



# Comber Grove Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

### Autumn Term 1

Friday, 08<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dates  
for your Diary



## Key Dates:

- 13/09- 'Meet the Teacher' at 3:30pm
- 15/09- Year 6 Secondary transition meeting at 9:30am
- 18/09- Jeans for Genes Day
- 18/09- Whole school Baseline Assessment Week and Reception Baseline Assessment
- 22/09- Harvest Festival
- 22/09- Year 1 and Year 2 Coffee morning at 9:30am
- 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
- 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)
- 20/12- End of Autumn Term
- 21/12 to 05/01- Christmas Holiday**

## A message from our Headteacher

Dear Comber Grove families,

**Welcome back to Comber Grove Primary School for the 2023-24 academic year!**

It has been wonderful to see our children back in school looking so smart and ready to settle into their new class.

We have had a great first week back and the children have impressed their new teachers with their positive attitudes and excellent behaviour.

The children have been spending time getting to know their new teacher and thinking about their goals for the year ahead. They have had a fantastic time talking about aiming high and doing their best!

### Increased Cost of Living

We hope everyone is keeping well in some sort of way; with the increase in the cost of living, we know everyone is feeling the pinch. If there is anything we can do to give you some respite, even something very little, please let us know.

### Attendance:

As always, we are promoting the importance of **ATTENDANCE**. It is hugely important that your child is in school, on time, every day. Please ensure you only keep your child off school if it is absolutely necessary. This avoids your child missing important learning and fun experiences we have in school!

### PE Lessons:

PE improves motor skills and increases muscle strength and bone density, which in turn makes students more likely to engage in healthy activity outside of school. It educates children on the positive benefits of exercise and allows them to understand how good it can make them feel.

Have a restful weekend and see you all on Monday!

*Lorram Black and Staff of Comber Grove Primary School*



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## Parent/ Carer Information and Support

### Updating Personal Information

Please return your updated  
pupil data sheet by  
**Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023**

### Swimming Lessons for Year 6

Please return your consent  
form by  
**Monday,**  
**11<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

### 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.**

### Safeguarding and Wellbeing Team:

Mr Black (DSL)  
Miss Fielding (DDSL)  
Miss Saunders (DDSL)  
Mrs Roberts (DDSL)  
Mrs Anchebe (DDSL)  
Miss Rowe (DDSL)

### School Contact Information:

**Telephone: 020 7703 4168**

**Email:**

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

**School Website:**

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

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A poster for 'Parent Wellbeing' featuring a green background with floral illustrations. The text is centered and includes the Groundwork logo in the top right corner.

**Parent Wellbeing**

**PARENT DROP IN**  
**With Groundwork**  
**MHST**

**Every Wednesday at**  
**9:30am**  
**Date tbc!**

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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?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| 1 September 2023 to<br>Tuesday 31 October 2023 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ The admissions process starts.</li><li>■ 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.</li><li>■ Apply for secondary schools by completing an online application at <a href="http://www.southwark.gov.uk/schooladmissions">www.southwark.gov.uk/schooladmissions</a></li><li>■ 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.</li></ul> |
| Tuesday 31 October 2023,<br>11.59pm            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ <b>Closing date for submitting online applications.</b></li><li>■ You must ensure that we have received your online application and you have uploaded any additional supporting documents with it by this date.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Friday 1 March 2024                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ <b>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.</b></li><li>■ <b>Applicants can also view the outcome of their application during the evening at <a href="http://www.eadmissions.org.uk">www.eadmissions.org.uk</a></b></li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Friday 15 March 2024                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ No action is required if you are a Southwark resident and want to accept the school place offered to your child.</li><li>■ 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 <a href="mailto:schools.admissions@southwark.gov.uk">schools.admissions@southwark.gov.uk</a> and include your unique application reference.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Appeals                                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Check dates of appeal hearings with individual schools.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

### **IMPORTANT!**

**Closing date: Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

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## Term Dates: 2023-2024

### AUTUMN TERM

|                                                       |                                                                                             |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>INSET DAYS for staff (School closed to pupils)</b> | <b>Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and<br/>Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023</b> |
| <b>First day of Autumn Term 1 (Pupils return)</b>     | <b>Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023</b>                                             |
| <b>End of Autumn Term1</b>                            | Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2023                                                       |
| <b>Half Term (School closed)</b>                      | Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> October to Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023                   |
| <b>First day after Half term (Autumn Term 2)</b>      | <b>Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b>                                                 |
| <b>Tutorial Day</b>                                   | Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2023                                                       |
| <b>End of Spring Term</b>                             | Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2023                                                   |
| <b>CHRISTMAS Holiday (School closed)</b>              | Thursday, 21 <sup>st</sup> December to Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2024                 |

### SPRING TERM

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| <b>First day of Spring Term 1 (Pupils return)</b> | <b>Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>                         |
| <b>End of Spring Term1</b>                        | Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024                              |
| <b>Half Term (School closed)</b>                  | Monday, 12 <sup>th</sup> to Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 |
| <b>First day after Half term (Spring Term 2)</b>  | <b>Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>                       |
| <b>Tutorial Day</b>                               | Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024                                |
| <b>End of Spring Term</b>                         | Thursday, 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024                              |
| <b>EASTER Holiday</b>                             | Friday, 29 <sup>th</sup> March Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 |

### SUMMER TERM

|                                                       |                                                               |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>INSET DAY for staff (School closed to pupils)</b>  | <b>Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b>                     |
| <b>First day after EASTER Holiday (Summer Term 1)</b> | <b>Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b>                    |
| <b>May Day Bank Holiday (School closed)</b>           | Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024                              |
| <b>End of Summer Term 1</b>                           | Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024                             |
| <b>Half Term (School closed)</b>                      | Monday, 27 <sup>th</sup> to Friday, 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024 |
| <b>INSET DAY for staff (School closed to pupils)</b>  | Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024                             |
| <b>First day after Half term (Summer Term 2)</b>      | Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2024                            |
| <b>Last day of Summer Term</b>                        | Wednesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2024                         |
| <b>INSET DAY for staff (School closed to pupils)</b>  | Thursday, 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2024                          |

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| <b>INSET DAYS:</b><br>Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023<br>Tuesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023<br>Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024<br>Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024<br>Thursday, 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 | <b>Public Holidays</b><br>Christmas Day Holiday<br>Boxing Day Holiday<br>New Year Holiday<br>Good Friday<br>Easter Monday<br>May Day Bank Holiday<br>Spring Bank Holiday<br>Summer Bank Holiday | Monday, 25 <sup>th</sup> December 2023<br>Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> December 2023<br>Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024<br>Friday, 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2024<br>Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2024<br>Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024<br>Monday, 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2024<br>Monday, 26 <sup>th</sup> August 2024 |
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