




# COOMBE HILL INFANTS' SCHOOL

*Learn together, grow together*

Friday 19 April 2024

Dear Families,

Seeing your children looking refreshed and ready to learn on Monday was lovely. We hope that you had a relaxing time as a family over the Easter holiday. The summer term is always busy, and we have many wonderful enrichment opportunities coming up. Please see the list of summer dates below. Other events are being planned and we will confirm these with you as soon as they are finalised, in particular some visits for Reception. If you would like a paper copy of these dates please let us know and we can put one in your child's blue bag.

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This week we have been thinking about the relationships we have and what is important about those relationships. We have been thinking about being respectful to each other, this includes listening to one another and also thinking about how people feel. Next week this focus will continue and we will also think about being Resilient, supported by Tigger.



For your children, that means trying to ignore distractions and working hard. This ties in with UNICEF Article 28 which states that 'all children have the right to an education'. If children are distracting other's learning then they are not respecting this right.

## ***How parents can help***

*Encourage children to ...*

- *keep on going, even if a task is difficult*
- *talk about how you feel when you are taking on a challenge*
- *praise your children when they persevere*
- *help them find interests and activities that are absorbing*
- *talk to them about what helps them to concentrate*

## **Eid assembly**

On Wednesday Sarah, one of our wonderful parents, gave up her time to lead an Eid assembly. Your children enjoyed discovering why we celebrate Eid, and how families celebrate and we shared the message that we all need to show kindness and respect to others. We finished the assembly with one of our favourite songs "We Are the Children of the World".



### **Maths Workshop for parents - 9.00am on Friday 26th April**

Come along to a parent workshop next Friday to find out more about how we teach maths in school and how you can support your child at home. Parents often say how things have changed since they learned maths at school. The workshop will be led by Mrs Gray, our Maths Lead, and Mr Morris, our Year 2 Lead.

### **Swimming**

We are pleased to inform you that the swimming pool work is nearing completion and will hopefully be ready. We are so lucky as a school to have our pool when so many pools around us are closing. We rely on your help to run swimming and will be sending out more information on how you can help next week. We will have a swimming information meeting on **Monday 29th April at 9.00am**, in the hall, please come along straight after school drop off.

### **Adventure playground**

In previous years we have opened the adventure playground up for families to use after school during the summer term. Unfortunately, we are unable to do this at the moment. We have a large area of the playground that has become waterlogged and unusable as play space, hopefully this will be sorted out in the next month or so. In addition, we now have a larger number of children using Coombe Connections, and therefore the playground, each evening and they must take priority. We will keep you informed if this decision changes.

### **Night Owls visit the school - Wednesday 24 April**

We are very much looking forward to next week's school visit from the Night Owls Bird of Prey demonstration team, rescheduled from last term. The visit connects to our Science Week activities that were held in school last term. There will be a talk for the children about the owls followed by a flying display session in the Hall. The children will then be given the wonderful opportunity to have their photograph taken with a beautiful owl, which will be a lovely souvenir of a memorable experience. You will be given the chance to buy the photographs should you wish, they will be £10 for a 7x5 photo. There is no obligation for you to buy these photographs, and please do not send in money before the visit, we will let you know how to purchase the photographs afterwards.

### **School clubs**

School clubs begin next week, please can we remind you to collect your children promptly from their club classroom at 4pm (or 4.15 pm for Drumming club and Forest/Science club). Please collect your children via the blue side gate next to the office entrance, the code is [9876](#), and is active from 3.50pm for you to access the classrooms for collection. Please note that if children are attending the following clubs they will need the following named kit in school:

- **Love the Ball (Mondays)** - velcro trainers in a named bag to change into
- **Gardening** - named welly boots in school and a waterproof coat on rainy days
- **OPAL** - named welly boots in school and a waterproof coat on rainy days
- **Forest/Science** - named welly boots in school and a waterproof coat on rainy days
- **Wildcats Football** - velcro trainers, socks, and shorts or joggers in a named bag to change into

- **Soccer school** - football boots, shin pads, football socks (stretchy and large enough for your child to easily put on themselves!), shorts or joggers in a named bag

If you were allocated a club initially but did not pay by the deadline given, your child's place will have been reallocated to a child on the waitlist and they will not be on the club register. If this is the case, please collect them at the normal time.

### Waterproof coats

Please make sure that your child brings a raincoat to school. With the very heavy rain showers we have had this week, we have had some very wet children!

### Beep Beep Day



Road safety is the perfect topic for activities that can engage, protect, and benefit young children. Even though they shouldn't walk or cycle independently, young children are still at risk of being hurt or killed when walking or cycling. It's not nice to hear, but every day children are killed or seriously injured on our roads. In 2022, 571 children aged seven or younger were killed or seriously injured on roads in Britain; 313 of these were walking and 20 were cycling. We will have an assembly about crossing the road safely and some activities for the children.

### Reception children visit Coombe Hill Manor care home

On Tuesday 26 March, some of the Reception children took a trip to see the residents of Coombe Hill Manor to visit our friends who live there. They met their ducklings and enjoyed creating bunny art using pom-poms some of the residents had made for us, it was a lovely afternoon for everyone.



### OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) cake sale

Thank you to everyone who generously donated cakes and biscuits, those of you who came to buy them, and helped to sell at our OPAL cake sale earlier today. We raised £210, all of which will be put towards OPAL resources that all of your children will benefit from.

### Fundraising for our swimming pool

Thank you to everyone who has donated towards our swimming pool fundraising appeal, we are grateful to every family who has supported us in this. You will still be able to make a donation over the Summer term, via Parentpay:

*If you would prefer to make a payment directly from your bank account, please use the following details:-*

*Bank: Lloyds*

*Account name: Coombe Hill Infants School Parent Teachers Association (or CHIPTA)*

*Sort Code: 30-94-77*

*Account number: 02647567*

*Reference to put on your payment: "pool - and your child's name"*

Perhaps you might also complete a Gift Aid declaration with your bank payment instructions, allowing us to claim an extra 25p for every £1 donated. If you are happy to do so and can comply, please complete and submit this Gift Aid declaration to us, thank you:-

<https://forms.gle/xd8ci6S33JTThVh78>

Our target fundraising amount just for the pool is £45 per child, but of course, any contribution no matter how great or small, is very gratefully received.

### **Punctuality**

A reminder that learning starts at **8.40 am** every morning for every child and we expect all children to be in their classrooms by **8.50 am at the latest**. We monitor and track punctuality closely. By arriving late children miss important settling time, the school register (late arrivals are all recorded with a "late" mark in the school register for that morning), lunch ordering, and the start of lessons. Children who arrive late in the morning are often unsettled and confused about tasks as their teacher will not always be able to re-explain work. It is also disruptive to the class teacher, to the teaching assistants, and to the school office staff when children arrive late. I ask all parents to support the school in establishing good habits for their child by arriving at school each day on time. Please allow plenty of time for traffic and parking, the roads in the area are congested every morning and parking is very difficult, please make active journeys to school whenever possible. Thank you.

### **Second-hand uniform**

All donations of second-hand uniforms continue to be gratefully received, we also always need spare jogging trousers and leggings, please bring any donations to the school office, thank you.

### **Volunteering in school and with swimming sessions - DBS applications**

If you would like to volunteer to help in school, for safeguarding reasons you must have a DBS check and certificate issued by our school. During the summer term, we rely very heavily on parent volunteers to assist with the children's swimming sessions.

In particular, **we need parents and carers in the Reception classes to consider being able to volunteer and to request a DBS check. The Reception classes are quite low on parent volunteers with DBS checks currently.** For swimming, Reception children naturally require more support in the pool and changing rooms and each week we will need 8 available volunteers for the Reception sessions. Each week a class takes responsibility for supplying volunteers for the whole year group's afternoon of swimming. The rota is being distributed soon, showing which classes are responsible for supplying volunteers for each session.

If you would like to help with swimming in the summer term and do not yet have a DBS check through the school, please come to the school office to collect the application forms, or you can email [admin@chi.rbksch.org](mailto:admin@chi.rbksch.org) and we will put them in your child's blue bag. Thank you.

### **Completed DBS checks and the DBS update service**

If you have completed a DBS check with us and have received your certificate in the post, we must see the certificate for our records, to complete the process. Please bring your certificate to the school office as soon as you receive it for us to take a copy. We also encourage you to sign up for the DBS update service (free to volunteers) within 28 days of receiving your certificate, <https://www.gov.uk/dbs-update-service>. DBS certificates are valid for three years, if you need to check if you still have a valid certificate with us please contact the school office.

### **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>.

### **Donations of planters and plant pots**

We would like to brighten up some parts of the school grounds for the Summer term. If you have any spare or unused large planters/plant pots in good condition, please drop them into the school office after the holiday.

### Community and other information

- Please find to follow the **Summer term programme for Kingston Children's Centres**, <https://tinyurl.com/KCCsSummer2024>, for any families with children under 5 years old.
- A few of our Love the Ball coaches are leading a series of **free Football “Turn up and play sessions”** for boys over the next couple of weeks at Goals Wimbledon/New Malden as they are looking ahead to creating a new under 7s team. Please see the notice at the end of this newsletter for more information.
- **HENRY - Healthy lifestyle programme** - please see the flyer attached at the end of this newsletter giving details of the HENRY healthy families workshops and programmes which include understanding children’s behaviour, setting boundaries, parent wellbeing, supporting children eating a wide range of food, sleep, screen time, being active etc.
- **Barnes children’s literature festival** - Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 June 2024 - the UK’s biggest children’s book festival - celebrating it’s 10th year. There are some wonderful events and activities and sessions with well-know children’s authors, please take a look at the website <https://www.barneskidslitfest.org>

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend.

Warm regards

Janet Berry

Headteacher

### ***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.*

# HENRY Newsletter for Parents

April 2024

## Update from Kingston's HENRY Coordinators



Hello from the Kingston HENRY Team, and a warm welcome to the final edition of the HENRY newsletter for this academic year. HENRY continues to grow within Kingston and we are delighted to be able to offer FREE Healthy Families Group programmes and workshops. We have 2 programmes this term still with spaces alongside another workshop.

**Understanding children's behaviour workshop:** Alongside our 8-week online programme we are offering another one-off workshop on 'Understanding Children's behaviour'. This is a 1 and half hour online workshop exploring children's' behaviour, feelings and needs, discussing the challenges and strengths of our responses as parents and carers to our children and looking at the power of empathy when responding in various ways.

### What is HENRY all about?

We know that everyone wants the best for their children, but it can be hard to ensure a healthy lifestyle for the whole family. The HENRY team offer 8-week programmes and one-off workshops for parents and carers of children between 0-12.

HENRY is for everyone, and topics covered include understanding children's behaviour, setting boundaries, parent wellbeing, healthy lifestyles, supporting children eating a wide range of foods, screen time, being active, family routines, sleep, self-esteem, and much more.

The programme and workshops are **FREE to attend for parents/carers** of children attending Kingston Schools. You can self-refer by clicking [here](#) or via the QR code or



### Upcoming HENRY Programmes and workshops

#### Growing up programme

**Venue:** Online

**Day/Time:** Fridays 10am-11.15am

**Dates:** 26<sup>th</sup> April – 21<sup>st</sup> June 24

**Break:** May half term

#### Growing up programme

**Venue:** Online

**Day/Time:** Wednesdays 1-2.15pm

**Dates:** 8<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> July

**Break:** May half term

#### Understanding children's behaviour workshop

**Venue:** Online

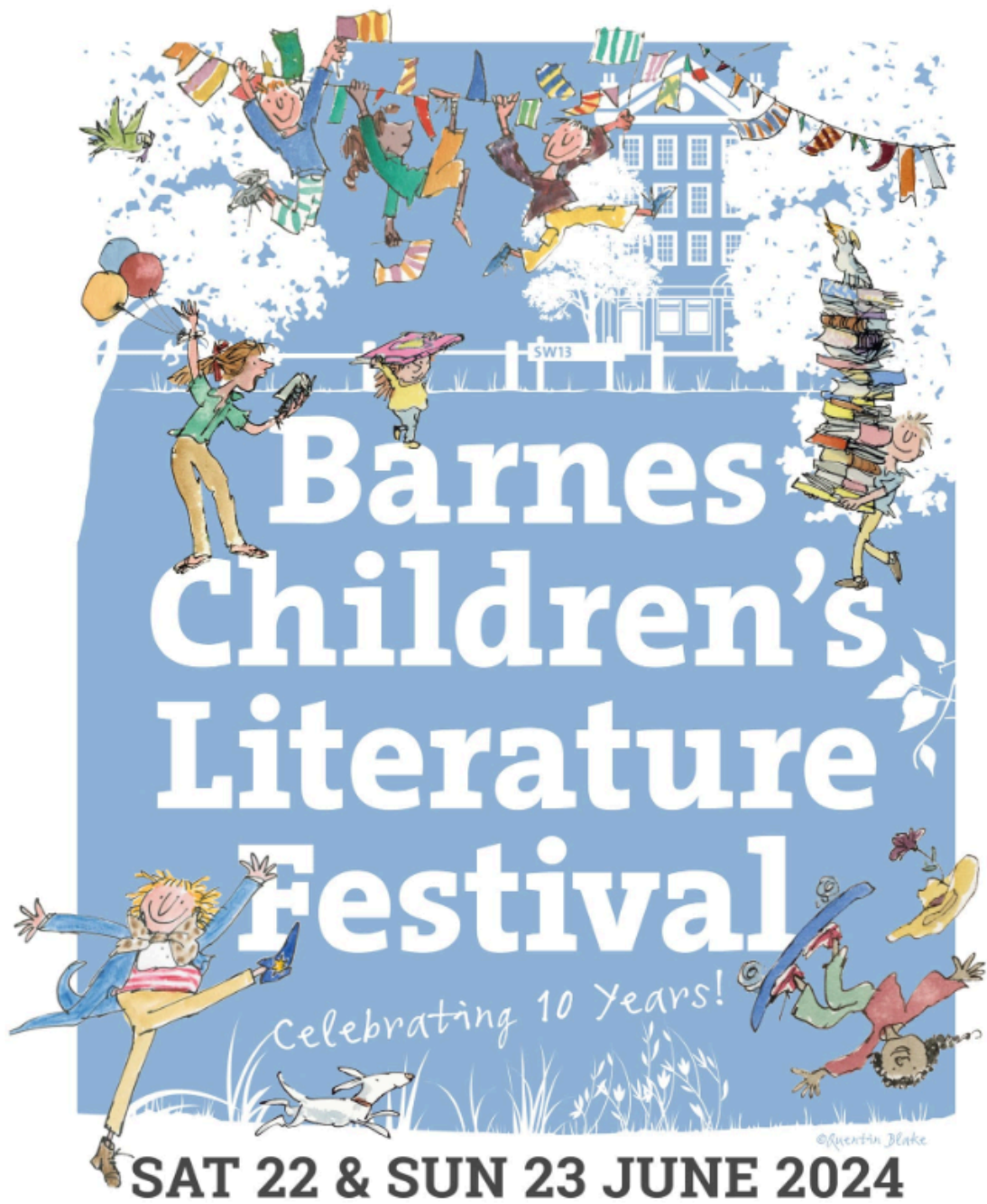
**Day/Time:** Thursday 10-12

**Dates:** 23<sup>rd</sup> May 24

### Healthy families

- **What do parents say who have already accessed HENRY?**
- I enjoyed that I was not being 'told what to do', but instead we had discussions around what would work for my family.
- The possibility to talk and listen with other parents, getting ideas to cope with difficulties.
- The food boxes are brilliant

*your* healthcare



**SAT 22 & SUN 23 JUNE 2024**



# TURNUP &PLAY

Calling all Year 1s (5 - 6  
year olds) at Coombe Hill  
Infant School, Christ Church  
Infant School and  
Burlington Infant School

Come and join our 'turn up and  
play' sessions!

17 April | 24 April | 1 May | 5 - 6pm | Goals, New Malden