



# COOMBE HILL INFANTS' SCHOOL

*Learn together, grow together*

Friday 14 June 2024

Dear Families,

As we begin the final half term of the year, we have a very busy few weeks ahead. Your children have lots to look forward to but for some they may worry about moving to a new class or school. Please let us know if your child needs support managing these emotions and also look out for the transition workshops for year 1 and Year 2 parents in the next few weeks.

Next week we will think about being resilient and supported by Tigger. For your children this means ignoring distractions, learning from mistakes and trying hard. Please support your child by talking about this at home.



## **Sports Day**

We look forward to seeing you at Sports Day on Tuesday. Please make your way down to the field after drop off. You may want to bring picnic blankets or chairs. There is little shade for parents so if the sun does make an appearance so please bear that in mind. We will cancel the event if there is heavy rain. We will be selling refreshments. Please could I remind you that photos must only be taken of your own child and any photos of other people's children must not be shared on WhatsApp or any social media platforms. Please send your children into school with a full, named water bottle and if the weather is sunny please apply sunscreen in the morning and send them into school with a sun hat.

## **Swimming next week**

Thank you to everyone who has given their time again to help with swimming this week. Next week there are some changes to the swimming timetable as follows:

- No swimming for Year 2 on Tuesday due to Sports Day
- No swimming for Year 1 on Wednesday as we are hosting the Borough schools swim gala

We need helpers for the **Year 2 session on Thursday** as follows: 1 helper in the girls changing room and 1 helper in the boys changing room. It is **essential** that all swimming helpers have a valid DBS check in place through the school. Unfortunately without enough support, we have no alternative but to cancel sessions.

## **Moving into the next year group**

Your children have done so well this year, they are constantly learning and growing. The year has gone so quickly and now it's the time of year when we prepare the children for the next step on their journey. Every year, we look at the cohort of children and decide whether to mix up the classes - this year we have decided not to mix up any of the classes.

We have a strong transition programme where the teachers visit the children in their current classrooms and the children visit their new classrooms. On the INSET day on 1st July, the teachers will be meeting with your child's new teacher to ensure that they pass on all the information needed for your child to continue their learning. We will inform you which class your child will be in next year towards the end of June and then the children will visit their new classroom and teachers on Wednesday 3rd July. You will also have the opportunity to visit your child's new classroom and meet the teachers - more information to follow.

### Parent Survey

Your feedback is so important to us and impacts on further improving our wonderful school. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey in the link. We will look at every response and form an action plan from your feedback. Thank you.

<https://forms.gle/rGwZmLcr5XbigNbn9>

### "Living Things" visit to Reception

Yesterday Living Things visited the school and brought a variety of fascinating animals for our Reception classes. The children were enthralled by their close proximity to creatures from across the globe including a tree frog, leopard gecko, corn snake, tarantula, sugar glider, meerkat, and tortoise. The children asked fantastic questions and listened well to learn more about the animals.



### Bring your Pet to School Day - Wednesday 19th June


We are excited to be holding a 'Bring your Pet to school day'. This is a great opportunity for your children to learn about caring for animals. Please note the details below:

- The children are allowed to bring in any small pets caged or in a tank, such as a guinea pig, rabbit, hamster, tortoise, bird, or fish, (no cats or dogs) please drop them off at the ICT suite on the day.
- The pet must be kept in their cage all day, please label it with your child's name & class

- The children will not handle the animals
- Please collect your pet at pick-up time from the ICT Suite
- If your child would like to produce a small leaflet about their pet, this can accompany the pet and is a lovely way for your child to share their knowledge about them
- If the pet is in a large cage or tank, you can drop it off between 7.45 and 8am to the ICT suite, please come to the school office entrance and we will let you through


### Year 1 trip to Painshill Park

Year 1 parents have received an email this week about the trip to Painshill Park on Wednesday 26 June. The children will enjoy a plant detectives trail and den building in lovely outdoor surroundings. Please pay for this trip by Friday 23 June via Parentpay. Thank you to those parents who have offered to help on the trip.





**Spark! Book awards** There was great excitement in school last week when we voted for our favourite book in the Spark!Book Awards (picture book category). Each class has their own sets of the four shortlisted titles and the teachers have been reading and re-reading the books.

On Friday 7th June, every child came to the Voting Station where they were given one golden coin to vote for their favourite book. There was such a buzz of excitement with each child expressing their opinions on the books.



On Monday 10th June, a few year 2 children helped count the votes to decide the most popular book in Coombe Hill Infants School. And the CHI winner was .....  
Out of  
the Blue with 121 votes.

The second most popular book was, Dick the Delightful Duck with 101 votes.  
Mrs Mornington's Favourite Things and Can You See the Stars came joint third.

This week we will enter our vote into the national vote and then we will find out in the Spark! Award Online Ceremony on Friday 5th July (which we can all watch online) which book is the favourite in the whole of the United Kingdom!  
Please talk to your children about the books and the voting!

### Tesco Stronger starts - community grant

We recently applied to Tesco Stronger Starts for a community grant for funding towards our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) resources to improve opportunities for outdoor play at the school. We are delighted to tell you that our application has been successful! We are very grateful to our parents Lina, Rachel and Lisette for their help and support in writing and submitting the application. From the first week in July until the end of September 2024 you will be able to post your blue shopping tokens in the collection points at the following stores:

- Norbiton Express (at the Triangle), KT1 3RT
- New Malden High Street Express, KT3 4DQ
- Kingston upon Thames Express, KT2 5EB
- Worcester Park Express, KT4 7NW

- Tolworth Express, KT6 7DQ
- Surbiton Hook Rd Express, KT6 5AR
- Hook Express, KT9 1EL
- Chessington Express, KT9 1SG

Please look out for the collection points from the start of July and spread the word to local friends and family, we hope to raise as much money as possible over the summer towards our OPAL resources.

### **Whole class photographs**

Thank you for sending your children into school looking neat and tidy on Wednesday for their class photographs, luckily the weather allowed us to have the photographs taken outdoors on the Adventure playground. The children will receive the proofs of their class photograph in their blue bag on Monday with details of how to order, please look out for this.

### **Summer Fair**

Thank you to the Summer Fair committees across both schools who are working so hard to bring the biggest fundraising event of our school year together. Please find to follow information about donations, swimming and the raffle. Please see where you can support the fair, every contribution and offer to volunteer on the day helps..

- **Donations please** - [Summer Fair donations](#)
- **Swimming and the Raffle** - [Summer Fair Swimming and the Raffle](#)

On Friday 21st June children can come to school in their own clothes. We will be collecting chocolate and bottles (filled with alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks) at school drop off.

### **International Food stall**

For the summer fair, one of the two main food stalls will be the international food stall. This is always a very popular stall so we want to make sure we get enough food. The stall is completely reliant on food donations, so everyone is invited to cook a dish and **bring it \*hot\* on the day, no matter what time you will be arriving**. Dishes can be complicated, or as simple as tomato pasta. Some plainish dishes for children would also be appreciated. We also accept dishes meant to be served cold and would like to have a salad/snack bar on the side. You can donate salad ingredients – Cucumber, lettuce, carrots, tomatoes & bread please.

**Dishes that are super helpful to cook can be rice/veg rice, tomato pasta (for the kids), mac and cheese, chicken and rice, curry, chilli, pizza, noodles, mash, lasagna, samosas, etc. These always sell out. Feel free to cook as much or as little as possible. We are aiming for around 10-15 servings from one dish if you can.** If you are able to make a dish for the fair, please add your name and dish to the spreadsheet below.

**\*Please remember, NO NUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS to be included in any dish\***

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Rw8YwvPjQ2TJjoyNUDqy17sE-5nXgwkp5W6jVULbqxQ/edit#gid=0>



### Summer term dates

Please find attached the updated list of important dates for the remainder of the Summer term.

📎 Summer 2 dates 2024.docx.pdf

### Coombe Connections Club

#### New bookings

If you would like to request a NEW booking for our Breakfast and After School provision, Coombe Connections Club, for the first half term of the Autumn 2024, please complete and submit the Connections Booking Request Form, found on the Connections webpage. The form opens at 9.00 am on 20/06/24 and the deadline is 30/06/24. A form is required ONLY FOR NEW BOOKINGS.

#### Existing Bookings

If you have a Connections booking currently, it will be continued into the autumn term automatically and a Booking Request Form is NOT required. Year 2 bookings will continue into Year 3. If you wish to cancel or make changes to your existing booking, please send an email to [connectionsclub@chi.rbksch.org](mailto:connectionsclub@chi.rbksch.org) from 9.30am on 20/06/24. The deadline to let us know of your changes/cancellation is 30/06/24.

**Please be aware availability is limited and it may not be possible to fulfil all requests for new bookings or additional sessions.**

Link to the Connections webpage:-



<https://www.coombehillininfants.com/page/?title=Coombe+Connections&pid=110>

## Year 1 and Year 2 - School Transition workshops

If any Year 1 and Year 2 parents would like to attend either of the transition workshops that you were sent details of earlier this week please contact the school office. For Year 1 parents, "Supporting your child's transition through Primary school" on Thursday 20th July, and for Year 2 parents "Supporting your child's transition into Junior school". **Please note that the Year 2 workshop has now moved to Thursday 4th July.** The workshops will be run by our Education Wellbeing Practitioner, Shazia. For further information please see the link below:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xQayrYVyiEuHbynIBfirs9u2Hm6mqroJ/view?usp=sharing>

## Community and other information

- **Love the Ball** is running their Summer camp at Coombe Hill over the summer, for more information and to book please visit <https://lovetheball.com/> and see the flyer at the end of the newsletter.
- **The Great Exhibition Road festival** takes place this weekend around the museums in London with creative activities, live experiments and interactive displays, for more information please go to <https://www.greatexhibitionroadfestival.co.uk/>
- **Kingston Music Service** is running a **Music and Creativity Summer course** for 6 - 11 year olds from 29 July to 1 August, please see the flyer to follow. For the full Summer programme events please go to the following link  
 [Kingston Music Service - Summer Holiday Programme 2024.pdf](#)
- **Invitation to Kingston Community Picnic on 7th July.** You are invited to the **Dialogue Society Kingston Community Picnic** on Sunday, **July 7th, 2024, from 2.00pm to 4.00pm at Bushy Park playground.** The Community Picnic aims to foster a sense of unity within the Kingston community and is an occasion where neighbours, friends, and families can come together to enjoy company, food, and engaging activities.
- **Kingston Adult Education** provides a comprehensive range of courses. Please find to follow the [June and July programme](#) which is full of courses to develop skills, improve wellbeing and increase earning potential - most of which are free of charge or subsidised to adults on low incomes. There is also an Open Day at the Rose Theatre on Thursday 20 June where you will be able to find out about the 2024/25 adult learning programme.
- Please find to follow full details of **Achieving for Children's series of "Helping Children with...."** webinars on challenging behaviours, screen time and sleep  
 ['Helping children with...' series for Summer term 2024.pdf](#)

Wishing you a restful and enjoyable weekend.

For families celebrating Eid we wish you a happy and peaceful Eid-Al-Adha.

Warm regards

Janet Berry

Headteacher

## **Safeguarding**

*Safeguarding our young children is our priority and all staff are trained to keep children safe. However, safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and if you are concerned about a child or young person please call children's services on 020 8547 5008. The South London CAMHS Crisis Line for both children and adults can be reached on 0800 028 8000.*

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# Grab your Basket

JOIN US TO THE FUN!

July 7, Sunday - 2 PM

📍 Bushy Park Playground



**FREE ENTRY**

Just let us know [kingston@dialoguesociety.org](mailto:kingston@dialoguesociety.org)