



COOMBE HILL INFANTS' SCHOOL

Learn together, grow together

Friday 5 July 2024

Dear Families,

We are very proud of the children and how they managed this exciting week of “change”. The Reception and Year 1 children visited their new classrooms on Wednesday and met their new teachers. They spent the whole morning engaged in exciting activities including preparing coat peg names and artwork for display etc ready for September. The Year 2 children had visits from their new teachers the day before they spent the whole of Wednesday in the Junior School - this included having lunch in the Junior Hall where they were looked after by their Year 5 buddies. The children have talked about their emotions this week - a mixture of excited, anxious, and nervous - so please take a look at the Shazia workshop information below about helping your child manage these emotions. Ladybird class will meet their new Hedgehog class teacher, Miss Bransfield, next week and she is very much looking forward to getting to know them.

This week we have been using our Learning Behaviours to think about Relationships and good friendships. Rabbit teaches us to listen to our friends, use kind words and to look out for each other. Next week we will be thinking about how Owl helps us to think about the best way to learn, to change things if they are not working and think about what we have learnt.

How parents can help

Encourage children to...

- talk about the day and what they learned and maybe tell them what you learned today too
- try a different approach if their model/project/drawing is not working out
- work together to help find solutions



We aim to take a person centred approach and will therefore adapt our relationship and behaviour policy depending on the child, their age (brain development research), SEND, their lived experiences and any trauma they may have endured. If there is a child who finds the school environment difficult for whatever reason and is unable at times to follow the school rules, having discussions with your child at home about how we are all different will really help them to manage their feelings about this. We use the Equality vs Equity poster with staff to show how some children need more than other children at times, depending on what they are going through and how they are feeling in that moment. This can be difficult for all children to understand. Please do let us know if your child is finding this hard and we will take some time to discuss it with them in more detail.

[W Relationship and Behaviour policy .docx](#)



Shazia's Mental Health & Wellbeing Workshops

Thank you so much to those who were able to come to Shazia's parent workshops which were focused on helping the children with any worries they may have. Shazia also delivered a workshop to the children in years 1 & 2. We have been running these workshops for 2 years now and, alongside our [Learning Behaviours](#), [PSHE scheme](#), and the Zones of Regulation, the children are now so much more familiar with identifying and naming their feelings as well as using some calming strategies. We appreciate that many of you would have liked to join Shazia but were unable to attend so please find the slides below.

- **Year 2 Parent Workshop** ☐ Supporting Your Child's Transition through primary school an...
- **Year 2 Children's Workshop** ☐ CHI - Worry and transition - year 2
- **Year 1 Parent Workshop** ☐ Responding to your child's worries (year 1 parents) - CHI - 27...
- **Year 1 Children's Workshop** ☐ CHI Year 1 - Worry Workshop 27th June 2024

We are planning our workshops for next year, so please let us know if you would like to focus on any particular topics. Speak to Mrs Jakob on the gate, or email admin@chi.rbksch.org.

WHAT HAVE THE MHST DONE AT OUR SCHOOL THIS YEAR?

The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) are an early intervention service from Achieving for Children, supporting children and young people's wellbeing in a range of ways across schools in Kingston & Richmond.

This year at CHI School, we have been supported by an Education Wellbeing Practitioner (Shazia), Dance Psychotherapist (Shakira) and Child Psychotherapist (Alex). They have provided a range of support, including:

1:1 work with children & parents/carers, to support with mild-moderate mental health concerns

Whole year-group workshops:

- What is mental health (years 1 & 2)
- Worry and transition (year 2)
- When I'm worried I can.....(years 1 & 2)

Parent workshops:

- Developing a positive relationship with your child
- Supporting your child's transition into secondary school
- Responding to your child's worries (year 1 parents)
- 'Helping Children Series' webinars
- Coffee mornings
- Regulation & brain development

Work with school staff:

- Pupil voice (encouraging involvement from children on MH matters)

The MHST will continue to work in the school next academic year by not only replicating the work they have already done but also providing support in accordance to suggestions and requests made by parents.


If you would like to find out more about what the MHST offers at CHI School and how to access their support, please speak to your child's class teacher, Mrs Heard or Mrs Jakob.

Summer Concert

We are looking forward to our Summer Concert on Tuesday morning. Please make your way down to the adventure playground after drop-off. Please bring your picnic rugs or chairs as there is minimal seating. Please could we remind you that photographs must only be taken of your own child and not shared online or via WhatsApp. Thank you for your support. Fingers crossed for good weather. The event will take around an hour and everyone is welcome!

Whatsapp groups

Whatsapp groups are a good way of communicating with the PTA, fellow parents, and groups of parents. They are useful for sharing general information. We have been made aware that some parents are using the platform to discuss the behaviour of individual children, and also staff. Other parents police the groups generally. If you see individuals being named and discussed please ask the parent to remove this from the group and to refrain from doing this. Please direct all concerns to us directly. I attach the Social Media etiquette that we have in place at Coombe Hill.

 Social media etiquette

Attachment Awareness School Award (AASA) - Silver Award

We have received the Silver Attachment Awareness School Award this year, as a recognition of the commitment we have made and the steps the school has taken, to further develop a culture of compassion and nurture. This plays a pivotal role in getting our children and young people into a state of 'learning readiness'. Huge thanks to Mrs Heard who has led us on this journey.



As a part of the award this year; we introduced Zones of Regulation as a whole school approach, continued our annual training for staff on Attachment Awareness and Emotion Coaching, adapted our Relationship and Behaviour Policy further to include more information on Emotion Coaching and started to develop a child friendly version of this policy. We have also worked closely with Coombe Hill Juniors and the Mental health support team (Shazia) to provide workshops and training to school staff, coombe connections staff, parents and children.

The silver award recognises and celebrates best practice in attachment and trauma aware schools and settings and is all about embedding the approach with all school staff. At Coombe Hill Infants' we believe strongly that relationships are at the core of everything we do. This is a particular strength of our school. Well done to all of the children involved in the project this year, their voices, ideas and input was at the heart of the project and ultimately helped us to achieve the award.

SENCO coffee morning

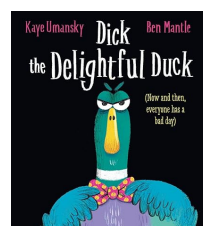
Thank you to those parents who were able to attend our SEND coffee morning today. It was so lovely to hear your views, all of which will impact our SEND school action plan next year. Your experiences are invaluable and really help others on the start of a complicated journey. If you are interested in finding out more about SEND (special educational needs and disabilities) or have concerns about your child, whether they are related to SEND or not, please do get in touch with Mrs Heard our school SENCO via email jheard1@chi.rbksch.org.

New Reception children - Stay and Play sessions

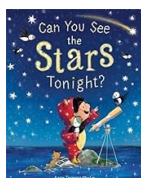
It was wonderful to finally meet our new Reception children on Wednesday for their Stay and Play sessions. They enjoyed exploring their classrooms and their Reception patio and meeting their new teachers and teaching assistants as well as starting to make some new friends, it is such an exciting time. We do understand that you might have further questions about your child's start with us in September, if this is the case please do not hesitate to get in touch with us, however minor you think your questions might be, we are happy to help you. We will be in touch with those families who did not attend and possibly arrange a home visit for September before the half day settling in sessions.



Today, we watched The Spark! Book Awards Ceremony to find out the favourite book in the Early Ready Category. We spotted some of our children in the videos and one of our children in Year 1, won a prize for her beautiful poem! Although Out of the Blue was CHI favourite book the winning book in the Spark Books Awards 2024 Picture Book category was



We would recommend all four of these books.



Years 1 & 2 - come and see your child's writing

Thank you to those year 1 and 2 parents who came into school earlier to visit their child's classrooms to see their writing, we hope you found this enjoyable and interesting.

Coombe Hill Schools Summer Raffle

Please follow the link below to buy your raffle tickets now. All proceeds go back into school funds towards resources for your children and more prizes are being added. Good luck!

<https://raffall.com/360490/enter-raffle-to-win-coombe-hill-summer-raffle-hosted-by-coombehillschools>

Swimming

The children are continuing to enjoy their swimming sessions and thank you to the many parents who are continuing to come in to help, and to cover at the last minute to save a session being cancelled. Swimming couldn't happen without your support. Next week we need help as follows:

- **Year 2** - Thursday 11 July - 1 x helper needed in the girls' changing rooms

Tesco Stronger Starts Token Scheme



As you may remember, we have been accepted as a participant of the Tesco Stronger Starts Scheme. It is connected to our OPAL (Outdoor Play & Learning) initiative. By being listed as one of 3 schools and charities, we are guaranteed to be awarded £500 by Tesco to put towards new OPAL items for our children. However, if Coombe Hill Infant School receives the largest number of blue tokens across the branches below, we could be presented with £1,500 and then entered into a larger draw

to receive £10,000. From **now until the 30th September**, if you make any purchase from the Tesco stores listed below, please make sure to request a handful of blue tokens. Once you have received the tokens from the cashier, or box next to the self-service tills, please enter them into the Coombe Hill Infant section of the large plastic box. It will be situated close to the till area.

Norbiton Express, KT1 3RT (at the Triangle)

New Malden High Street Express, KT3 4DQ (under the bridge by New Malden train station)

Kingston Thames Express, KT2 5EB (opposite Kingston train station and cinema)

Hook Express, KT9 1EL

Tolworth Express, KT6 7DQ

Chessington Express, KT9 1SG

Surbiton Hook Road Express, KT6 5AR

Worcester Park Express, KT4 7NW

Please don't forget, the more tokens we receive across all of the branches listed, the better chance we have of winning the £10,000 for our school. Please let your friends, family, street Whatsapp groups and anyone else who could help grow our token numbers across the local area. All of your children will benefit hugely from this.

In-year Leavers from Coombe Hill Infants

If your child is leaving Coombe Hill Infants for any reason we require you to complete a Leavers form. For safeguarding reasons it is essential that we know where they are moving on to, your new address (where applicable) and that they have joined a new school before we can take them off of our school roll and offer their place to another child on the waitlist. The Leavers form is attached below, if you are planning for your child not to rejoin us after the summer holiday for any reason, please speak to Mrs Reid in the School Office, thank you.

<https://forms.gle/r1n1zHYR4K76YkyB8>

Parent Survey

Your feedback is so important to us and impacts on further improving our wonderful school. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey in the link. We will look at every response and form an action plan from your feedback. Thank you. <https://forms.gle/rGwZmLcr5XbigNbn9>

Whole class photographs


If you ordered your child's class photo by 30 June you should have received this in your child's blue bag today, we hope you like them.

Donations of school uniform

We would welcome any donations of good quality second hand uniform and are always grateful for donations of joggers as well. Please drop off any donations to the school office, thank you.

Summer term dates

Please find attached the updated list of important dates for the remainder of the Summer term.

 Summer 2 dates 2024.docx.pdf

Community and other information

- **Kingston Music Service - Music & Creativity Summer Course**

This four day course for 6-11 year olds will involve music making in lots of different ways including percussion, singing, musical games, learning the keyboard and composing their own pieces. Students will also work in the library on exciting lego and craft projects as well as an hour's fun physical activity each day. The course which runs from 10:30 until 15:30 from 29th July to 1st August includes a mid morning snack and lunch each day. The 4 day course costs £128 with free places available to children on benefit related free school meals through the FUEL scheme. For more details visit: [Musical Opportunities in Kingston](#)

- **Friends of Richmond park summer event**

Discoverers-Friends of Richmond Park has teamed up with the Hearsam Collection at Pembroke Lodge to offer families a programme of events for the summer, at the Belvedere, in Richmond Park. Attached below is a poster for weekly Story Time, a Worms workshop will be held on Wednesday 28th August.

- **Clarks Measure and Fit Appointment service**

For any families interested, you may wish to book a shoe-fitting appointment over the Summer holiday. Call Clarks Kingston on 0208 546 0388 or visit

www.clarks.com/measureandfit-in-store

- **Kingston Museum's Saxon Fayre**

Kingston Museum are holding a Saxon Fayre on Saturday 27 July on Kingston Market Place. There will be a range of Saxon themed activities taking place including historical demonstrations and musical performances. The fayre will be free and starts at 11am.

- **Old Emanuel Rugby Club - Mini youth rugby - under 5 - 18**

Please find to follow a flyer with information about mini youth rugby at Old Emanuels, everyone is welcome to go along.

- **Grow Programme**

The Grow Programme are running a project in Kingston to support Mums who want to get back to work in September by helping them get ready over the summer in July. For more information and to sign up please go to

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/grow-successful-summer-programme-join-in-july-tickets-934402612367>

- **Love the Ball** is running their Summer camp at Coombe Hill over the summer, for more information and to book please visit <https://lovetheball.com/> and see the flyer at the end of the newsletter.

Wishing everyone a restful 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.

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Week 1	22 nd July - 26 th July
Week 2	29 th July - 2 nd August
Week 3	5 th August - 9 th August
Week 4	12 th August - 16 th August
Week 5	19 th August - 23 rd August

Summer Tennis Camps

at Coombe Wood LTC

Morning: 9am - 12noon / Afternoon: 1pm - 4pm

Full Day: 9am-4pm

(available from transits orange ball level upwards)



Our Classes

Tiny Tots Age 3 - 5	Use of large soft tennis balls with emphasis on having fun & basic tennis movements
Shorties Age 6 - 7	Use of large soft tennis balls with emphasis on racquet & ball co-ordination skill
Transits Age 8 - 9	Use of low compression tennis balls, child is able to play from midcourt
Mini Champs Age 9 - 10	Use of high compression tennis balls, child is able to play from baseline
Squad Age 11 +	Use of proper tennis balls child is able to play from baseline

Our orange (Transit), green (Mini Champ) and yellow ball (Squad) groups will have a maximum of 8 players per coach. Our Tiny Tot & Shorties red ball classes will have a maximum of 6 players per coach.

Have fun
and learn in
a safe and
picturesque
environment

Book
a week &
get a day
free!

Our Prices

(Member/Non-Member)

Half Day	Full Day
£30/£36	£60/£72
£120/£144 per week	£240/£288 per week



For more information contact:

Ollie Lloyd: 07748961359 or ollie@oltennis.com

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MUSIC & CREATIVITY SUMMER COURSE 2024

29TH JULY - 1ST AUGUST 2024

This four day course for 6-11 year olds will involve music making in lots of different ways, as well as other exciting activities planned for the duration of the course.

**Singing - Percussion • Keyboards and Composing •
Lego and Arts & Crafts • Fun Physical Activity**





Photography by Katie Fells



27/07/2024

11:00AM – 5:00PM
ANCIENT MARKET PLACE
KINGSTON UPON THAMES
FREE ADMISSION

Kingston Museum's Saxon Fayre is looking at the extraordinary skills, trades and craftsmanship that developed in the Saxon period and how these methods and practices are still in use today.

Highlights of the day include Surbiton Community Forge who have built a Saxon inspired working forge, Kingston Beekeepers Association who are coming along with their live beehive and Little Sherwood Farm Experience's animals. There will be music, performances and even historical demonstrations too!

You can dress up in our living history section, buy handmade crafts at the stalls, learn about history from experts, and have a go at different activities throughout the day so come along and enjoy this exciting event for all the family!

Find out more



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Story Time in Richmond Park with Discoverers!

**Join us every week from Tuesday 30th July until
Tuesday 27th August 2024**

**Belvedere, Pembroke Lodge Gardens
10am-12noon**

This is a free event run by Discoverers-Friends of Richmond Park. Drop-in, stories on the half hour and Arts and Craft activities. Free parking. Hosted by the Hearsum Collection.



Summer holiday swimming lessons at Latchmere School

5-8 August 2024 (4 lessons)
19-22 August 2024 (4 lessons)

Whether it's learning to swim or a focus on skills such as diving and turns, the intensive courses are designed to progress learners in a short time.

Lessons available on a one-to-one or two-to-one basis (for friends and siblings).

For info or to book call Pip on **01372 613032**
or email hellogogglesquad@gmail.com





Are you a mum who wants to start work in September?

THE GROW TEAM CAN HELP!

Join the Grow Programme and you will get:

- a new CV
- a personal adviser
- help to apply for jobs
- interview practice
- weekly jobs bulletin
- a £50 start work bonus
- a reference

Choose how to participate.

We have local groups and online events or you can work with your adviser one to one. PLUS you have access to the award winning Grow App. The Successful Summer Programme can help you get ready for work. Attend the launch event to start the programme.

JOIN IN JULY
MONDAY 15 JULY
10.15 AM-12.30 PM
Everyday Conferencing
46 Union Street, Kingston
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Join us to kick start your Successful Summer. We only have 40 places on the programme and priority will be given to people who attend this event

**Click
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to book on**

You must be NOT working, have the right to work in the UK, and proof that you live in one of these London Boroughs: Kingston, Richmond, Croydon, Merton or Sutton.