



COOMBE HILL INFANTS' SCHOOL

Learn together, grow together

Friday 15 November 2024

Dear Families,

We are currently conducting tours of the school for prospective parents. Many of them have commented on how happy your children are and how lovely their manners are. We have been so pleased with the feedback.

This week, we have been thinking about being READY like Piglet and showing that we are ready for learning by sitting and listening well and looking at the teacher. Next week, we will be focusing on being RESILIENT like Tigger. Tigger teaches us to enjoy learning, ignore distractions, and learn from mistakes. You can help at home by encouraging your child to:-

- keep on going, even if a task is difficult
- talk about how you feel when you are taking on a challenge
- praise your children when they persevere
- help them find interests and activities that are absorbing
- talk to them about what helps them to concentrate

Here is the link to information about our [Learning Behaviours](#) on our school website.

In Year 2, we have been thinking about the **UNICEF Rights of the Child Article 14** and the importance of freedom of thought and how we must all respect each other. This links with our PSHE theme this term of Celebrating Differences. Please ask them about this as they are very keen to talk about their Rights.

Remembrance Sunday

Three of our year 2 children laid a wreath on behalf of our school at the Remembrance service in New Malden last Sunday. They were among the youngest children to take part in the service and we were very proud of how well they represented our school.



On Monday our year 1 and year 2 children observed a 2 minute silence in the playground at 11 am, they all showed great respect, please see the video of this on the year 1 and year 2 Google classrooms.

Brakes Road Safety Week

Next week we are supporting Road Safety Week and your children will have an assembly to learn more about some of the amazing people who help us make safe and healthy journeys and care for people after a road accident. Please do take the opportunity to talk to your children about what they have learned and help us to reinforce making good road safety choices.

For more information: www.brake.org.uk/road-safety-week

Year 2 workshop next week

Next Friday 22 November between 9.00 - 9:45 am, there will be a Spelling and Fluency workshop for Year 2 parents/carers in the school hall. Please come along if you are able to find out more about supporting your children.

TESCO Stronger starts award



We were delighted to hear this week that following the Tesco Stronger Starts vote in our local Tesco stores, our project came first and has been chosen by Tesco customers to receive a grant award of £1,500. Thank you to all of you who voted for our OPAL project and helped us win this grant, and to parents Rachel, Lina and Lisette who helped to initiate the process of us obtaining the grant, we are very grateful and the children will benefit hugely. Our OPAL team is now putting the money to good use and ordering storage solutions for our construction play resources. Remember, you can still donate (second hand or new) kitchen utensils like pots, pans, wooden spoons and spatulas and bigger items like cable reels and tarpaulins to help resource our play areas.

Donations for the Christmas Fair

Preparations for our Christmas Fair on Saturday 7 December are now in full swing. Please get involved and offer your support where you can, this is one of our biggest fundraising events of the year and can only be successful with lots of help from our parent community. Please find attached a link from CHIPTA with information about Christmas Fair donations and the dates.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YQpl6wHuUnlpb7aWq3Lz6grul9p3I9qAS04MYCAttGc/edit?usp=sharing>

Christmas concerts and other important dates for the rest of the term

Please find attached the list of important dates for the remainder of this term. These dates were sent at the beginning of term and we are sending them again as a reminder as we approach December. If you have any questions about the dates please contact the school office.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1p5F4FOdx9kFvbvXiLiteogemMch5jUA8U_xGaucn_Mk/edit?usp=sharing

Term dates 2024/25 and 2025/26

Please find attached a link to our Term Dates webpage which now shows the term dates for the 2025/26 academic year as well as the current academic year..

<https://www.coombehillinants.com/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=66&action=saved>

Attendance and Punctuality

Our overall attendance target is 96%. Our overall attendance this week is **96.73%**. **Tiger class** has achieved the highest attendance this week, with **98.09%** attendance, well done to Tiger class!

Attendance Matters



Parent Governor election

All parents received details of our upcoming Parent Governor election on Monday this week. If you would like to stand for election please submit your details and personal statement no later than 12 noon on Monday 25 November. Please refer to the information sent for full details about the role and how to stand for election.

Cake sales

Well done to Ladybird class for raising £259 at their cake sale last week, and to Butterfly class for raising £265.55 today for their classroom resources. The children and the teachers will all talk together about how to spend the money for their classrooms. Thank you to everyone who gives their time to support our weekly cake sales, the money they raise is so valuable to us.

Contacting teachers

Please note that if you wish to send an email to your child's teacher or another member of staff you should use the main school email address admin@chi.rbksch.org. Messages will then be forwarded in full

confidence to the relevant member of staff. We do not disclose staff members' direct email addresses for parent communications.

Celebrating Diversity group

A message from the Celebrating Diversity group committee.

Welcome to the CHI/JPTA Celebrating Diversity group!

We are a collection of parents who formed this group as part of the PTA. Our aim is to provide a space where everyone feels represented and heard. We aim to spread more unity, and education, learn from each other and make new friends. We work closely with the schools to achieve this and actively feedback opinions and ideas from parents. We want to grow the numbers of our group and make sure that we listen to parents across both schools. We currently run monthly Coffee mornings after drop off, to discuss ideas/plans, include and hear everyone's voice, educate and share experiences, support one another, honour everyone's opinions and beliefs, help represent those who need it, make new friends and create a safe space for all to feel heard. Coffee, tea and snacks are also available. Part of this is a Whatsapp group you can join if you want to be a part of our group but may find it hard to attend meetings. All notes from the meeting and news about other things are shared here so that no-one misses out. We also have a monthly walk through Richmond Park for those who want to get some fresh air, exercise and meet new parents. Younger children and dogs are also welcome. If you have any questions please feel free to email us at chiptadiversity@gmail.com.

Our next two meeting dates are as follows, in the Infants school staff room:

- **Wednesday 20 November** at 9.00 am
- **Thursday 19 December** at 9.00 am

Parent Workshop about our approach to behaviour management

We are running a Parent Workshop "Our Approach to Behaviour Management - and how you can support at Home" on Friday 29th November 2024 in the school from 9.00 - 9.45 am.

Request for socks and joggers!

If you have any spare socks and jogger trousers for Infants aged children we would greatly appreciate donations. Please bring them to the school office. Thank you.

Pupil Premium Grant

When your child was admitted to the school we checked their eligibility for the Pupil Premium Grant. Children in receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant receive funded benefits throughout the school year from us as a school and from the local authority. Please get in touch with us if your financial circumstances have changed since your child joined the school and their 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/mN1XwRS174XqDdo39>

Community Information

- If your child missed having their **flu vaccination** in school, please see the attached poster below for a reminder of the catch up sessions that are being offered locally.
- **Rose Theatre Open Day for Reception children - Sunday 17 November** - the Rose Theatre are holding an open day for Reception children to give little ones and parents a chance to try out the Rose Youth Theatre Academy with a short workshop for them and a Q&A and cuppa for parents. There are sessions from 9.00 - 10.15 am and from 10.15 - 11.15 am, please sign up via the following link **RYTA Act 1 - Reception Open Day Sign Up Form.**
- Please find attached the link to an excellent selection of webinars as part of the "**Helping Children with**" Series **Helping Children Series 24-25.pdf**. The topics include worries, resilience, friendships, challenging behaviours, screentime, and sleep - if there is something else you would like help with, please talk to Mrs. Jakob. Some parents have asked for support to encourage resilience within their child - so here are a few "**top tips**" to help develop your child's emotional resilience.
- **Online Parenting Courses - Family Lives.** Family Lives has produced a series of online parenting courses. If interested please follow the link below: <https://www.familylives.org.uk/how-we-can-help/online-parenting-courses> for courses on: Play - Coping with Teens - A New Baby in the Family - Bringing Up Confident Children - Sibling Arguments and Co-parenting after Divorce. Family Lives offers a confidential and free* helpline service for families in England and Wales (previously known as Parentline). They can be contacted on **0808 800 2222** for emotional support, information, advice and guidance on

any aspect of parenting and family life. Their website is also a rich source of useful support and advice.

- **Short breaks for families of young people and children with disabilities** - please find attached a poster advertising an information session to be held at Coombe Hill Junior School on Friday 29 November at 2.30 pm about short breaks available for young people and children with disabilities.

Previous newsletters

Our previous newsletters can be found here on our website

<https://www.coombehillinants.com/page/?title=Parent+Newsletter&pid=225>

Wishing you all an enjoyable 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.

Do you know about the local short breaks offer?

Come along to meet your Kingston and Richmond Inclusion Development Officers

Short breaks provide disabled children and young people with fun, enjoyment and a chance to be with friends while their parents and carers get a break from caring.

Short breaks come in many different forms, from an overnight stay in a residential centre or a carer's home to attending a youth club, leisure centre or getting involved in a sports activity.

As inclusion development officers we aim to support and enable children and young people who have disabilities to access mainstream and out of school leisure activities.



Friday 29th November 2024, 2.30pm

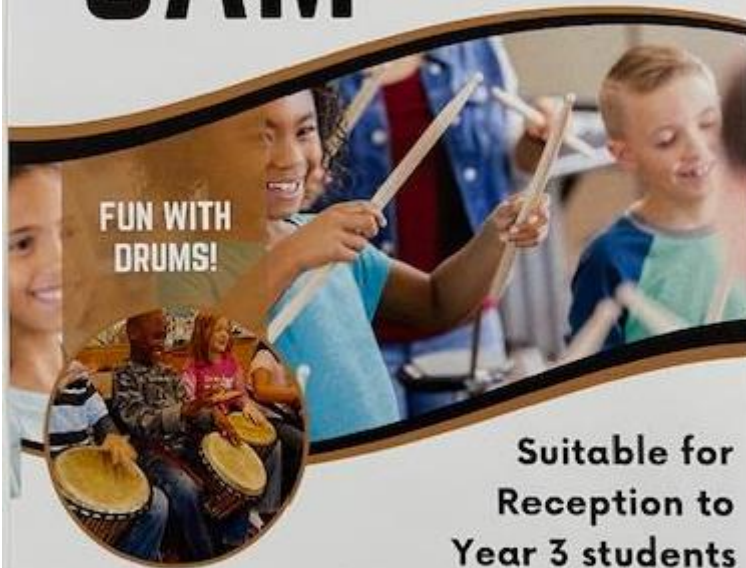
We look forward to meeting you soon!

Coombe Hill Junior School



**achieving
for children**

PERCUSSION JAM



**FUN WITH
DRUMS!**



**Suitable for
Reception to
Year 3 students**

WEDNESDAYS

**4:15-
4:45PM**

TOLWORTH



www.kingston.gov.uk/music

Help Us Help You



Self Care

Stock your medicine cabinet as many minor issues, like coughs, grazes and sore throats are treatable at home.



Pharmacy

Pharmacists offer medical advice and medicines for minor illnesses like coughs, colds, tummy trouble, rashes and aches and pains, and also give flu jabs.



GP

Within normal surgery hours your GP should be your first contact with health concerns. GPs provide examinations, advice, prescriptions, vaccinations and referrals.



111.nhs.uk

You should visit 111.nhs.uk when you cannot wait to see your doctor. NHS 111 is a fast and easy way to get the right help urgently, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.



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A&E

A&E departments in hospitals are open for life threatening emergencies like heart attacks and accidents, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Missed your flu vaccine?

Live in the boroughs of Kingston or
Richmond? Aged 4-16?

Come down to a flu catch-up clinic and
protect yourself this winter!

**Call 020 3691 1043 to book an
appointment**

Tuesday 29 October 09:30 - 12:30
Teddington Health and Social Care Centre,
TW11 0LR

**Or come down to one of our
walk-in clinics**

Saturday 16 November 09:30 - 12:30
Southborough School Clinic, KT6 5AS

Saturday 14 December 09:30 - 12:30
Sheen Lane Clinic, SW14 8LP

Christmas Events at The Alligator's Mouth bookshop in Richmond



- **Sat 16th Nov 3:00pm-4:00pm**

[Carys Bexington: The Night Before Christmas in Wonderland](#)

Author storytime and creative workshop. RSVP essential, £5 (redeemable when you buy a copy of The Night Before Christmas in Wonderland £7.99) Join Carys for an interactive reading and a creative art workshop, in which children will create their own Christamassy pet

and festive story. There will also be a special advance look at the new *Night Before Christmas* in *Wonderland* animated film, and Carys will sign your books.

- **Sat 23rd Nov 10:30am-12:00pm**

- **[Axel Scheffler: Illustrator Signing](#)**

Signing with Axel Scheffler, bestselling illustrator of *The Gruffalo* and more. No RSVP necessary.

On this occasion, Axel will only have time to sign books bought from us (either ordered in advance or bought on the day). We will have all of Axel's books for you to choose from, including special editions and the latest publication *Jonty Gento*. Due to limited time, Axel will be able to meet people on a first come, first served basis - but books can be reserved and signed at a later date, ready for collection by Christmas.

- **Sat 7th Dec 3:00-5:00pm**

- **[Oliver Jeffers: Author Signing, *Where to Hide a Star*](#)**

Author/illustrator signing event RSVP essential, £14.99 (includes a copy of *Where to Hide a Star*) Oliver Jeffers is the bestselling author and illustrator of *How to Catch a Star*, *Stuck*, and *Here We Are* etc.. This winter, Oliver returns with the long-awaited sequel to the Boy stories, *Where to Hide a Star*. The ticket price to this event entitles you to a hardback copy of *Where to Hide a Star* and entry for your family to the signing event. RSVP is essential. Please book either the 3:00pm or 3:30pm timeslot and please arrive as close to the time of your slot as possible.

- **Thursdays 11am Story & Rhyme Time**

£3 (redeemable against any purchase on the day) Ideal 0-4yrs Join us for new picturebooks and traditional rhymes, read and performed by Alligator's Mouth staff. And as always you are welcome to ask our recommendations for new stories to discover together with your child. RSVP welcome or just turn up! The £3 entry price is redeemable against any purchase on the day (making the storytime free if you buy a book!)

- **Let's support our independent bookshops on our High Streets! If you are looking to get a headstart on your Christmas Shopping, take a look at the [The Alligator's Mouth subscription and Gift Box ideas](#)**