




COOMBE HILL INFANTS' SCHOOL


Friday 29 September 2023

Dear Families,

We are pleased to tell you that we have now received our Ofsted report. The inspection was ungraded which means that the grade cannot be changed, we remain a Good school. However, the inspector identified many outstanding areas within our school and has recommended that our next inspection should be graded. We are delighted with this outcome and are so proud of the whole team, which includes our wonderful families. I have attached a link to the report and it can also be found on our website. We will continue to be a constantly improving school and offer your children the best experience possible.

 [Ofsted Report September 2023.pdf](#)

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the Welcome Meeting on Tuesday evening, it was great to see so many of you there. We understand that it may be a tricky time for some of you to attend so I have attached the powerpoint from the meeting. We discussed the importance of parental engagement and ways in which you can become involved. We will have our first Fundraising and Events (CHIPTA) meeting on **Wednesday 4th October at 9.00am**. Everyone is welcome, it will be an opportunity to think about the forthcoming events, but also to think creatively about new ideas going forward. Please come in via the office, coffee will be provided!

 [Welcome meeting September 23](#)

Year Group Information Meetings

The presentations from the year group meetings will be shared via the new Google classrooms. Please make sure that you join the classrooms as soon as possible, let us know if you have any issues.

Learning Behaviours

We continue to use the Winnie the Pooh characters to support the learning behaviours, this week Kanga has been helping us to be Responsible. For our young children this means Kanga teaches us to stay safe and look after ourselves and others.

Next week Rabbit will be helping us learn about relationships (eg how to be a good friend). Again, it would really support your child if you talk to them about this at home.

How parents can help - encourage children to listen in a conversation and take turns, use kind words and be respectful by saying please and thank you and look out for their friends and family



Health & Happiness week

Wellbeing is key to everything we do and across the year we have three Mental Health and Wellbeing weeks. Next week is our Health and Happiness week where we will be focusing on keeping our bodies and mind healthy. The children will be thinking about where food comes from, how it is harvested, what foods keep us healthy, cooking etc. This links with **Harvest** which we will be celebrating in our Assembly on **Tuesday 3rd October**, this is also the day of our Harvest collection for the Ace of Clubs charity.

NSPCC Kindness Challenge We are also taking part in some activities from the Kindness challenge eg getting to know someone you don't normally play with, saying good morning and smiling to someone, writing a thank you letter to a friend or teacher, holding the door open for someone, saying please and thank you etc and discussing what it means to be a good friend. If you wish to donate to the NSPCC, you can do this directly following this [link](#)

Year 1 & 2 Wellbeing Workshops - Shazia, our Educational Wellbeing Practitioner, will be working with the children to name emotions and think about how we deal with them - all emotions are okay but how do we manage them?

On **Friday 6th October** everyone comes into school dressed as a fruit or vegetable, as part of our focus on healthy eating. We have a parade in assembly. Please don't worry about buying outfits or spending hours creating things, we know how much pressure that can cause. Ideas in the past have included wearing a red t-shirt and coming in as a strawberry or an apple, or green balloons attached to a t-shirt which makes a great bunch of grapes. Not all children want to dress up, please don't worry, they are welcome to wear uniform as usual or wear their own clothes. Here are some photos from previous parades.



Visiting athlete

We're excited to be welcoming top athlete Nerys Pearce to the school on **Wednesday 18 October 2023** with Sports for Schools! Nerys has competed in the Commonwealth and Invictus Games in powerlifting, swimming, athletics, rowing and wheelchair basketball. All pupils will take part in a sponsored fitness circuit led by Nerys, and come home with some important and inspiring lessons learned during a motivational assembly and Q&A session.

Not only will the visit connect the pupils with an extraordinary athlete role model but will also help to **raise money for new resources that will improve levels of physical activity in our school!** You can sponsor your child by visiting the following link: <https://sportal.sportsforschools.org/events/landing>, and sponsorship forms will be in your child's bag on Monday.

As a thank you, pupils will receive the following gifts for meeting these fundraising milestones:

- Raise £5 or more: [a blue Sports for Schools wristband](#)
- Raise £15 or more: [a blue wristband, and a red wristband with Nerys's signature](#)
- Raise £30 or more: [all of the above, plus a signed Nerys Pearce poster](#)

Thank you for supporting this memorable event.

Harvest Festival donations for the Ace of Clubs homeless charity (collection on **TUESDAY 3 OCTOBER** by 2pm)

Please bring all donations into school in the morning on Tuesday 3 October, there will be collection boxes outside the school office entrance. The charity will then collect all donations from us at 2pm.

The following items will be gratefully received:

- Long grain easy cook rice, basmati rice, pulses, pasta, tinned beans, tinned chopped tomatoes, hot chocolate, mushy peas, lasagne sheets, tinned soup, mayonnaise, vegetable oil, sugar, instant coffee, pasta sauces, baked beans, coconut milk, long-life milk, ketchup, tea bags, salt, herbs, spices, washing up liquid, kitchen towel.
- Sleeping bags, boxer shorts, long johns, waterproof clothing, backpacks/rucksacks, belts, women's pants, shoes and trainers, warm clothing for men and women, thermals, socks, gloves and hats
- Deodorant sprays, sanitary products, toothpaste and toothbrushes, shaving foam, mouth wash, razors, shower gel, shampoo.

Thank you for your support.

International evening celebrating our cultural diversity

Please don't miss out on reserving your tickets for our International evening, this is always such a popular and successful evening and looks set to be again as many tickets have been sold. It will be held on **Tuesday 10 October** from **6 - 7.30pm** in the School Hall and we warmly invite you to bring a plate of food, wear traditional dress and to perhaps perform for us (in the past parents and children have played music, recited poetry, displayed artwork, danced and sung traditional songs). Or simply come along and enjoy the evening. Tickets can be reserved via the following link <https://forms.gle/Aw3eBKNF99HTp6RW7>.

School clubs for year 1 and 2 - starting next week

Once again we received a high volume of bookings for our popular school clubs which are open to year 1 and 2 children this term. We have tried to meet as many requests as we can and we allocate clubs as fairly as possible to as many children as possible. The staff give their time voluntarily to run the clubs and I am very grateful to them for this. We ask that you all collect your children promptly at **4pm** from the club collection classrooms and do not arrive late, in fairness to staff. To collect your child please come in via the blue side gate and enter code **9876**. Club collection points are as follows:

- **Love the Ball multi-sports** - ICT suite
- **Board Games and Construction** - Squirrel classroom
- **Mindfulness** - Tiger classroom
- **Sewing & Crafts** - Hedgehog classroom
- **French (both classes)** - Squirrel classroom
- **Science** - Lion classroom
- **Art** - Leopard classroom
- **Storybooks & Film** - Tiger classroom
- **Wildcats (girls football)** - ICT suite
- **Soccer school** - ICT suite

Afternoon and clubs collection - safeguarding

If your child is being collected by anyone other than their parent or carer, we must be notified in advance for safeguarding reasons. Our classroom staff cannot release the children to anyone other than you without your prior consent. If your child's teacher has not been informed that someone else is collecting your child they will not be released and you will be contacted by our school office for permission. If a friend or family member is permitted to collect your child from school on a regular basis please could you inform your child's teacher or the school office in advance, a message will be passed on.

Regular collections by other adults or siblings are not passed on from Reception to year 1 and from year 1 to year 2 so please re-confirm the arrangements with your child's new teacher if you need to.

Data collection sheets

You should all have received your child's data collection sheet in their blue bag this week. We ask you to return these to the school whether there are any changes to your information or not, please sign the bottom of the sheet, due by **Friday 7 October**.

Loch Ness Marathon sponsorship

Kathryn Moore, a governor and former parent of our school, is taking on the challenge of the Loch Ness marathon this weekend. Very generously she is donating all sponsorship money to our school. You can donate in two ways, either via the Justgiving link here: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/kathryn-moore-CHI-LochNessMarathon>. Or we have set up a payment on Parentpay through which you can donate - please go to your Parentpay account where you will see this, if you would like to donate this way. We all send our best wishes to Kathryn for the race.

Coombe Hill Infant and Junior schools parent choir

You are warmly invited to join the Coombe Hill Infant and Junior schools parent choir. One of our parents, Arani, whose children now attend the Junior school, set up the choir a few years ago. She would love to hear from anyone who is interested in joining. Please see more information at the end of the newsletter along with her contact details.

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 - 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

Please find the following information at the end of this newsletter:

- **Old Emanuel RFC** - Mr Morris would like to share this information with you and he encourages you and your children to come along and find out more at his rugby club
- **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 children centres** - please find to follow the Autumn programme for families with children under 5 <https://tinyurl.com/59tywjwc>
- **Kingston Adult Education** continue to run their most popular courses, including 'Practical ideas for happier living' and 'Reduce anxiety and develop resilience in your child', as well as a new course starting in September called 'Building confidence and self esteem' - see the link for full details <https://bit.ly/CL-NewsJul23>

Save the Dates!

Please remember to save two very important dates, these are two of our biggest fundraising events of the year and we would love everyone to come along and to volunteer their support:

- **Wednesday 1 November 6-8pm - Fireworks Evening at the Coombe Hill schools**
- **Saturday 2 December 12 - 3.30pm - Coombe Hill schools Christmas Fair**

Wishing you a restful 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.



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/Q7vaEKbs7nHmBkD8>

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



Coombe Hill Infant and Junior Schools Parent Choir!

We are a small group of parents (both current and alumni) who sing together each week.

Whilst many of us have musical backgrounds and experience of sight singing in choirs, this is not essential. If you love to sing, come and join us! The purpose of the choir is to enjoy singing great pieces together and get to know other parents in the school. It is purely for fun.

We sing mainly four-part pieces (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) from a variety of genres (from renaissance to modern day).

This term, we will be singing at the Infant School International evening and hope to sing again at the school Christmas fair as well as Kingston Christmas Market (which we sing at every year).

We particularly need more tenors and basses but all parts are welcome!

We rehearse on Monday evenings 8.30-9.30pm.

If you are interested in coming along for a session to see if you'd like to join, then get in touch with Arani on arani_c@yahoo.co.uk



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MATCH
FOOD**

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PRICES**

**- QUALIFIED
AND
EXPERIENCED
COACHING
TEAM**

**- FUN SOCIAL
EVENTS...ORGANISED
& DISORGANISED!**

**TOUCH RUGBY, EQUIPPED
GYM AND INDOOR
FACILITIES AVAILABLE**

**JOIN US
TODAY!**

**Training every Tuesday and
Thursday 7.30pm start**

**Raynes Park Sports
Ground, Taunton
Avenue, West
Wimbledon SW20 0BH**

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