



# Comber Grove Primary School Weekly Newsletter Autumn Term 2



Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dates  
for your Diary



## A message from our Headteacher

Dear Comber Grove families,

### Message to Comber Grove Primary School Community regarding Consultation on the proposed closure of Comber Grove Primary School on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024

#### Key Dates:

- 13/11-Assessment Week
- 13/11- Odd Socks Day
- 14/11- Staff Consultation  
At 3:35pm with Local Authority
- 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> November:  
Anti-Bullying Week
- 16/11- Parent Consultation  
at 3:15pm with Local Authority
- 17/11-BBC Children in Need
- 23<sup>rd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023:  
Book Fair
- 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
- 20/12-End of Autumn Term  
(closing at 2pm)

On Tuesday, 07/11/2023, you would have all received a letter from the Local Authority's Director of Children's Services (Alasdair Smith) on behalf of Southwark Council who are **consulting** on the **proposed closure** of Comber Grove Primary School in **August 2024**.

There are **five (5)** stages to the consultation process and the consultation which began on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 is currently **Stage 1** which will last for six (6) weeks.

#### **Stage 1: Consultation**

It is a statutory requirement for governors to consult any parties they think are appropriate before publishing concrete proposals. The consultation will last for **6 weeks** to allow the widest possible canvassing of views. The purpose of the consultation is to seek the views of and engage with those that will be directly affected by the proposed closure of Comber Grove Primary School. It is also an opportunity for interested parties to suggest other options for consideration on the proposed closure of Comber Grove Primary School in August 2024. This period will run from **Monday, 06<sup>th</sup> November to Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023**.

The consultation period is an opportunity for all parents/ carers/ to share their views about the proposed closure. The consultation information and details about how to share your views may be found on the school website:

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

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## PARENT MEETING - Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023 - at 3:15pm (Ground floor School Hall)

We would encourage as many parents/ carers as possible to attend the Local Authority led meeting on **Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 3:15pm.**

The meeting will be attended by Officers from the Local Authority including representatives from the Education, Learning and Achievement Team and Schools Human Resources. The meeting should last for approximately one (1) hour.

In my 35 years of being in Education there has never been a more significant decision taken that I have personally been involved in such as this one regarding the future educational provision for the children of Comber Grove Primary School. My commitment currently is to support you our families as well as the staff during this very uncertain time.

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.

There will be further meetings over the forthcoming weeks to ensure that you have the chance to receive information and able to ask questions.

To ensure appropriate information may be provided at the meeting you are invited to submit any questions via email before **5:00pm** on **Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023** to [questions.education@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:questions.education@southwark.gov.uk)

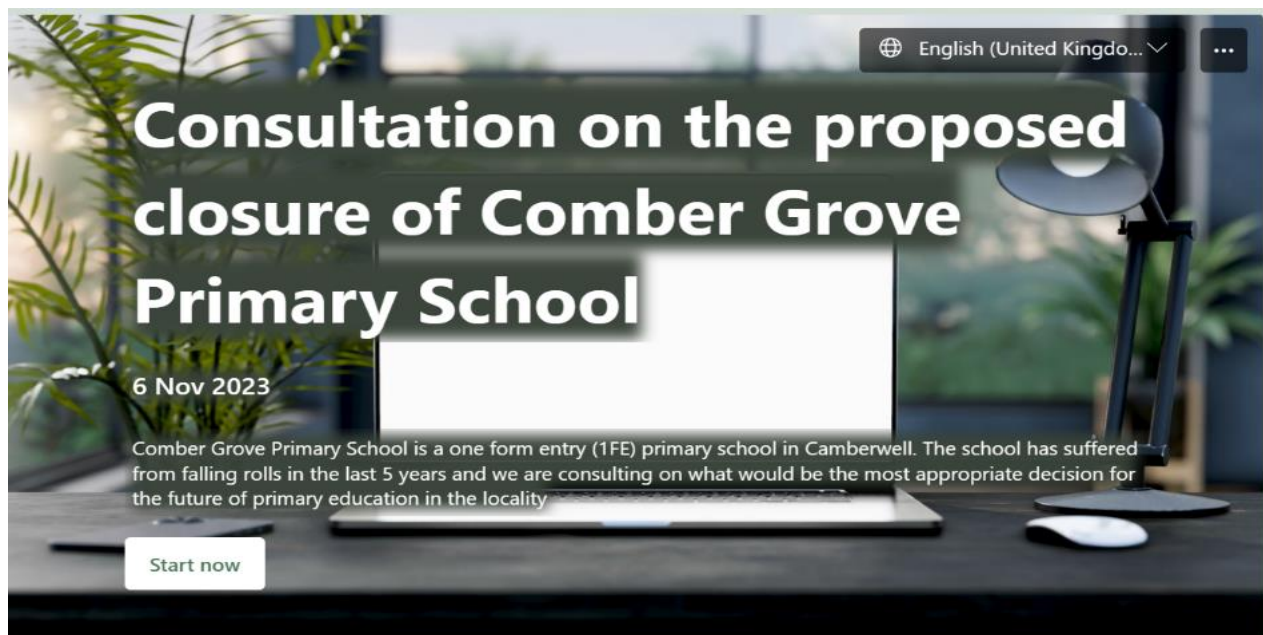


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## Survey Consultation on the proposed closure of Comber Grove Primary School



[Consultation on the proposed closure of Comber Grove Primary School \(office.com\)](https://office.com)

Please take some time to complete the survey at your earliest convenience. Each parent is encouraged to complete the survey. The survey is completely **ANONYMOUS!!!** <https://combergroveprimary.co.uk/>

The survey can also be completed by scanning the QR code below:



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# Anti-Bullying Week 2023

## 'Make A Noise About Bullying'

Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

This year's theme for Anti-Bullying Week is '**Make A Noise About Bullying**' and will take place from Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November. We have planned a range of engaging activities for our children.



### What is **Odd Socks day**?- Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!



There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or to buy expensive costumes. All you have to do to take part is **wear odd socks** to school, it couldn't be simpler!

Odd Socks Day will take place on **Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023**, the beginning of Anti-Bullying Week to help raise awareness of bullying.

### Children in Need- Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

To raise money for this incredible charity, we are asking the children to come to school dressed with something relating to 'Children In Need' for a donation. For example, this could be a **spotty t-shirt**, a **Pudsey Bear badge**, a **pair of bear ears** or **something yellow**. You can be as creative or as subtle as you wish. We do ask that your child does not wear their school uniform on this day.



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## 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**. Hopefully you have received your letter this week with details of how to arrange appointments. Please return your reply slip to your child's classteacher so that the teachers can liaise with each other and book suitable timings for you and your child/ren.

## The Book Fair is coming to Comber Grove Primary School! Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> to Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023 ...



We have the opportunity to hold an annual book fair this year. There will be opportunities for children and parents to purchase books and stationery at the fair. It will be running from Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November until Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023. You will be able to come and have a look and make purchases from 3:15pm - 3:45pm in the Groundfloor Hall. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Have a restful weekend!

*Lorram Black and Staff of Comber Grove Primary School*

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# Happy Diwali

May the festival of joy  
become more beautiful  
for you and family. All  
your new ventures  
get success and  
progress.

Happy **Diwali**

*Wishing all our Hindu families a very Happy and Blessed Diwali 2023! May the light of the festival guide you and your family through challenging times.*

*From everyone at 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: 94.4%

| Group                        | Present | Comment:              |
|------------------------------|---------|-----------------------|
| Nursery<br>David Bowie       | 86.1%   | Cause for Concern     |
| Reception<br>Aderin-Pocock   | 97.9%   | Excellent! Well Done! |
| Year 1<br>Benjamin Zephaniah | 96.7%   | Excellent! Well Done! |
| Year 2<br>David Attenborough | 95.2%   | Requires Improvement  |
| Year 3<br>Mo Farah           | 92.6%   | Requires Improvement  |
| Year 4<br>Marcus Rashford    | 95.2%   | Requires Improvement  |
| Year 5<br>Mae Jemison        | 94%     | Requires Improvement  |
| Year 6<br>Olive Morris       | 94.2%   | Requires Improvement  |



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## Stars of the Week



### Value of the Week: **COMMUNITY**

| Class:                                     | Pupil:          | Reason:                                      |
|--|-----------------|--|
| <b>Year 1</b><br><b>Benjamin Zephaniah</b> | <b>Mariam</b>   | Helping others in the playground.            |
|  | <b>Ela O.</b>   | Being a welcoming member of the class.       |
| <b>Year 2</b><br><b>David Attenborough</b> | <b>Bianca</b>   | Being kind and helping others.               |
|  | <b>Jeremy</b>   | Being kind and helping others.               |
| <b>Year 3</b><br><b>Mo Farah</b>           | <b>Le'Kade</b>  | For always checking on his peers.            |
|  | <b>Amir</b>     | For always checking on his peers.            |
| <b>Year 4</b><br><b>Marcus Rashford</b>    | <b>Ayaz</b>     | Having a great relationship with his peers.  |
|  | <b>Darisimi</b> | Having a great relationship with his peers.  |
| <b>Year 5</b><br><b>Mae Jemison</b>        | <b>Amina</b>    | Helping others and always being kind.        |
|  | <b>Samuel</b>   | Helping others and always being kind.        |
| <b>Year 6</b><br><b>Olive Morris</b>       | <b>Amir</b>     | For working as part of the school community. |
|  | <b>Raiyan</b>   | For working as part of the school community. |



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| Child's name | Age | Class     |
|--------------|-----|-----------|
| Harper       | 5   | Reception |
| Osman        | 9   | Year 4    |
| Djenebou     | 11  | Year 6    |



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## Parent/ Carer Information and Support

**SCHOLASTIC** TRAVELLING BOOKS

**COME TO the BOOK FAIR!**

FREE BOOKS FOR YOUR SCHOOL WHEN YOU BUY AT THE BOOK FAIR!

A POP-UP BOOK-STORE WITH HUNDREDS OF BOOKS FROM JUST £2.99

LAST YEAR, YOUR SUPPORT HELPED TO DONATE OVER £5.3M BOOKS TO SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE

**NEW** PERCY JACKSON AND THE LIGHTNING THIEF by Rick Riordan. **£7.99** **£2.99** (Great Deal)

**NEW** SPEAK UP! by Nathan Ryan. **£7.99**

**NEW** OH MAYA GODS! by Maz Evans. **£7.99**

**NEW** TOM GATES AND THE STAR STORIES by Alex Ffrench. **£12.99** **£7.99** (Hardback only)

**NEW** The Baddies by David Almond. **£7.99**

**NEW** BLUEY BARKY BOATS by ABU ELHAYYER. **£6.99**

**D** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November –  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
After school in the downstairs school hall

Scan the QR code to pay online!

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## Celebrate

### Harrison Bear's Festive Adventure

HARRISON  
food with thought



#### Christmas Lunch 2023

Traditional Roast Turkey with Poultry Chipolata,  
Stuffing and Yorkshire Pudding  
Seasoned Baked Fresh Salmon  
Fresh Vegetable Loaf with Tomato and  
Cranberry Sauce

Roast Potatoes  
Roasted Parsnips with Citrus Carrots  
Braised Savoy Cabbage

Chocolate Fudge Cake  
Seasonal Fresh Fruit

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