



# Comber Grove Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

### Autumn Term 1

Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dates  
for your Diary



### Key Dates:

20/10-Last day of Autumn Term

23/10-27/10: October Half term

29/10- Clocks fall back

30/10-Beginning of Autumn Term 2

31/10- Governing Body Education Committee Meeting

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,

### Good bye Mrs Susan Roberts

Mrs Roberts has worked tirelessly helping to make many improvements to our school. She has looked after our finances, resources and ensured that we were fully compliant. Mrs Roberts has been a pivotal member of our school family since September 2022. She has been a loyal friend and colleague to many.

Although we will miss her very much, we wish her the very best in her continued journey.

### Mental Health and Wellbeing

Every Wednesday, Izzy and Rebecca (Groundwork London) spend the day at Comber Grove Primary School to offer support to children, staff and families. This very specialist support will continue in Autumn Term 2.



### Parent Day (Tutorial Day)- Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023

We will be holding our end of Autumn Term Parent Day on Friday, 08<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Letter and booking form to follow.

### Attendance and Punctuality

As mentioned previously, attendance is one of our school improvement priorities this year as we have noticed a decline. It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that your child attends school on a regular basis. Please ring the School Office if your child is absent and give the reason.

If you have to make a medical appointment for your child, please try to do this after school, if an appointment during the school day is unavoidable, we do ask for proof of appointment. In the interests of child protection and safeguarding we will investigate prolonged or repeated absences if we feel it is necessary and report this to the relevant authorities.

If a child's attendance drops below **90%** without any valid reason that child is then considered to be a '**persistent absentee**' and their attendance will be scrutinised by Southwark Local Authority. Parents/carers will then have to attend an interview to discuss their child's attendance. We can't stress enough the importance of getting to school on time and collecting your child on time. We understand that there may be occasions when this happens but

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we have found that this can become a regular pattern for some of our children. If your child arrives at school after the playground gates have closed they must be taken to the main school office and you will be required to complete a 'Late slip'. Just a reminder that if your child has sickness or diarrhoea they must be kept away from school for **48hours** after their last bout of sickness and/or diarrhoea.

## Reminder: Secondary School Applications



Please let the school office know if you are experiencing any difficulties applying for secondary schools.

The deadline is **midnight** on **Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023**.

## Contact Information/Communication

Just a reminder to please inform the office staff if you have any changes to personal contact information such as a change of address, e-mail address or telephone number. Please make sure that the office are aware if you are having difficulty with your phone or if your phone number changes. We send most correspondence via e-mail but there are paper copies of all



letters available at the office. Please also keep us abreast of any changes for your emergency contact details should you not be available (i.e.: grandparents, child minder etc.). We must insist that school has two emergency contacts. Please make sure you inform your child's class teacher if anyone other than the usual person who collects your child is collecting them from school/nursery. Staff will not allow children to go with anyone they have not been informed about or older siblings/children who are younger than 14 years old.

## Black History Month

Southwark have announced a month-long programme of events, presentations, visiting authors and workshops for all, including half term activities for children.

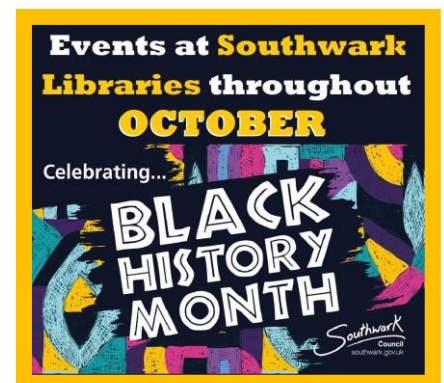
You can find out more on their website:

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/events-culture-and-heritage/search?c=341>

The events are free and a true celebration of our community.

Have a restful October Halfterm and see you all on **Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023!**

*Lorram Black and Staff of Comber Grove Primary School*



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## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!!!



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*every student, every day*

## Attendance Winners

**School Target: 95.6%**

**This week's attendance: 93.1%**

Group	Present	Comment:
Nursery David Bowie	90.9%	<i>Requires Improvement</i>
Reception Aderin-Pocock	93.5%	<i>Requires Improvement</i>
Year 1 Benjamin Zephaniah	87.3%	<i>Cause for Concern</i>
Year 2 David Attenborough	91.7%	<i>Requires Improvement</i>
Year 3 Mo Farah	95.4%	<i>Requires Improvement</i>
Year 4 Marcus Rashford	96.2%	<i>Excellent!</i>
Year 5 Mae Jemison	92.4%	<i>Requires Improvement</i>
Year 6 Olive Morris	93.7%	<i>Requires Improvement</i>

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# Stars of the Week



### Value of the Week: **PRIDE**

Class:	Pupil:	Reason:
<b>Year 1</b> <b>Benjamin Zephaniah</b>	<b>Sarah</b>	Demonstrating PRIDE in her work this week! Well Done!
	<b>Esther</b>	Demonstrating PRIDE in her work this week! Well Done!
<b>Year 2</b> <b>David Attenborough</b>	<b>Dane</b>	For taking pride in his work and for producing great writing this week. Well Done!
	<b>Emmanuel</b>	For taking pride in his work and for producing great writing this week. Well Done!
<b>Year 3</b> <b>Mo Farah</b>	<b>Jack</b>	Always taking pride in all his work!
	<b>Juliana</b>	Taking pride in all her work and encouraging others to do the same.
<b>Year 4</b> <b>Marcus Rashford</b>	<b>Osman</b>	Taking pride in his work and always giving 100%. Well Done!
	<b>Samiatu</b>	Takes pride in being a pupil at CGP. Always takes part in lessons and willing to take risks. Well Done!
<b>Year 5</b> <b>Mae Jemison</b>	<b>Jahan</b>	For showing pride in his school work and for looking after school resources.
	<b>Jennifer</b>	For showing pride in her school work and for looking after school resources.
<b>Year 6</b> <b>Olive Morris</b>	<b>Charlotte</b>	Well Done for taking pride in her work and for improvements in Maths!
	<b>George</b>	Well Done for taking pride in his work and for improvements in Maths!

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Child's name	Age	Class
Yacine	4	Nursery
Mariam	6	Year 1
Kamilla	7	Year 2
Bryan	7	Year 2
Sarinah	9	Year 5
Sufyyan	10	Year 5
Giuseppe	11	Year 6
Amir	11	Year 6



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## Parent/ Carer Information and Support

### 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**.

### 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.

### 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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## WINDRUSH 75TH CELEBRATION



TO MARK THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF HMT EMPIRE WINDRUSH'S ARRIVAL IN THE UK, WE'RE INVITING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY TO UNITE AND CELEBRATE

THE EVENT IS OPEN TO EVERYONE AND ADMISSION IS FREE!

FOOD WILL BE SERVED FROM MIDDAY AND THERE WILL BE INFORMATIVE RESOURCES AND ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGE GROUPS

CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE BY SCANNING THIS QR CODE



JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE  
EVENT @ THE NEST  
NOVEMBER 4TH - 11:00 TO 14:00

MUSIC - SOUL FOOD - COMMUNITY

UNIT 4, CO-OPERATIVE HOUSE, RYE LANE,  
PECKHAM, SE15 4UP

FREE  
ENTRY

THEBEST@GROUNDWORK.ORG.UK  
020 8138 1805

Green Space Works  
LJ Works  
Gatineau Yard  
Loughborough Junction  
SW9 7FA  
www.getridofit-donate.com

Community Event  
Friday 20th  
October 2023  
11am - 6pm



SAVE THE DATE

Circular Economy Week - sustaining and reducing food waste sharing surplus food helping communities. Food donations welcome, giving back to those who really need it.

## Community Fridge Event

Introducing our community fridge providing fresh bakery products, vegetables, fruits and ambient foods.

Reuse and Recycle Eco Community Shop

Lambeth

MAYOR OF LONDON

meanwhile  
SPACE

DESIGNED BY HEADSIGZ@GMAIL.COM

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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"><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, 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.

We are here to assist you!

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## HOLIDAY PLAYSCHEME

23rd Oct to 27th Oct 2023

We will look after your child whilst you are at work or place of study, where they will be provided with a range of fun fill play and learning activities and a hot meal.

### OUR SERVICES

- Creative Activities
- Development Exercises
- Off-site Trips
- Play-based learning

**SCAN HERE TO  
APPLY NOW**



## FUTURE DATES

Our Next Holiday Playscheme will be taking place in:

- 12TH FEB TO 16TH FEB - 1 WEEK
- 29TH MAR TO 12TH APR - 2 WEEKS
- 27TH MAY TO 31ST MAY - 1 WEEK
- 29TH JUL TO 30TH AUG - 5 WEEKS

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

[www.caspuk.org](http://www.caspuk.org)  
Contact Us: 0207 708 2711

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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](mailto:MHST@groundwork.org.uk)**

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