



COOMBE HILL INFANTS' SCHOOL

Learn together, grow together

Friday 10 May 2024

Dear Families,

This week we have been teaching your children all about Responsibility, aided by Kanga. The main focus has been thinking about knowing how to keep themselves safe and others safe. We have talked about the importance of listening to adults and following instructions, using kind hands and feet, and remembering our boundaries.

Next week the focus will be on being **Respectful**, this is supported by Winnie the Pooh. Winnie the Pooh is **RESPECTFUL**. Winnie the Pooh teaches us how to share, work with others, and think of the feelings of others.



How parents can help

Encourage children to

- *say please and thank you*
- *open the door for others*
- *take turns in games and conversations*
- *listen to others*

UNICEF Right of the Week - Articles 2 & 14

All children have all these rights, no matter who they are, where they live, what language they speak, what their religion is, what they think, what they look like, if they are a boy or girl, if they have a disability, if they are rich or poor, and no matter who their parents or families are or what their parents or families believe or do. No child should be treated unfairly for any reason.

UNICEF Living in Peace Day - Thursday 16th May

We will be marking the UNICEF Living in Peace Day next week which, in the current world climate, will resonate with us all. Each year group will focus on a different United Nations Right, for example, Reception classes are going to focus on Article 31 - Every child has the right to play, which opens up lots of healthy discussion about kind hands, manners and boundaries - as well as linking to Winnie the Pooh and Respect.

Year 1 Library visits

Year 1 have had a wonderful time on their recent visits to Kingston Library, Otter class visited the library this week. Thank you to all of the parents who have accompanied the children. They have all enjoyed listening to stories and exploring the books.



Forest school sessions

The children are continuing to enjoy their Forest school mornings, and recently they have been tie-dyeing, digging, hunting for minibeasts, learning about habitats, den building and thoroughly enjoying being outside in our beautiful grounds.



Swimming

Swimming has started so well and the children have loved it, we have been so lucky with the weather. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help and to Laila for organising the rota. For any parents who haven't seen the pool before I am offering a quick tour at 8.45am on Monday 13th May. Please come along to the school office.

Swimming - volunteer rotas

Looking ahead at the class swimming rotas next week there are still some empty slots for the sessions. Swimming can only take place with a lot of parental support. We are grateful to everyone who has put their name on the rota, if you have requested a DBS check and it is complete please add your name to the rota where you are able to help, thank you. Unfortunately we will have no alternative but to cancel swimming if we do not have enough volunteers to make the sessions safe and manageable. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Swimming - naming kit and buying hats

A reminder that all items of clothing must be named, including shoes, underwear, towels, and costumes as they can go astray in the changing rooms. Swimming hats are available for purchase on Parentpay and we will put the hat into your child's bag after you have placed your order on Parentpay. If your child has long hair please ensure that this is tied up for swimming, it is very difficult for the children to put on their hat if their hair is long and untied. Please also avoid tights on swim days as they are very difficult to put on after a swim.

Owls photo order

Please return all owl photo orders to the School Office **by Friday 17 May at 9.00am** at the very latest - orders will be collected later that morning by a courier (if you order after this date you will need to post the order yourself with a £4 admin fee), it is not possible for you to place orders online. Full ordering information is on the proof card.

Year 2 trip to RHS Wisley Gardens

A reminder to Year 2 parents to please make payment by Monday 20 May for the upcoming trip to Wisley Gardens on Monday 3 June. This is the first Monday back after half term so please let us know if you have any questions well in advance, many thanks.

Year 2 - Admissions forms for the Junior school

Further to the email and letter sent to Year 2 parents from Mrs Mastrocola on 29 April please could you complete and submit the Admissions forms for the Junior school as soon as possible. Thank you.

All Year groups - PE kit days

Please note the days that each year group should be wearing PE kit:

Reception - Mondays and Thursdays

Year 1 - Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Year 2 - Tuesdays and Thursdays

Vomiting and diarrhoea - 48 hours absence from school

We would like to remind you that if your child has vomited or has had a bout of diarrhoea they **MUST stay at home for a full 48 hours after their last bout**. **Even if they vomit once or have one bout of diarrhoea and then appear to be well they may still be contagious for a further 48 hours.** Keeping them away from school is so important in helping us to contain the spread of tummy bugs to other children and to staff. If you are at all unsure about whether your child should attend school if they have been sick or have had diarrhoea, please call the School Office from 8am to check **before** sending your child into school. We are grateful to everyone who observes this.

Volunteering in school - DBS checks

If you would like to help with swimming, trips or any other activity in school and do not yet have a DBS check through the school, please come to the school office to collect the application forms, or you can email admin@chi.rbksch.org and we will put them in your child's blue bag. If you have completed a DBS check with us and have received your certificate in the post, we **must** see the certificate for our records, to complete the process. Please bring your certificate to the school office as soon as you receive it for us to take a copy. We also encourage you to sign up for the DBS update service (free to volunteers) within 28 days of receiving your certificate, [DBS Update Service - GOV.UK](#). DBS certificates are valid for three years, if you need to check if you still have a valid certificate with us please contact the school office.

Pupil Premium Grant

When your child was admitted to the school we checked their eligibility for the Pupil Premium Grant. Please get in touch with us if your financial circumstances have changed since your child's eligibility

was checked and you think you may now be eligible. Please complete the attached link and your status will be re-assessed <https://forms.gle/yrUZKUVsunMns7yc9>.

Community and other information

- The **Love the Ball camp** is back at Coombe Hill for the May half term. This will be led by the sports coaches that your children are familiar with through their PE lessons and school clubs. Bookings are now being taken, please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter.
- On Sunday 26th May, **Dons Local Action Group are holding their annual Family Fun Day**. It is a hugely popular event and takes place at the Old Rutlishians Sports Club in Merton Park. With free entry until 1pm families will enjoy a host of attractions, alongside some great food and drink options. Further information is in the flyer attached.
- **“Music in Kingston”** - join the Kingston Music Service and a host of the most exciting music makers in the Royal Borough of Kingston Upon Thames for an afternoon of performances, workshops, and exhibitions, 12.00-15.00 on Saturday 18th May. Held in the glorious surroundings of All Saints Church, Kingston, this is an opportunity for young people and adults alike to explore a breadth of what the borough has to offer, from listening to short performances, to taking part in free workshops, or even having a go at a brand new instrument. Entrance is free, and more information can be found on our website: <https://www.kingstonheritage.org.uk/musicinkingston>.
- Jill Anderson from the **Family Information Service and Kingston Children's Centres** will be hosting an online **Family Information session** on Monday, 13th May from 12:00 to 13:00. This workshop aims to provide advice and support regarding current childcare entitlements, expansion to childcare entitlements for eligible working families, how and when to apply for entitlements, options when choosing a Childcare Provider, how to find a Registered Childcare Provider. Please see the poster at the end of this newsletter for details.
- Please find to follow the **Summer term programme for Kingston Children's Centres**, <https://tinyurl.com/KCCsSummer2024>, for any families with children under 5 years old.
- **New Malden Fire Station on Burlington Road** are holding their annual open day on Sunday 30 June from 12 - 4pm, everyone welcome to come along, see the flyer at the end of the newsletter.

Wishing you a restful weekend.

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.

Summer term 2024 – Important dates

Date	Event	Description
Monday 15 April	Start of the Summer term	All children to attend school from 8.40am. No school clubs this week (Connections will run from today as usual).
Thursday 18 April & Thursday 25 April 9.00 - 10.30am	Parent workshop “Strategies for Managing Behaviour in a Positive Way”	Hosted by our Education Wellbeing Practitioner, Shazia Yakoob-Ajmal, in the staff room. The workshop is free of charge and will be held over two one and a half hour sessions.

Friday 19 April 3 - 3.30pm	OPAL cake sale	We are grateful for donations of cakes, biscuits, cookies etc from all parents , to raise money for the school's Outdoor Learning & Play (OPAL) resources.
Week starting Monday 22 April	School clubs start this week	Please collect your children from their club classroom promptly at 4pm (Drumming club and Forest/Science club collection at 4.15pm)
Tuesday 23 April 9.30 - 11am	Year 1 visit to the Surrey Islamic centre	The children will walk to the Surrey Islamic centre in Norbiton where they will learn more about this important place of worship which links to the RE curriculum.
Wednesday 24 April during the school morning	"Night Owls" visit to school	"Night Owls" will be visiting the school and the children will see the birds fly. They will also have the opportunity to have their photo taken with an owl that you can then purchase.
Friday 26 April 9.00am	Maths Workshop for parents	Find out more about how we teach maths in school and how you can support your child at home. Parents often say how things have changed since they learned maths at school. The workshop will be led by Mrs Gray, our Maths Lead, and Mr Morris, our Year 2 Lead.
Friday 26 April 3 - 3.30 pm	Tiger class cake sale	We are grateful for donations of cakes, biscuits, cookies etc (no nuts please) from Tiger class parents, to raise money for Tiger classroom resources.
Monday 29 April 9 - 9.30am	Swimming Information meeting for parents/carers	Please come to the hall straight after morning drop off to find out more about Swimming sessions in school that are due to start from Tuesday 7 May, this is particularly important for Reception parents
Wednesday 1 May 8.45 - 9.45am	CHIPTA Summer Fair planning meeting	In the staff room. All welcome to come along to see how you can help with our upcoming Summer Fair - one of the biggest fundraisers of the year.
Friday 3 May 3 - 3.30 pm	Lion class cake sale	We are grateful for donations of cakes, biscuits, cookies etc (no nuts please) from Lion class parents, to raise money for Lion classroom resources.
Monday 6 May	MAY BANK HOLIDAY	National Bank Holiday - no children in school
Tuesday 7 May	Proposed date for Swimming sessions to start	We are aiming to start swimming from this date. More details to follow. We require many parent volunteers, it is essential that you have a DBS check conducted by the school to volunteer - please contact the school office for the registration forms.
Tuesday 7 May	Photographs for siblings in the Infants and Junior school	A chance for your children to have a joint photograph together if you have children in the Junior school and the Infants school. This session is not for siblings within the Infants school (these photos are taken in September)
Thursday 9 May 10.00 - 11.30am	Otter class trip to Kingston Library	Otter class will visit Kingston Library, travelling by bus, accompanied by their classroom staff and parent volunteers.
Friday 10 May 9 - 10am	CHIPTA events meeting	In the staff room, everyone is welcome to attend and we hope to see many of you there.
Friday 10 May 3 - 3.30pm	Leopard class cake sale	We are grateful for donations of cakes, biscuits, cookies etc (no nuts please) from Leopard class parents, to raise money for Leopard classroom resources.
Wednesday 15 May 9.30am	CH hi IPTA Celebrating Diversity Walk & Talk in Richmond park	All welcome. After morning drop off, meet outside the school at 9am and we will walk up Warren Road to Ladderstile Gate and enjoy a walk through Richmond Park together (or meet us at 9.30am at Ladderstile Gate). Younger children and dogs welcome!
Friday 17 May 3 - 3.30pm	Otter class cake sale	We are grateful for donations of cakes, biscuits, cookies etc (no nuts please) from Otter class parents, to raise money for Otter classroom resources.
Wednesday 22 May 9 - 10am	CHIPTA "Celebrating Diversity" coffee morning	In the staff room, all welcome for a chat over coffee/tea and biscuits

Wednesday 22 May 3 - 3.30pm	Swimming Pool cake sale	We are grateful for donations of cakes, biscuits, cookies etc (no nuts please) from parents across the whole school, to raise vital funds towards the refurbishment and ongoing maintenance of our school swimming pool.
Thursday 23 May 3.05pm or 3.10pm	School finishes for half term	Please collect your children at the usual finish time.
Friday 24 May	INSET DAY	No children to attend school
MAY HALF TERM - Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May		
Monday 3 June	Summer term re-starts	All children to attend school from 8.40am.
Monday 3 June	Year 2 visit to RHS Wisley Gardens	Year 2 will enjoy a visit to Wisley, travelling by coach and accompanied by year 2 staff and parent volunteers, to learn more about the plants displayed there
Friday 7 June 3 - 3.30pm	Squirrel class cake sale	We are grateful for donations of cakes, biscuits, cookies etc (no nuts please) from Squirrel class parents, to raise money for Squirrel classroom resources.
Wednesday 12 June	Class group photographs	Children should come to school in full uniform for their whole class photograph
Friday 14 June 3 - 3.30pm	Hedgehog class cake sale	We are grateful for donations of cakes, biscuits, cookies etc (no nuts please) from Hedgehog class parents, to raise money for Hedgehog classroom resources.
Tuesday 18 June 9.15am onwards (finish approx 11.30am)	Sports Day	All parents are invited to attend our annual school Sports Day. Please bring a picnic rug and make your way to the school field after morning drop off.
Wednesday 5 June	Coombe Hill Infants' Pet Day	More details to follow!
Friday 21 June	Collection of donations of chocolate and bottles for the Summer Fair tombolas	We would be grateful for donations of chocolates and bottles for our tombolas at the Summer Fair. There will be a collection point at school drop or you can drop items at the school office from 7.45am and throughout the day
Saturday 22 June 12 - 3.30pm	Coombe Hill Schools Summer Fair	Held jointly with the Junior school, one of our biggest CHIPTA fundraising events of the year. Please get involved to make the event a success, every class will be allocated a stall to run and we are grateful to everyone who gives their time and effort.
Week starting Monday 24 June	Last week of Summer term clubs	All clubs run this week for the final time, apart from Drumming club which finishes on Tuesday 2 July.
Tuesday 25 June	Reserve Sports Day	Sports Day will be held on this date if the weather is too hot or wet on Tuesday 18 June.
Tuesday 25 June 9 - 10am	CHIPTA "Celebrating Diversity" coffee morning	In the staff room, all welcome for a chat over coffee/tea and biscuits
Wednesday 26 June All day	Year 1 trip to Painshill Park	Year 1 will travel to Painshill Park by coach where they will spend the day enjoying activities such as den building and being plant detectives.
Thursday 27 June 9 - 10.30am	Year 1 parent workshop "Responding to children's worries"	Hosted by our Education Wellbeing Practitioner, Shazia Yakoob-Ajmal, in the staff room. The workshop is free of charge, please let the school office know if you are interested in attending.
Friday 28 June 3 - 3.30pm	Bee class cake sale	We are grateful for donations of cakes, biscuits, cookies etc (no nuts please) from Bee class parents, to raise money for Bee classroom resources.
Monday 1 July	INSET DAY	No children to attend school
Wednesday 3 July	Transition Day	The children will visit their new classrooms for next year (Reception to Year 1, Year 1 to Year 2, Year 2 to Year 3)
Friday 5th July 9:00am - 10:00am	SEND Coffee morning	Please come along for an informal chat with our SENCO Jacqueline Heard. We will share ideas on how to support your child with transitions and change.

Friday 5 July 3 - 3.30pm	Butterfly class cake sale	We are grateful for donations of cakes, biscuits, cookies etc (no nuts please) from Butterfly class parents, to raise money for Butterfly classroom resources.
Tuesday 9 July 9.15 - 10.45am	Summer concert	All parents are invited to attend our annual school Summer concert. Please bring a picnic rug and make your way to the school playground after morning drop off.
Friday 12 July 3 - 3.30pm	Ladybird class cake sale	We are grateful for donations of cakes, biscuits, cookies etc (no nuts please) from Ladybird class parents, to raise money for Ladybird classroom resources.
Monday 15 July 9 - 10am	CHIPTA "Celebrating Diversity" coffee morning	In the staff room, all welcome for a chat over coffee/tea and biscuits
Tuesday 16 July 6 - 8pm	Year 2 Leavers' evening event	An fun evening of activities for our year 2 children in the school grounds to celebrate their time with us
Friday 19 July 3 - 3.30pm	SEND cake sale	We are grateful for donations of cakes, biscuits, cookies etc (no nuts please) from parents across the whole school, to raise vital funds towards SEND (special educational needs and disabilities) resources in the school.
Wednesday 24 July 9.15 - 10.15am	Year 2 Leavers' assembly	All Year 2 parents and carers are invited to the Year 2 Leavers' assembly. Please bring a picnic rug and make your way to the school playground after morning drop off.
Wednesday 24 July	School finishes for the Summer Holiday	Please collect your children one hour earlier than usual. Reception children should be collected at 2.05pm and Year 1 & Year 2 children at 2.10pm. Connections closes at 5pm.
SUMMER HOLIDAY - Thursday 25 July to Tuesday 3 September 2024		
Monday 2 September 2024	INSET DAY	No children to attend school
Tuesday 3 September 2024	INSET DAY	No children to attend school
Wednesday 4 September 2024	Start of the Autumn 2024/25 term and academic year	Year 1 and Year 2 children to attend school from 8.40am
<i>Start dates for our new Reception children will be confirmed and communicated separately</i>		

Additional events may be added, we will communicate these to you via Mrs Berry's Friday newsletter or school email, please always read our communications with you, thank you

HOLIDAY CAMP

4 days:
28th - 31st
May 2024

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2024
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DONS Local
Action Group

FAMILY FUNDAY



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2024
ROCK & MUSIC
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LIVE MUSIC
FROM MIDDAY
16 LIVE BANDS

TWO OUTDOOR
STAGES

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THROUGHOUT THE DAY & EVENING



FREE ENTRY UNTIL 1PM!

ENTRY AFTER 1PM WITH ADVANCE TICKETS

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ENTRY AT THE DOOR WITHOUT ADVANCE TICKETS

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ADVANCE TICKETS oldruts.club/rutsfest

NO PARKING - GREAT TRANSPORT LINKS



MUSIC IN KINGSTON

Performance | Workshops | Exhibition

12.00-15.00, 18th May 2024





OPEN DAY

New Malden Fire Station

Sunday, 30 June 2024 12pm – 4pm

- Your chance to meet local firefighters and get fire safety advice.
- Watch rescue demonstrations with our latest fire service equipment.
- Family activities, BBQ, live music and a charity raffle.
- Early opening for neurodiverse needs between 11am – 12pm

180 Burlington Road New Malden KT3 4RW

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LONDON FIRE BRIGADE

Information session –

Understanding your childcare options and the expansion to childcare entitlements

Monday 13 May 2024 12:00 - 13:00

Jill Anderson from Family Information service will be running a free, informative online session on:

- Current childcare entitlements
- Expansion to childcare entitlements for eligible working families
- How and when to apply for your entitlements
- Your options when choosing a Childcare Provider
- How to find a Registered Childcare Provider

To sign up please fill in Google form:

<https://forms.gle/KZuTZ2vZKGxV2bxH7>

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