



COOMBE HILL INFANTS' SCHOOL

Learn together, grow together

Friday 18 October 2024

***UNICEF Rights Respecting School - Our focus next week is Article 31:
Every child has the right to rest, relax, play and to take part in cultural and creative activities***

Dear Families

Autumn is truly with us and the children have thoroughly enjoyed playing with the leaves and spotting the spiders' webs around the grounds. It is joyful to see them playing so happily in our wonderful playground areas. This week we have focused on being Resourceful like Owl by trying our best and thinking about the best way to learn, to change things if they are not working and think about what we have learnt.



Next week, we will focus on Winnie the Pooh and being Respectful - Winnie teaches us how to share, work with others and also think of the feelings of others. If you would like ideas on how to support this Learning Behaviour at home, please look on our [website](#).



PLEASE HELP US!

Unfortunately, some of our lovely new Little Wandle Big Cat reading books are not being returned to school and this means we are short of books for the following week's Group Reading Sessions and do not have enough books to send home. Every child in the school reads a book three times a week and

then that book is sent home so that your child can celebrate their reading with you at home. CHIPTA has been so helpful in supporting us in building a stock of these books (between £4.50 and £5.75 each book) so that we are able to make sure that every child brings home a **real book** to read rather than having to access the book via the E-Book library. If you have any books at home, please return them by Monday. Thank you.

Year 1 and Year 2 Pupil progress meetings

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for a pupil progress meeting with their child's teacher next week on Tuesday 22 or Wednesday 23 October. **If you have not already done so please make an appointment.** If you have any questions or difficulties in signing up for an appointment please contact the school office team. If you are unable to attend the meeting for any reason please speak to your child's teacher. The meetings will be held in your child's classroom which you will access via the blue side gate, the gate code is **1212** for these meetings. Please wait outside your child's classroom until you are called in at your allocated time. Please note that we cannot look after your children for you while you attend your meeting.

There are NO SCHOOL CLUBS RUNNING NEXT TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY due to the pupil progress meetings, please collect your children at the usual time.

OPAL Stay & Play session reminder - Wednesday 23rd October from 12-12.45pm

As previously mentioned, all parents and carers are warmly invited to attend a Stay and Play lunchtime session with your child. Unfortunately, due to the number of children in our care across both schools, the invitation does not include toddlers or babies in buggies. In the space of a year, we have come a really long way at developing our provision at lunchtime and if you would like to read more about this and how you can continue to support us, you can go to the page on our website by clicking [here](#).

If you would like to come along, please enter via the blue gates at the side of the office - we will sign you in - then make your way into the playground. Please can we remind you that we are a **mobile free zone** and therefore we request that you switch your mobile phone off upon arrival and keep it out of sight until you have left the school premises. Please help us to run this event safely by staying in the playground and not entering the school buildings. A bell will be rung at 12.40pm to allow all parents to say goodbye to their child/children and clear the playground by 12.45pm.

In the event of poor weather, we will send out an email on Wednesday morning to cancel the event. Thank you for all your support with this project.

Forest school for Lion class

Lion class enjoyed a lovely Forest school session this week, creating a map of the world out of gathered leaves and natural materials and then placing flags on the countries that they had created.



Great Athletes visit next week

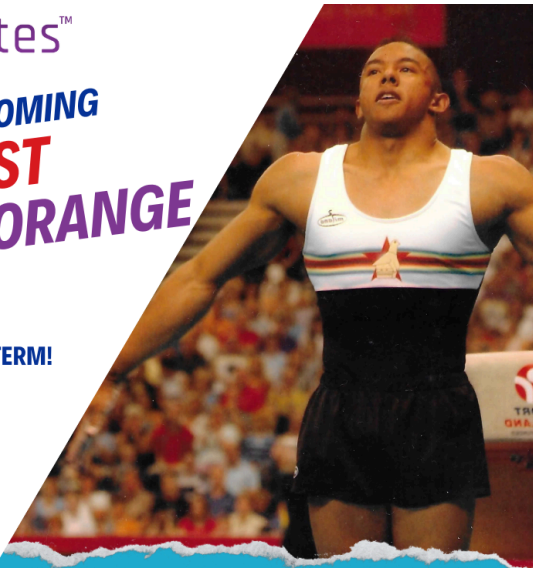
JOIN US IN WELCOMING
GYMNAST
COURTNEY ORANGE

TO OUR SCHOOL THIS TERM!



**JUST SCAN THIS QR CODE AND SEARCH
FOR OUR SCHOOL TO GET STARTED**

-  GET THE CHILDREN MOVING IN A FUN FITNESS CIRCUIT
-  WITNESS THE STRENGTH, TALENT & RESILIENCE OF A TOP GYMNAST
-  RAISE MONEY FOR NEW SPORTS EQUIPMENT



Courtney Orange will be visiting us next Wednesday to run a fun fitness circuit, followed by an inspirational assembly and Q&A session with the children. Please do sponsor your child if you can, you can bring in cash with the sponsorship form, or you can donate online by following this link and searching for the school name. <https://portal.greatathletes.org/events/landing>. Please ensure that the sponsorship form and all cash collected is returned to the school office by **Friday 25 October**, online donations can be received until **Wednesday 30 October**. **All Year 1 and 2 children should come to school on Wednesday wearing their PE kits. Reception will change into their PE kits in school.** The money raised will go towards new sports equipment to improve levels of physical activity in our school. Thank you, as always, for your support.

CHIPTA update

Thank you to those of you who came along to the CHIPTA annual general meeting last Friday. We have many exciting events for parents and children to look forward to this year. Please see the attached minutes from the meeting, the minutes include a statement for all parents to read.

 [Annual PTA AGM Meeting - 11th October 2024.pdf](#)

Thanks also to the number of parents who came along to the Quiz night last Friday, and to Rachel and the team for organising the event.

Clubs - late collections

Unfortunately we have noticed that a number of children have been collected late from their clubs over the past two weeks. This is unacceptable as the teachers and teaching assistants run these clubs voluntarily and it is unfair to expect them to look after your children if you run late. The Love the Ball team, Madame Banks and the school office staff have all been inconvenienced this week in looking after children whose parents have not arrived on time. Please ensure that you leave plenty of time for club pick ups, traffic is always heavy at that time of day. We will withdraw your child's club place where there are concerns over late collections. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

All clubs finish at 4pm promptly except for Forest school club which finishes at 4.15pm.

Spanish club - room change

Spanish club will move from Butterfly classroom to Lion classroom after half term, please make a note of this if your child attends Spanish club.

Attendance

Our overall attendance target is 96%. Our overall attendance this week is **95.89%**. **Tiger class** has achieved the highest attendance this week with **100% attendance**, well done to Tiger class.

Attendance Matters



We are a mobile phone-free zone

We believe in creating a welcoming attentive atmosphere during drop off and pick up times. Recently we have noticed an increasing number of parents using their mobile phones whilst dropping off and collecting their children, outside classrooms and elsewhere on the school site. A reminder that we are a mobile phone-free zone and we expect all adults to put their phones out of sight when they enter the school gates. Please greet your children with a smile, not while being distracted on your phone. Please continue to help us to create a focused and caring environment for our children.



Celebrating birthdays in school

Parents and carers often ask us if they can bring something for the class to celebrate their child's birthday. We kindly ask you not to provide any edible treats to give out as we have children in the school with various allergies. A lovely idea is to donate a book to your child's class for their teacher to read to the class on their special day. We are creating a book wish list and will share this with you. If you would like a book delivered straight to school, please leave a gift note saying who the donation is from and whether it is for a specific class. Thank you! Your donations are always greatly appreciated.

Unused bike locks in the bike shed

There are a few bike locks in the bike shed which appear to no longer be used, these will be cut off and removed over half term. Please can you therefore remove from the bike shed any locks you wish to keep by Friday 25th October. Please could we remind you that bikes and scooters can be locked in the area by the Infant school entrance or in the bike sheds at the far end of the car park. They are left there at your own risk.

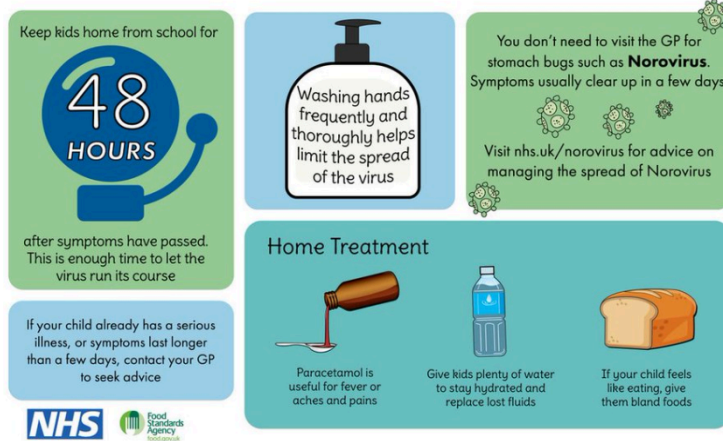
DBS check certificates

If you have had a DBS check through the school so that you can volunteer to help with trips, reading, cooking etc in school, and have received your certificate through the post, you must bring the certificate to the school office where the staff will take a copy - seeing your original certificate is part of our checking process. All parent helpers at our school **MUST** have a DBS check carried out by Coombe Hill Infants school *unless* you are already subscribed to the DBS update service for a similar role in another school. Please contact the school office with any questions about DBS checks.

Illness procedures

A reminder of the following important information regarding childhood illnesses.

Diarrhoea and vomiting in children



We ask you to strictly observe the **48 hour rule** regarding vomiting and/or diarrhoea. **It is so important that your child does not attend school for a clear 48 hours after a bout of either of these symptoms.** This is in fairness to other children and to our staff as tummy bugs can spread extremely quickly among young children. Even if your child has a single bout of vomiting and/or diarrhoea/loose stools and then appears well they **must** remain at home for the full 48 hour period. We understand that this can be frustrating but we must ask for your co-operation. We are grateful to every parent who keeps their child at home for 48 hours and this is recorded as an authorised illness on your child's attendance record. Thank you.

Raised temperatures

If your child appears unwell in the morning please take their temperature and do not send them into school if their temperature is raised (the NHS define a high temperature as 38c). **If your child has a high temperature do not give them paracetamol (ie Calpol) and then send them into school.** They could have an infectious illness and will feel poorly at school later when the paracetamol wears off. Children should stay at home if they have a raised temperature in the morning and are unwell. They can come back to school when they no longer have a raised temperature and feel well in themselves.


Reporting absence

We ask you to contact the school office to report your child's absence **every day that they are absent by 9.15am** by calling 020 8942 9481 or emailing admin@chi.rbksch.org - thank you for your co-operation.

Otter class cake sale

Well done to the Otter class parents and carers for organising a very successful cake sale last week - £229.90 was raised for Otter classroom resources. Miss Matheson and the children will decide what to buy and they will let you know in due course.

PTA Fireworks Event

Join us for an amazing fireworks event on **Thursday 7th November!**  All children will be invited to come in to school in warm and colourful clothes on that day, ready for the fireworks in the evening.

- ★ 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.
- ★ 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.
- ★ Everyone is welcome. Don't miss out on the fun!

Bounce-a-thon

Thank you to everyone who has passed on their sponsorship money for the Bounce-a-thon, there have been some fantastic individual amounts raised. Please drop your sponsorship money off in a sealed envelope marked "Bounce-a-thon" to the school office, or pay via ParentPay **by Friday 9 November**. Please extend our thanks to everyone who has sponsored the children.

Mayor's Christmas Card Competition 2024


Please see the [link](#) to details about the Mayor's Christmas Card competition for this year, which your children may like to enter. We will have some forms at the office if you would like to collect one, or local libraries will also have them available. This is the [form](#) to complete and either send directly back via email to the Mayor's office or bring into school by **Tuesday 5th November**. GOOD LUCK!

Second hand uniform

We would again welcome any donations of second hand school uniform in good condition, particularly branded jumpers. Please bring any items to the school office, many thanks.

Tutoring and safeguarding

Some families choose to use tutors to support their children with extra learning. More often than not this service is now mainly online. Please see the attached safeguarding poster for advice.

 [LGfL-SafeguardED-safe-online-tutoring.pdf](#)

School job vacancies

[SEND Learning Support Assistants \(full time and part time roles\)](#)

We are recruiting SEND Learning Support Assistants in our school, please find to follow a link to the advertisement on Eteach, the closing date is on Monday 21 October by midday.

[SEND Learning Support Assistants](#)

[Playworker - Connections wraparound care club](#)

Do you like working with Children? 'Would you like to join a friendly team at school?' 'Are you enthusiastic?' We are looking for playworkers to join our Wrap Around Care Club, Coombe Connections. If you are interested in applying or would like more information please see the link below to the advertisement on Eteach. Alternatively, please contact Jill Evans in the Junior school office.

[Afterschool Club Playworker](#)

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

- **Richmond Park Discoverers** - Friends of Richmond Park will be holding a whole day of activities on **Friday 1st November** to help children and their families discover all about trees, leaves and bark as well as fungi. Details are on the flyer attached. Come whenever you can within the specified times, the event is free of charge.
- Please find to follow details of the **“Love the Ball” October half term holiday camp** being held here at Coombe Hill. Bookings are now being taken via www.lovetheball.com
- Please find to follow a poster with details of an event with **Dean Beadle** at Latchmere school on **Tuesday 12 November from 6.30 - 8.30pm**, he will be speaking about autism and social/emotional needs.
- We can refer you to the **School Health team** for concerns around problems with eating, or for day/night wetting - please email the school 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/>
- Please find attached the programme for October half term at **Kingston Children's Centres**
<https://tinyurl.com/KCCs-Autumnhalfterm>. The activities may be of interest to those of you who have children under 5.
- 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.
- **Kingston Adult Education provides a range of courses** to people aged 19 or over. **A lot of their courses are free, and take place in school hours.** They have a number of 6-week courses starting after half term, including: **Maths for Parents** - aimed at parents with children moving into, or already at, secondary school so they can better support schoolwork; **Explore your business potential: a pathway to self employment** - a 6-week course to consider how your skills can be used to make a successful business; A range of **wellbeing courses** to teach you how to take better care of your mental health; **French** and **Italian** courses - for those learners with basic or no previous knowledge of these languages. Enrolment is also open for a **range of qualification courses** starting in January, including Bookkeeping; Childcare; Community Interpreting; Counselling; Information, Advice and Guidance; and Understanding Mental Health. **See their latest prospectus for further details** about these courses as well as their wider offering: bit.ly/KAE-2425prospectus. Classes take place both online and at centres across the Royal Borough of Kingston. For further information, please contact Kingston Adult Education directly on 020 8547 6700 or at adult.education@kingston.gov.uk

Congratulations to Sai!

We are delighted to hear that Sai Ganesh Nadesan, a former CHI pupil (now attending the Junior school) is making his voice-over debut as Jay in the new CBeebies animated sit-com “Nikhil and Jay”. Congratulations to Sai, some of you may be interested in tuning in on Saturday morning for the first episode at 10.15am.

We break up for half term next Friday 25th October at the usual collection times. Monday 4th November is an INSET day (no children in school) and the term re-starts for the children on Tuesday 5 November.


Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Warm regards

Janet Berry

Headteacher

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.



JOIN US FOR AN EVENING WITH

DEAN BEADLE

TUESDAY 
12th November 2024

STARTS AT 
6:30PM TO 8:30PM

AT LATCHMERE SCHOOL 
Latchmere Road, Kingston upon
Thames, KT2 5TT


TICKETS ARE 
£10 per person

EVENT OPEN TO ALL

Dean will be speaking about autism and social/emotional needs.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

 @deanbeadlespeaker



**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

GET ACTIVE THIS OCTOBER!



LTB
ACADEMY
EST. 2013



When?
28th Oct - 1st Nov
Where?
Coombe Hill Schools

October Camp 2024 is booking now!
Our multi-sport activity camps have something for everyone!
www.lovetheball.com



Discoverers

For families exploring Richmond Park

Hello Discoverers!

Let's Have fun in Richmond Park during October half-term

Friday 1st November 2024

Morning Trees and Afternoon Fungi

We will be meeting at Two Storm Wood (very close to Sheen Gate)
for a day of two halves:

Morning 10am-12noon to learn about trees, leaves and bark

Afternoon 2-4pm: all about fungi!

Trails, discovery, identification, hands-on activities and a good dose of arty fun
too.

These are free drop-in events, feel free to attend both!

Free car park inside the Park at Sheen Gate.

See you then!



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**