



COOMBE HILL INFANTS' SCHOOL

Friday 13 October 2023

THERE ARE NO YEAR 1 / YEAR 2 SCHOOL CLUBS RUNNING ON MONDAY OR TUESDAY NEXT WEEK DUE TO THE PARENT PROGRESS MEETINGS.

ALL CLUBS WILL RUN ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AS NORMAL.

Dear Families,

This term is flying by and your children have had a very busy half term. They do a lot during the day and have all learned so much, both socially and academically. We are all working hard to ensure that they are **ready** to learn, **respectful** to everyone in our school and as **safe** as they can be. We are encouraging children to listen to each other and the grown up and not to disturb the learning of others, please could you reinforce this at home.



This week our learning behaviour has been supported by Owl, who helps us to solve problems by thinking about the best way to learn and change things if they aren't working. Next week Piglet will be helping us to be ready for our learning, by listening to our teachers - "I am ready to learn".

Our International evening on Tuesday was such a joyous event, the first since 2019. The evening is a celebration of our wonderfully diverse community and an opportunity to find out more about each other in a respectful way, something the whole world needs at the moment. Thank you to those of you who supported the event by coming along, performing and bringing delicious food.





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. Thank you to everyone who has already sent projects in.

Macmillan coffee morning

Thank you to everyone who supported our coffee morning for the Macmillan charity this morning, and to the wonderful team of parents who ran the cake sale this afternoon. We are so grateful for your donations and generous support. We will confirm the amount that we will be sending to the charity in due course but it looks as though we have raised nearly £300 so far. There is still time to donate via our donations page <http://www.justgiving.com/cm23062004> - any amount, however small will be greatly appreciated.



Half termly coffee mornings

We would like to invite families into school for a coffee and a chat after morning drop off once every half term. It is an opportunity to

meet other families but also to ask any questions or discuss anything. Please come along on Friday 8th December at 9.00am, everyone is welcome.

Seasonal card orders

You have all received the artwork that your child has made for the seasonal cards which can be made into cards/mugs/notebooks/wrapping paper/gift labels for you to order. **The deadline for returning the artwork to school was TODAY but we have extended this until Monday 16 October by 3pm.**

You should place your order online and then return the original artwork to the school so that we can post it back to the company for them to use to make the cards and gifts for you. Please give the artwork and order form back to your child's teacher or hand it to the school office.

Coombe Hill Fireworks - tickets now on sale

Tickets for our annual fireworks display are selling well, you can buy these via <https://ticketstripe.com/events/1037088>. There is a limit on numbers at the event for safety reasons so please book early so as not to miss out, this is a wonderful family event shared between the Infants and Junior schools. Tickets cost £6 each (under 3s are free but please email 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 if you can help in any way, all volunteers will receive free entry.*



**COOMBE HILL
SCHOOLS'**

**2023
FIREWORKS
CELEBRATION**

**1ST NOVEMBER
STARTS AT
4.30PM - 6PM**

On the night there will be a food stall by Noura, hot dogs, a bar and light up toys and candy floss for the children to buy.

For tickets visit:
[HTTPS://TICKETSTRIPE.COM/EVENTS/1037088](https://TICKETSTRIPE.COM/EVENTS/1037088)

Under 3s are free but please email chiptachair@gmail.com to let them know they will be coming with you.

This Event is Sponsored by

**ROBERT HOLMES
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Parent progress meetings - Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 October

We expect every parent to have made an appointment to meet their child's teacher on Monday or Tuesday next week, and to attend. We will check and follow this up with you if necessary. We are able to look after Infants and Junior aged children until **4pm** in the ICT suite whilst you attend your meeting, unfortunately we are unable to look after younger children. The appointments will be held in your child's classroom, please wait outside the classroom until the teacher calls you in. To access your child's classroom please enter via the blue side gate, the code for this will be **2626** on both days. Please make a note of this as the office will be closed after 4.15pm.

Joint Christmas Fair and Diversity committee meeting

There will be a Christmas Fair planning meeting on **Monday 16 October at 9am** in the Library for anyone who would like to help organise the Christmas Fair - one of our biggest fundraising events of the year. This meeting is for both Infants and Junior school parents. If you can't make the meeting but would like to help please email chjpta@gmail.com. We have some exciting plans for a new international food quarter at the Christmas Fair and our CHIPTA Diversity committee will be leading the plans on this. If you would like to be involved with this, as part of the Diversity committee, please also come to the meeting on Monday. Everyone is welcome to join, whatever help you are able to offer or if you would just like to find out more. We look forward to seeing you.

Sports for Schools - Athlete Event - Wednesday 18th October

A reminder that we will be welcoming athlete Nerys Pearce to the school on Wednesday 18 October 2023 with Sports for Schools! [All children should come into school next Wednesday wearing their PE kits](#). The children will take part in a sponsored fitness circuit led by Nerys. You can sponsor your child by visiting the following link: <https://sportal.sportsforschools.org/events/landing>, 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](#)

So far we have raised £272. Thank you for supporting this memorable event.

Adventure playground

We hope that you have enjoyed using the adventure playground after school. The playground will be closed after half term due to the darker evenings. We will let you know when we are able to re-open the playground in the Spring term.

Morning punctuality and prompt collection

Please allow sufficient time for your school journey, especially when the weather is wet. Traffic is always heavier, roads more congested and parking more limited around the school on rainy days. All occasions of late arrival are recorded on your child's attendance report, along with the number of minutes late and the reason given. It is disruptive for the teachers and the other children when children arrive in the classroom late and your child may be confused as the teacher is not always able to explain tasks again. Likewise we record if your child is collected late at the end of the day. Thank you for supporting us in this.

Parking

We have been asked again 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>.

Google classrooms - all year groups

We expect every parent/carer to join the google classroom(s) for your child/children. 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 or speak to your child's teacher 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**.

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 - if you feel in need of this support (email will be checked intermittently), all requests will be treated in the strictest confidence.

"Helping Children with... " webinars

The Mental Health support team at Achieving for Children have arranged a series of webinars that they are offering to parents and carers of primary school children this academic year, covering resilience, friendships and challenging behaviours. Please see the links below. These webinars are always extremely popular and early booking is advised

Helping Children with... Resilience

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1sCHvAORkAH4i0cQ2kYNSeErfFqp0IxEIMf6ndS3aQLA/edit>

Helping Children with... Friendships

[15th & 17th November MHST Workshop: Helping Children with friendships Sign up form](#)

Helping Children with... challenging behaviour

[6th & 8th December MHST Workshop: Helping Children with challenging behaviour Sign up Form](#)

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
- **Learn to Swim this Half Term Holiday**- Children can learn to swim this half term with our wide range of crash courses and workshops available at Teddington Pools & Fitness Centre and Pools on the Park. Bookings can be made by calling us on 020 37722999 or at the in person at the centre reception. Please see [our website](#) for more information.

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.



**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 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

We look forward to seeing you.

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