



COOMBE HILL INFANTS' SCHOOL

Friday 2 February 2024

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Dear Families,

Hedgehog and Otter classes moved into new classrooms today, as the roof work will start on Monday. They have coped beautifully with the move. Thank you to those parents who offered to help. We hope that the work won't prove too disruptive for the children and we are working closely with the contractors to minimise any problems.

This week we have been trying really hard to be Responsible, and I have to say I have noticed a big improvement. Your children are really trying hard to look after themselves, each other and the school. Next week we will be thinking about the different relationships that we have. We will be thinking about being kind to our friends, listening to each other and trying to be as honest as we can.

CHIPTA Events and Fundraising Committee

On Thursday we held our termly CHIPTA meeting. There are lots of exciting things planned for the next few months. We will share the minutes of the meeting with you next week and also share information about how we plan to use the money being raised.

Visit from the London Air Ambulance to our Reception children



On Wednesday this week Rhiannon from London Air Ambulance flew in to give a talk to our Reception children. She explained the roles of the five people on board the vehicle - two pilots, two doctors plus a paramedic. The children learnt that the service also uses cars for weather conditions that prohibited flight such as lightning, strong winds or fog. Two children had the chance to try on a

flight suit and equipment backpack used by the crew. For more information about the service follow this link: <https://www.londonsairambulance.org.uk/donate2>



Children's Mental Health Week - Health & Happiness 5th-11th February

Friday 9th February - Non-uniform day

This year's theme is "My Voice Matters". My Voice Matters is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves. During Children's Mental Health Week we want all children and young people, wherever they are, and wherever they are in the world, to be able to say – and believe - "My Voice Matters".

Throughout the week we will be focusing on what keeps us well and happy, singing the [Boundary Song](#) and Shazia will be running Wellbeing Workshops for Year 1 and 2 children. On Friday, the children can wear their own clothes to school and if you would like to donate money to raise vital funds for children's mental health, please go to the [Place2Be website](#).

[Unicef Rights of the Child Article 13](#) - "Allow us to tell you what we are thinking or feeling. Whether our voices are big or small; whether we whisper or shout it, or paint, draw, mime or sign it - listen to us and hear what we say." (from *For Every Child*)

Leopard class assembly

Next **Wednesday 7 February, at 9.10am**, Leopard class will perform their class assembly to the whole school and to their families, Leopard class parents are all warmly invited to attend. Please drop your children off at their classroom as usual and make your way through to the Hall from the ICT suite or the school entrance.

Parent progress meetings - Tuesday 20 February & Thursday 22 February

Please remember to sign up for your parent progress meeting with your child's teacher. We expect every parent to attend a meeting. Full details and booking sheets were sent out on Wednesday. Please note that we are unable to look after your children whilst you attend the meeting so please make alternative childcare arrangements.

Clubs changes - important to note

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PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO CLUB ARRANGEMENTS THE WEEK AFTER HALF TERM

Monday 19 February

All clubs run as usual

Tuesday 20 February

Year 1 French club will take place in the ICT suite, and Drumming club in the Studio (in the year 1 playground)

Wednesday 21 February

All clubs run as usual

Thursday 22 February

ALL CLUBS CANCELLED

For any child who has a club on this day we will transfer the fee as a refund against another club in the future (Connections will run as usual)

Parent drop in morning

Myself and Mrs Jakob will be available for a drop in session over tea/coffee and cake in the Hall on **Friday 9 February** from 9am for you to ask us any questions about the school in general and about supporting your children (as always, if you need a longer conversation please make an appointment). Please come along for an informal chat with us and other parents, younger children welcome too.

Communicating medical incidents

A reminder that we have amended our system for communicating any medical incidents/injuries for your child during the school day. We are now communicating all incidents with you, not just the more serious ones where you would previously have received a green form. There are no more incidents than usual happening, we are just increasing and improving our communication with you about them. If your child attends Connections, or a school club please ensure that you check your child's bag thoroughly every evening in case there is a form for you to see, otherwise your child's teacher will pass this information to you at the classroom door. For more serious incidents our school office staff will continue to call you to let you know in the same way as previously. If you have any questions around this new process please let us know.

Special dessert menu for Pancake day

Next Thursday we will be celebrating Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday is during half term) with a special pancake bar for the children to enjoy for their dessert (children with allergies will be catered for). The main menu choices remain the same.



Rock up to Read

Each Friday we continue to open the ICT suite from 8.15am so that you can come in and read with your child, please come in via the blue gate (code 9876). We hope that this will be a lovely way for

you and your child to start the day together. Please take your child to their class at their normal starting time afterwards.

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>.

Spring term - Important dates

A reminder of the events we have planned for the Spring term, please read and note these, further dates may be added throughout the term and we will let you know.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Z8ZlgSO-CXv-p_ODNoPb2XyZyTUpMcDI/edit?usp=sharing&oid=109721753956510019087&rtpof=true&sd=true

Lost property

We have a silver (hallmarked) bracelet in our lost property that was handed in some weeks ago. If you think it might be yours please let us know and send us a description of the bracelet.

Community and other information

We hope you find the following information useful:

- **“Love the Ball” half term holiday camp** will be held here at Coombe Hill. These holiday sports camps are always very popular and are run by Coach Jon and his team who your children know from their PE lessons and clubs in school
<https://lovetheball.com/courses/holidaycamps.html>
- **Royal Academy “Young Artists’ Summer show”** - registration is now open until 27 March 2024. Some of you and your children may be interested in entering the Royal Academy’s summer show. In recent years two children from the school have had their work displayed in the exhibition which was a wonderful achievement. You can enter via <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk>, our school is registered.
- The Kingston Children's Centres are holding a **“Family Health and Well-being” event** during half term on Tuesday 15 February at Tolworth Children’s centre - more information at the end of this newsletter.
- **The Kingston Children's Centres programme for this Spring term** can be found via this link: <http://tinyurl.com/Kingston-CCs-Spring-2024>. Families with children between 0-5 years may be interested.
- Kingston Children's Centres will be hosting an **online Family Information session** on Monday, 19th February 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. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScYbl6WjbKPQ2ESUZyq4sT998oq5GIM0T2TmV67PTTSOGChDA/viewform>
- **Richmond Park Discoverers** are holding a free event for families on Monday 12 February at Pembroke Lodge, further information at the end of this newsletter.
- A **Dyslexia coffee morning** will be held on Friday 23 February from 9:30 onwards under the arches of Richmond Bridge at the Tide Tables Cafe (TW9 1TH). For more information please contact Kim Pryde at kimpryde@hotmail.com.

We break up for half term next Friday 9 February at the usual times.

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend.

Warm regards

Janet Berry

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.

HOLIDAY CAMPS

LTB ACADEMY
EST. 2013

Join us
12th - 16th
February
2024

CLUB PLAY!
LTB
Join the fun!

Our holiday camps keep everyone happy!
Book February Half Term Camp now! At Coombe Hill Schools
www.lovetheball.com

BIRDWATCHING FUN

A FREE half-term event for families



*Come and spot woodland birds and have fun indoors
discovering all about the birds of Richmond Park*

*Make a bird treat
to take home!*

Monday 12th February

10:00-12:00

Pembroke Lodge Gardens

Richmond Park



See you there!

Friends of Richmond Park Discoverers

Family health and wellbeing event



Kingston children's centres, in partnership with Public Health

Thursday 15 February, 11am to 3pm

Tolworth Children's Centre, School Lane, Tolworth KT6 7QJ

There will be:

- children's activities
- crafts, games
- face painting
- music from Junior Jammers
- dancing with Emma Hammond Theatre Academy



Information from professionals on: child health and development, immunisations, oral health, healthy eating, and school readiness.

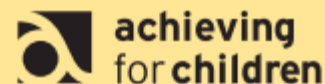
Light refreshments will be provided
Families are welcome to bring their own picnic to enjoy together.



For families with children aged 0 to 8
Free event. No booking required



For more information, contact children's centre lead outreach workers: **Siobhan** 07784 006661 or **Sophie** 07849 305143.



Information session –

Understanding your childcare options and the expansion to childcare entitlements

Monday 19 February 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/KZuT22vZKGxV2bxH7>

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