



# COOMBE HILL INFANTS' SCHOOL

Friday 6 October 2023

Dear Families,

This week we have been focussing on our relationships and how we treat people we know. We have been thinking about being honest and using kind words. Next week we will focus on being Resourceful, supported by Owl. We will think about how we learn best and how to change things if they are not working. We will also be focussing on good listening. Please remind your children of this, some children do find this difficult.

This week we have been enjoying our Health and Happiness week. We have been thinking about how to stay healthy by eating a balanced diet but also doing exercise. We have been making smoothies, healthy wraps and fruit kebabs. Many thanks to Chef James for helping us.



On Tuesday we enjoyed our harvest assembly. Your children found out what a harvest is and also why we were collecting things for the foodbank. Thank you so much for your very generous donations to the Ace of Clubs charity, they have asked us to pass on their thanks to you all.

In our assembly on Monday we discussed the different sports that we do. If your child has any medals or certificates for sports we would love to see them, or if they would like to demonstrate their sporting skills. The children were excited to hear that Nerys Pearce, a Commonwealth and GB Invictus games competitor, will be visiting our school on **Wednesday 18th October**. Please see last week's email for more details about this.

## **Fruit and Vegetable day**

This morning our school was a riot of colour, everyone dressed as fruit and vegetables. We had a lively parade and sang our harvest songs. We hope you enjoy some of the photos.







### Visit from the Fire Engine to Year 2

Year 2 had a special visit from green watch who are based at New Malden fire station this week. The crew paid us two visits but were called out on an emergency both times. Most of the children had the chance to sit in the fire engine, and learnt about the truck, the hoses, fire hydrants and the thermal imaging camera and then saw the blue lights and heard the siren as they left!



### **Congratulations to Kathryn**

As part of our Health and Happiness week, Kathryn Moore visited the school yesterday to share her recent success of completing her marathon around Loch Ness. She talked to the children about being resilient and always trying your best to keep fit and healthy. The monies raised from her achievement are kindly being donated to our school to raise funds. Her fundraising page is still open and so far Kathryn has raised over £1,000 for our school. Many thanks and congratulations Kathryn!



### **International evening - Tuesday 10 October**

We are busy planning our International evening taking place on Tuesday 10 October from 6 - 7.30pm in the School Hall. We are so grateful to everyone who has volunteered to bring a dish of food and to those of you who have offered to perform traditional dance, music, and poetry. It looks set to be a wonderful evening of celebration. We are also looking forward to performances from the Coombe Hill schools choir and the Kingston Ballet school. Thank you to everyone who has reserved tickets (they are free of charge), we won't be giving out paper tickets but you will be on the guest list on arrival if you have completed the form. We look forward to seeing you there. If you would still like to come, please use the google form for the event to reserve tickets, we ask you to do this by **12 noon on Monday 9 October** please <https://forms.gle/Aw3eBKNF99HTp6RW7>.

### **International projects**

As part of our International week we would love to find out more about our families. We would like as many children as possible to make a poster/project on their own family and the country their family comes from. We will be displaying the posters / projects around the school.

### **CHIPTA Events planning coffee morning**

We hope that many of you will be able to join our CHIPTA events planning coffee morning on **Wednesday 11 October at 9am**. Our new Reception parents will be especially warmly welcomed so that you can see how our fundraising events have traditionally been organised and of course we would love to have some fresh ideas and new involvement (from our whole parent community). It will be an informal meeting with coffee, tea and biscuits provided, you are welcome to bring younger children too if they are with you.

### **Coombe Hill Fireworks - tickets now on sale**

Tickets for our annual fireworks display are now on sale via <https://ticketstripe.com/events/1037088>. This is a wonderful family event held on our grounds. Tickets cost £6 each (under 3s are free but please email [chiptachair@gmail.com](mailto:chiptachair@gmail.com) to inform us that you have under 3s). There will be food by Noura, a bar, light up toys and candy floss. You can arrive from 4.30pm and the display is at 6pm. *We need volunteers to help run this event and to make it a success, please email [chiptachair@gmail.com](mailto:chiptachair@gmail.com) if you can help in any way, all volunteers will receive free entry.*

### **Macmillan coffee morning**

Our school will be hosting a Macmillan coffee morning on **Friday 13 October at 9am**, please come in after school drop off and bring and buy sweet treats or healthier refreshments (please no nuts in any items brought into school). If you are unable to join us we have a justgiving fundraising page for our



coffee morning, please see the attached link <http://www.justgiving.com/cm23062004>. Thank you for your support.

### **Parent progress meetings - Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 October**

Please sign up for your progress meeting with your child's teacher - the links were sent to you yesterday. We expect every parent to make an appointment and to attend, we will follow this up where necessary. From the booking sheets you will see that the 4.50 - 5.00pm slot has been blocked out, this is to give the teachers a short break. Please do not book this slot, where this has happened we have moved your appointment so please re-check the booking sheet. We are able to look after Infants and Junior aged children until **4pm** whilst you attend your meeting in the ICT suite but cannot look after younger children. We will send you details of how to access the classrooms where the meetings will be held next week.

### **Adventure playground**

Please could we remind you that the Adventure playground must be cleared by **3.40pm** to allow Coombe Connections to use it.

### **Parking**

We have been asked by the Council to inform you that they will be patrolling the roads around our school regularly in the next few weeks. We have had many complaints about dangerous and inconsiderate parking. If you have a complaint about parking please follow the attached link to report it <https://www.kingston.gov.uk/parking-1/illegally-parked-vehicles/2>.

### **School clubs - collection**

We hope that the year 1 and year 2 children have enjoyed their clubs this week. Please collect your children promptly at **4pm** in fairness to the school staff and our other club providers and allow time for traffic delays and the limited parking around the school.

### **Google classrooms - all year groups**

You all now have the correct information on how to join your child's Google classroom. The classrooms are being used and updated by the teachers regularly. We ask that every parent/carer joins the google classroom(s) for your child/children as this is how you will find out about topics your child will be covering for the week ahead. You will also receive any additional notifications about upcoming trips, forest school sessions, home activities or support we need in class. It is such an important tool in our communication with you. If you have any questions, or issues in accessing the classrooms, please contact the School Office as soon as possible, thank you.

### **School photographs**

A reminder that orders for the individual and sibling photographs should be placed by Wednesday 18 October.

### **Term dates 2024/2025**

We have now confirmed our term dates for the 2024/25 school year, these are on our website <https://www.coombehillininfants.com/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=66&action=saved>

### **Emotional Regulation workshops**

Shakira Cutting, a dance movement psychotherapist and CAMHS practitioner will be delivering an Emotional Regulation parent workshop at the school on **Friday 3 November from 9 - 10am** and online on Thursday 9 November from 6 - 7pm, If you are interested in attending, there are full details to follow at the end of this newsletter.

### **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. Families entitled to this grant are eligible for free school trips, a termly after school club and other funded benefits including supermarket vouchers for the school holidays to cover the cost of the lunchtime meals that your child would normally receive in school. Please complete the attached link and your status will be re-assessed <https://forms.gle/yrUZKUVsunMns7yc9>. You can complete this form at any time if you would like us

to re-check your status and we will let you know if you qualify for the grant. We are an agency for Foodbank Vouchers and we are able to issue these directly to you. Please email the School Office - [admin@chi.rbksch.org](mailto:admin@chi.rbksch.org) - if you feel in need of this support (email will be checked intermittently), all requests will be treated in the strictest confidence.

### **Community and other information**

We hope you find some of the following information useful:

- **Love the Ball Half term camp** - attached is a flyer for the Love the Ball half term camp at Coombe Hill. Your children know the Love the Ball coaches through their PE lessons in school and the camps are always very popular. Please note 4 year olds can only attend half days - full details via <https://lovetheball.com/>
- **Kingston Ballet school** - please find to follow the website of Kingston Ballet school who will be performing at our International evening <https://www.kingstonballetschool.com>
- **Kingston children centres** - please find to follow the Autumn programme for families with children under 5 <https://tinyurl.com/59tywjwc>
- **Kingston Adult Education** - please find attached the latest newsletter for courses starting in October <https://bit.ly/CSWnewsletterOct-Dec23>. New for this half term - *Skills to manage your Stress, Anxiety and Emotions*. This is a 7 week course that looks at ways to deal with stress and anxiety. The next dates for popular workshops are:- *Help your child to be a good friend* - 15 November 2023 and *Support Your Child Through Exam Stress* - 6 December 2023.

Wishing you a good 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.*





**Emotional Regulation - Early Years & KS1  
Parent  
Workshop**  
Mental Health Support Team

The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) is an **early intervention** service. We provide children, young people, families/carers and staff in school settings to support emotional health and wellbeing, across Kingston and Richmond. The Mental Health Support Team is delivered by Achieving for Children as part of our Emotional Health Service.



Shakira Cutting

**Shakira Cutting**, who is a Dance Movement Psychotherapist and CAMHS Practitioner, part of the Mental Health Team and assigned to Coombe Hill Infant, will be delivering a:

**Emotional Regulation Early Years and KS1 Parent Workshop**  
at the school on  
**Friday 3rd November, from 9:00-10:00am**  
and online:

**Thursday 9th November, from 6:00-7:00pm**

We are offering the same workshop in-person and online. If you are interested in attending, please send an email to [admin@chi.rbksch.org](mailto:admin@chi.rbksch.org) with your full name and the date that you would like to attend.

The aim of this workshop is:

**To help you help your child in understanding emotions in themselves and how to regulate them. Children are continuing to learn and develop how to do this themselves, they need their parents/carers to teach and support them.**

- This workshop will provide you with background information about emotional regulation
- Space to think about any behaviour that you may witness from your child/children, and what this might mean for them
- Practical ideas and tools to support with emotional regulation
- There will also be time to ask questions at the end

If you would like further information about this, or any other work offered by the Mental Health Support Team, please speak to the designated Mental Health Lead for your child's school, Mrs Jakob. Alternatively, you can contact Shakira on [shakira.cutting@achievingforchildren.org.uk](mailto:shakira.cutting@achievingforchildren.org.uk)

We look forward to seeing you.



# COOMBE HILL INFANTS' SCHOOL

## INVITATION

*An evening celebrating  
our community and cultural heritage*

Tuesday 10th October - 6pm - 7.30pm - School Hall



**We would like to invite you**, our children, parents and extended families, to an evening of **food**, **music**, **dance** and **socialising**.

This is an opportunity to come together as we start the school year.

We ask that you bring with you a plate of **food** to share, if you can. This may reflect your cultural heritage, if you wish.

**\*No nuts please and we ask that you clearly label the ingredients of your dish, so that those with allergies or dietary requirements are aware\***

Families might also like to share their cultural heritage and history by wearing **traditional dress**. Please do this if you wish.

Finally, if there are any would-be **performers** out there who would like to do a short (3 minutes) performance, the stage is yours. Perhaps you, or your child, play a musical instrument or sing or dance, or perhaps you might like to rehearse a group of children to perform? Again this could reflect your cultural heritage if you wish.

The Kingston Ballet School and the Coombe Hill Infants and Junior Schools parents' choir will also be performing.

In past years, this event has been a highlight in our calendar. Please help us to once again make this evening a success and join us on 10th October.

**Please fill in the google form (link attached) to register your interest**  
<https://forms.gle/Q7vaEKbs7nHmmBkD8>



**GET ACTIVE THIS OCTOBER!**



**When?**  
**23rd-27th October**  
**Where?**  
**Coombe Hill Schools**

**October Camp '23 is booking now!**  
Our multi-sport activity camps have something for everyone!  
**[www.lovetheball.com](http://www.lovetheball.com)**