



# COOMBE HILL INFANTS' SCHOOL

*Learn together, grow together*

*We are a UNICEF Rights Respecting School*

Friday 4 October 2024

Dear Families,

Thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan afternoon and cake sale today, it was wonderful to see so many of you. A huge thank you to everyone who donated cakes and other treats, from our Macmillan afternoon in school we have raised **£612.50** and the donations on our fundraising page currently stand at **£211**, this is a fantastic amount of money for such an important charity. Our fundraising page is still open and you can continue to donate via <https://cm24.macmillan.org.uk/fundraising/CM24015361>. We hope you enjoyed your visits to your child's classroom afterward.

***We still have some cakes left and we will sell them from the school office entrance on Monday afternoon from 3-4 pm, all proceeds again to Macmillan.***



## **Behaviour**

This week we have been focusing on being Ready, just like Rabbit. Next week, Owl will help us think about being Resourceful and always trying our best. Owl teaches us to think about the best way to learn, to change things if they are not working, and to think about what we have learned. *Article 29 - children's education should help them fully develop their personalities, talents, and abilities. It should teach them to understand their own rights and to respect other people's rights, cultures, and differences. It should help them to live peacefully and protect the environment. (The United Nations Convention On the Rights of the Child)*

## **How parents can help**

Encourage children to...

- talk about the day and what they learned and maybe tell them what you learned today too
- try a different approach if their model/project/drawing is not working out
- work together to help find solutions

## Mental Health and Wellbeing Week next week

For this Mental Health and Wellbeing week, we will focus on healthy eating. It is our Harvest celebration on Monday so there will be lots of opportunities:

- to talk about keeping our bodies healthy with food - linked to **Article 24, every child has the right to fresh water and food**
- have conversations about the children's food choices at lunch - did they have a "rainbow" colourful plate of food?
- for art - observational drawing of pumpkins
- cooking
- Bounce-a-thon - a great way to raise our heartbeat and keep ourselves healthy

The children in Years 1 & 2 will have a wellbeing workshop with Shazia, our Educational Wellbeing Practitioner and they will teach the Reception children about box and finger breathing as a way of calming ourselves. And, on Thursday the 10th we have HelloYellow!



Coombe Hill Infants School will be joining thousands of schools across the UK and taking part in Hello Yellow in support of YoungMinds on **Thursday 10 October** (World Mental Health Day) where we'll be asking everyone to wear something yellow. **Children should come to school in their normal school uniform but we ask them to wear something yellow, perhaps socks, a hair clip, a wristband or a scarf.** There are days when all of us struggle with how we are feeling and it can be difficult knowing how to cope. For so many young people, when this happens, they don't always get the help they need, when they need it. No young person should feel alone with their mental health. We'd also like to ask parents and carers to consider donating to help YoungMinds keep fighting for young people's mental health. Our suggested donation is £2 which can be donated on our JustGiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sue-jakob-1727900329#supportersList>. YoungMinds has resources for parents and carers to find help and advice, if you're ever concerned about a child or young person – you can find this on their website: [www.youngminds.org.uk/parent](http://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent). If you have any questions, please let us know.

## Fruit and Vegetable dress up day - Friday 11 October

We invite all of the children to come into school next Friday dressed as a fruit or vegetable, this is a Coombe Hill tradition and the children will enjoy a special parade in the hall in the morning. Please don't feel that you need to spend money on this, a decorated hat or a coloured T-shirt is a great idea too!

## Forest School

In the first Forest School session of the year, Tiger Class had great fun recreating the world map, building dens, hunting for minibeasts, drinking hot chocolate, and exploring our beautiful grounds. We are so fortunate to have a Forest school area on our school site and your support of and engagement with CHIPTA helps raise the valuable funds that we need in order to run these sessions with our specialist Forest school teacher, Mrs Jade.



### Fire engine visit to Year 2

As part of their Great Fire of London topic, Year 2 were very excited to see the firefighters of New Malden Fire Station when they visited the school on Tuesday. The children were able to compare modern firefighting methods with those of 1666.



## Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival assembly is on **Monday 7th October**. The children will be thinking about where food comes from, how it is harvested, what foods keep us healthy and cooking, etc. This year we will be supporting **Kingston Foodbank**, so please do bring in any donations you can to school that day, there will be collection boxes outside the school office entrance. Below is a wish list of items they are in desperate need of and would be greatly appreciated.

**HARVEST APPEAL**

Help by donating an item or two from our shopping list to support people facing hardship.

**SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS**

- Cereal
- Long Life Milk
- Squash
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Tinned Vegetables
- Tinned Meat
- Anti-bacterial all-purpose spray
- Washing machine tablets
- Shower gel

Don't forget...  
You can help transform more lives with a financial donation too.

**Kingston Foodbank**  
kingston.foodbank.org.uk  
Registered Charity in England & Wales (1177256)  
Part of Dosa Deo Community Church

## Christmas/seasonal cards fundraiser

This week, you should all have received your children's artwork which can be printed on cards, mugs, notebooks, wrapping paper, and labels. **Please do think about placing an order** - it's so lovely for the children to see their art reproduced in this way, they make great gifts and it does raise money for school funds. **If you do want to place an order, please follow the instructions with the artwork and then return the order and artwork to your class teacher by Thursday 10th October.**

## School photographs

Everyone should now be able to place their order for their child's school photograph, either having pre-registered or having received the photo proof in your child's blue bag. To qualify for free delivery to school please make sure that you place your order by next Friday 11 October. If you have any questions please contact the school office.

## Reception Google Classroom

All Reception parents and carers should have received their child's login details for the Reception Google classroom. We expect all parents to join the classroom as this is the platform through which you will receive important communications about your child's timetable, learning, and important events. If you have any questions please speak to your child's teacher or contact the school office.

## Parking and road safety

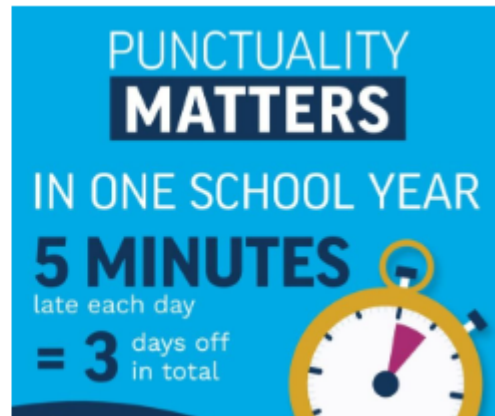
We have unfortunately been made aware this week that a small number of parents are parking on resident-only roads in the vicinity of the school and also across resident's driveways and then acting in an inconsiderate, and sometimes aggressive, manner when approached about this. This reflects very poorly on our school community. We expect parents to model best behaviour to our children and show positive and respectful behaviour to each other. We understand that parking is difficult on the surrounding roads, but ask that you are respectful to our neighbours. We have also seen this week, via our CCTV cameras, a parent drive into the exit of our car park at a time when over 600

children were leaving school. We have also seen parents moving the barriers and parking in the emergency access area at the top of the driveway entrance when the gate is shut. All of these actions are extremely dangerous to our children and other parents. I will monitor this situation over the next few weeks and ask all parents to support us in this.

### Attendance

Our overall attendance target is 96%. Our overall attendance this week is **97.52%**. **Otter class** has achieved the highest attendance this week with **100% attendance**, well done to Otter class!

## Attendance Matters



### Parent workshops and webinars

Please do share any worries you may have with us. Shazia's first parent workshop of this year is a two-part workshop "Strategies for Managing Behaviour in a Positive Way". These will be held from **9 - 10.30 am on Thursday 17th and 24th October**. Please email [admin@chi.rbksch.org](mailto:admin@chi.rbksch.org) to register your attendance.

### CHI Approach to Behaviour Management

We have received requests from several parents to run a workshop about our school's approach to positive behaviour management and how you can support them at home. The workshop will include information about our Learning Behaviours, the Zones of Regulations, Emotion Coaching, etc, and will be held at school at 9 am on **Friday 29th November**.

We can also offer you access to an excellent selection of webinars as part of the "Helping Children with ...." Series. 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.

#### **Helping Children Series 24-25.pdf**

Also, please be aware that we can also refer you to the School Health team for concerns around problems with eating, or for day/night wetting - just email the office with your concerns.

If you would like some advice about how to keep your child safe online, please look at this useful NSPCC resource. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/techosaurus/>

### Rock up to Read! - every Friday at 8.15 am

Do join us at Rock Up to Read in the Library from 8.15 am on Fridays, please come in via the blue side gate, the code for Rock Up to Read is **2626**.

### Applications for Reception and Year 3 for September 2025

All year 2 parents and parents of younger siblings due to start Reception in September 2025 should be aware of the closing date for applications, which is **Wednesday 15 January 2025**, applications opened on 1 September 2024. Even though we are partner schools with Coombe Hill Junior School it is still **essential** that Year 2 parents apply for their child's place via the council. Parents with children due to start Reception in September 2025 must ensure that they state the sibling link to Coombe Hill in their application. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Reid in the school office. Full details can be found in the "Admissions to Kingston's Primary Schools" guide, link below.

[Kingston Primary Schools admissions brochure](#)

### Head lice

We have had some cases of head lice reported to us this week and have notified the relevant class parents so that they can check their children's hair and be vigilant. Head lice are very common in young children and are picked up by head to head contact. For this reason, we ask that children with long hair have it tied

back to help prevent transmission, thank you for your cooperation in doing this. Please see the following link for NHS advice on treating head lice <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

### **Sponsored Bounce-a-thon**

We are hosting a sponsored Bounce-a-thon on **Tuesday 8th October**. The children always look forward to this annual fundraising event with great excitement. A bouncy castle will be set up in the school hall, giving each child the opportunity to try bouncing 50 times. We would love every child to ask their parents, grandparents, family friends, and anyone else they know to sponsor them. We will place sponsorship forms in the children's blue bags next week. We are grateful for any donations, however, big or small. Thank you for your support in making this event a success. We hope the children have a fantastic time bouncing and raising money for their school.

### **CHIPTA Meeting**

Everyone is invited to join us on **Friday 11 October** from **8.45 - 9.30 am** in the staff room for a CHIPTA (Coombe Hill Infants PTA) meeting. Please come along to meet the committee and to find out more about the year ahead, and how you can become involved. Being involved with the PTA is a great chance to meet other parents, become involved with the life of the school, working together to raise money for our children's benefit - we need your support, thank you.

### **Coombe Hill Schools Quiz Night**

The Coombe Hill PTAs are hosting a Quiz Night on **Friday 11 October at 7 pm**. The last Quiz Night was a great success and lots of parents and carers have asked for this to be repeated. Drinks and snacks will be available on the night (cash only please) and tables should be of 10 people or less. Tickets are £7 each, and they are now available on Parentpay. Please note that this event is for adults only, not the children. We are looking forward to a great night again.

### **PTA Fireworks Event**

Join us for an amazing fireworks event on **Thursday 7th November!** 

- ★ Gates open at 4:30 pm, with the fireworks display starting at 6:00 pm.
- ★ Enjoy tasty hot dogs, popcorn, and candy floss, and there's a bar for adults.
- ★ **Tickets are £6 each and can be purchased on ParentPay now**
- ★ Previously bought tickets for 2023 are still valid. For any questions, please contact [chiptatreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:chiptatreasurer@gmail.com).
- ★ Please note, that all children must be accompanied by an adult, with a maximum of three children per adult.
- ★ We are also looking for volunteers! If you can help, even for just 30 minutes, please contact [chiptachair@gmail.com](mailto:chiptachair@gmail.com).
- ★ Everyone is welcome. Don't miss out on the fun!

### **ASDA "Cashpot for Schools"**

Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs - has teamed up with ASDA, who are making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. All you have to do is opt-in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our school, and shop and scan in-store or shop online at <https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024. Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our PTA. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Asda is also giving £50 to every school to get them started. One of our parents has said, "My personal cash pot for the school is £69.92, it's amazing, it quickly adds up!"

### **Easy Fundraising scheme**

Coombe Hill Infants School has raised £2.1k so far through the Easy Fundraising scheme. You are able to support this every time you shop online at no extra cost. Sign up today for easy fundraising and raise free donations when you shop online with over 8,000 retailers. All the big names like eBay, Argos, Marks and Spencer, John Lewis & Partners, Etsy, Tesco and Just Eat are ready to donate. Join today and we could win a £100 bonus donation:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/coombe-hill-infant-school-kingston-upon-thames/ydh9x7/s2s/FZ9Up2Ac/SE870/whatsapp>

### **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>

### **Previous newsletters**

Our previous newsletters can be found here on our website

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

### **Community Information**

- The Malden Centre has scheduled some Intensive Swimming lessons over half term, which some of you might be interested in for your children, details are below.
- Please find to following information from the NHS about which medical service to access in case of illness, this might be useful to guide you when your child is unwell.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Warm regards

Janet Berry

Headteacher

### ***Safeguarding***

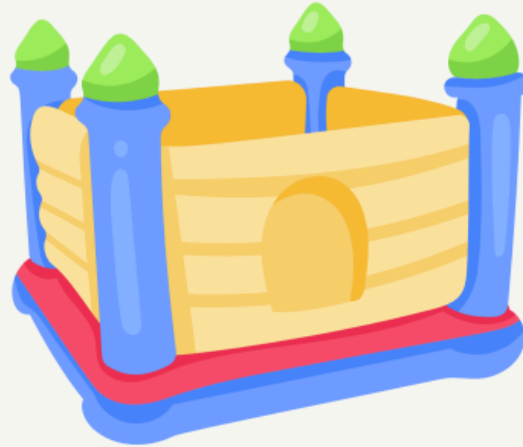
*Safeguarding our young children is our priority and all staff are trained to keep children safe. However, safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and if you are concerned about a child or young person please call Children's Services on 020 8547 5008. The South London CAMHS Crisis Line for both children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



# Coombe Hill Infants School

The children will join in with a  
sponsored Bounce-a-thon on

**Tuesday 8th October**  
**9:00 - 11:15am**



Please support your children by sponsoring them  
- Thank you for any donations, big or small





*Coombe Hill  
Schools'*

# QUIZ NIGHT

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FRIDAY  
11TH  
OCTOBER

@7pm Junior school hall

Tickets £7 on parentpay

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drinks and snacks  
available- CASH ONLY!



**WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR AN  
EXCITING EVENING AT**

**COOMBE HILL SCHOOL'S  
FIREWORKS EVENT!**

**Thursday 7th November -  
Gates open 4.30pm -  
Fireworks to start at 6pm**

**Tickets available via  
ParentPay**

HOT DOGS-POPCORN-CANDY FLOSS-BAR- LIGHT UP TOYS

# Half Term Holiday Intensive Swimming Lessons

Lessons will be daily from 08:30am - 10:30am  
From Monday 28th October 2024  
Friday 1st November 2024



There will be private lessons available  
each morning at 08:00am.  
The private lessons will be **£105.00**

Intensive swimming lessons available for children of all  
abilities.



Scan for more  
information

Group Lessons **£52.50**  
1:1 Lessons **£105.00**

**BOOK  
NOW**

# 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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You should call 111 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.



## 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.