 1 Benjamin Zephaniah	Jean Phillipe	Thank you for caring about others. Well Done!
	Osman	Thank you for caring about others. Well Done!
Year 2 David Attenborough	Shanice	Thank you for showing empathy towards others.
	Daniel	Excellent writing this week!
Year 3 Mo Farah	Thiago	For always caring about other's emotions.
	Manuella	For always caring about other's emotions.
Year 4 Marcus Rashford	Ellington	For showing empathy towards other children and getting on with his work.
	Daniella	For showing empathy towards other children and getting on with her work.
Year 5 Mae Jemison	David	Respecting other's feelings.
	Daniella	Being helpful towards children who are upset.
Year 6 Olive Morris		



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Child's name	Age	Class
Kadijatu Jessica	4	Nursery
Logan-Lee	10	Mae Jemison
Mangnin	8	Mo Farah



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Parent/ Carer Information and Support

Updating Personal Information

**Thank you for returning your
data sheets.**

Please complete and return to the
school office by
Friday, 6th October 2023!

Reminders from the Office

While we understand that children may occasionally need to stay home due to not feeling well, it's important for us to have clear information about the reasons for your child's absence. Simply stating that a child is "not feeling well" without providing more specific details could result in the absence being categorised as unauthorised.

Safety of children

To ensure the safety of our children, please remember that anyone collecting a child at the end of the school day must be 16 years or older. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Gates close at 8:50am!

Please ensure that no child is left on the playground unattended in the mornings.

School Contact Information:

Telephone: 020 7703 4168

Email:

office@combergrove.southwark.sch.uk

School Website:

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

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Who are we?

Southwark Foodbank exists to ensure that no one in Southwark goes hungry.

Our vision is for a UK without the need for foodbanks.

Our aim is to build a collective vision for a time when emergency food aid is no longer needed. But we can only achieve this by organising together as a community in Southwark, and by working closely with our foodbank users and community members with lived experience of food insecurity. You can be a part of making change happen by joining with us and signing up to this vision.

www.pecan.org.uk/southwark-foodbank



DONATE HERE



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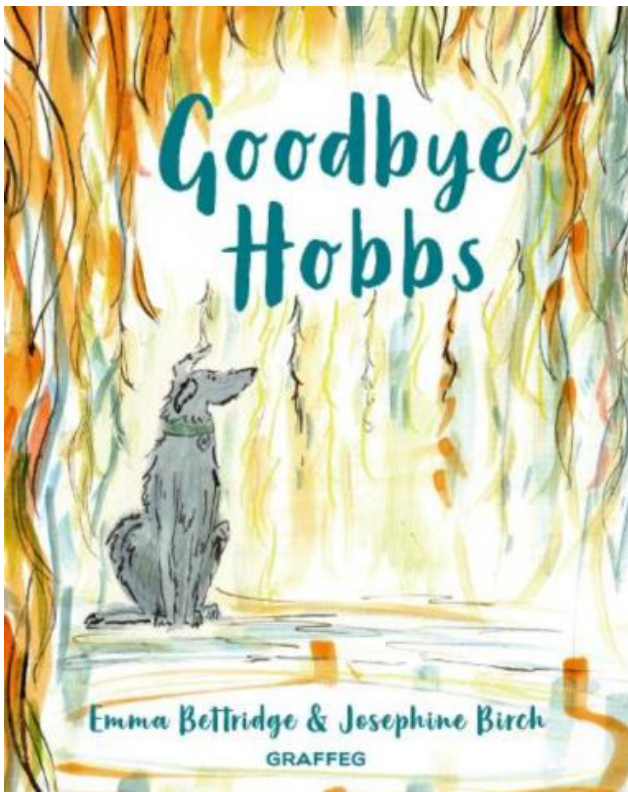


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Book Recommendations this week

KS1 Book

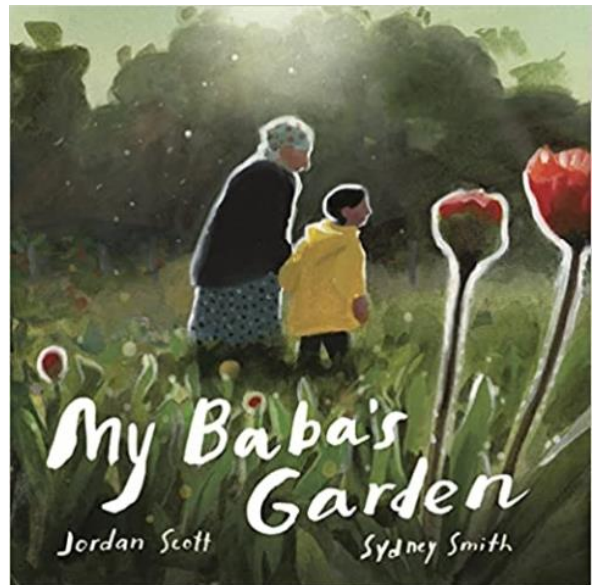


Author: Emma Bettridge
Illustrator: Josephine Birch
Publisher: Graffeg

Merlin won't go out. Not without his best friend Hobbs. Join Merlin as he goes on an adventure to learn how to say 'Goodbye Hobbs'.

A story of what it means to love and lose a friend, and to find reasons to go for a walk again.

KS2 Book



Author: Jordan Scott
Illustrator: Sydney Smith

Inspired by memories of his childhood, Jordan Scott's *My Baba's Garden* explores the sights, sounds and smells experienced by a child spending time with their beloved grandmother (Baba), with special attention to the time they spent helping her tend her garden, searching for worms to keep it healthy. They visit her every day and find her hidden in the steam of boiling potatoes, a hand holding a beet, a leg opening a cupboard, an elbow closing the fridge, humming like a night full of bugs when she cooks. A ritualistic relationship with few words, rooted in feeling and emotion.

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School Photographer (Siblings and Individual Photos)

Friday, 13th October 2023



School Uniform



Girls

- Grey skirt, dress or trousers
- Light blue shirt or polo shirt
- Grey jumper or cardigan
- Blue checked summer dress

Boys

- Grey trousers
- Light blue shirt or polo shirt
- Grey jumper or cardigan

*All children should wear sensible black shoes. Trainers are acceptable if they are **all black**.

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Parent workshop

**Monday 9th October
2023 at 2:30pm.**



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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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Parent Coffee Mornings

With Groundwork's Mental Health Support Team

**Feel free to drop by to have a chat
with Rebecca and Izzy if you have any
concerns about your child's wellbeing**

**We offer non-judgmental, confidential
support**

**Wednesday Mornings
From 9-10:30am
At Comber Grove Primary School**

Free tea and coffee will be provided

For more information email: MHST@groundwork.org.uk

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