



COOMBE HILL INFANTS' SCHOOL

Learn together, grow together

Friday 26 April 2024

Dear Families,

This week we have been thinking about the relationships we have and what is important about those relationships. We have also been thinking about being resilient in our learning and our play and this includes listening to suggestions from others and working out how to make things work. Next week this focus we will continue to 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*

Maths Workshop this morning

Thank you to those parents who attended our Maths workshop this morning, it was encouraging to see so many of you there, engaged in your children's learning. We hope that you found the content of the session interesting and useful as you support your children in their learning of maths. We know that some of you couldn't make it and would like to have attended so we will circulate the presentation from the session to you all next week.

Beep Beep Day on Wednesday



In Monday's assembly, the children enjoyed acting out crossing the road safely using the Pelican crossing, like the one just outside our school. We talked about the importance of using the crossings and holding an adult's hand. Some children also completed a postcard to parents and carers which came home in their blue bags. We are sure you will support us in making sure the children develop an awareness of the importance of road safety.

Owls Visit

The Owls visited us on Wednesday and we were introduced to 5 different types of owls - a Barn owl, an African owl, an Indian owl, a Scot owl and an Eagle owl. Ask your child about some of the amazing facts we learned, for example;

- owls use their talons and curved beaks to hunt for their prey
- owls have amazing hearing and can find a mouse by listening for its heartbeat
- owls fly low, slowly and silently
- owls swallow their food whole (when you are in the park, look out for owl pellets)

Olivia and Erica reminded us to look after wildlife in our area by picking up litter so that birds don't eat it - this could kill them. Every child had their photo taken with an owl after the assembly and you will receive a proof of the photo in your child's blue bag in the next week or so with ordering instructions. For more information about "Nite Owls" see <https://www.niteowls.co.uk>. Please see this wonderful [video clip](#) of the owls in our hall.



Visitors from Coombe Manor

We had visitors from Coombe Manor on Wednesday. They joined us in watching the Year 1 gymnastics competition, worked with Reception children on a chick craft activity, listened to Singing Club rehearse and then had a biscuit and a chat with some of our children. Everyone had a great time and we look forward to the next time we get the children and the Coombe Manor residents together again.



TCS Mini London Marathon in school - Wednesday 1st May

Your children will all take part in the TCS Mini London Marathon on Wednesday 1st May. **Please ensure they come to school in PE kit and trainers next Wednesday.** For more information please see <https://www.tcslondonmarathon.com/the-event/tcs-mini-london-marathon-in-schools>

Swimming information meeting - Monday 29th April at 9.00am

We will be holding a swimming information meeting in the hall on Monday, straight after school drop off, please come in via the ICT suite. We particularly encourage Reception parents to come along.

You will receive important information about swimming including timings, kit needed, a voluntary donation towards the swimming sessions, the days your child is swimming and information about your role as a parent volunteer helping at the sessions. We will circulate this information to all parents after the meeting, let us know if you have any questions as soon as possible. Swimming starts from Tuesday 7 May.

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.

Coombe Connections club

New bookings

If you would like to request a NEW booking for our Breakfast and After School provision, Coombe Connections Club, for the second half of the Summer term 2024, our Booking Request Form will be available on the school Connections Club webpage from 29/04/24. The deadline for new applications is 05/05/24.

A form is required ONLY FOR NEW BOOKINGS.

Existing Bookings

If you have a Connections booking currently, it will be continued into the second half of the Summer term and a Booking Request Form is NOT required. If you wish to request a change to your booking you must email Connections by 01/05/24.

We work on a 'first come, first served' basis and availability is prioritised to those with existing bookings.

Connections email: connectionsclub@chi.rbksch.org

Link to the Connections webpage:- [Coombe Connections club](#)

Infants' School Availability for Summer second half term 2024

Breakfast Club availability		After School Club availability	
Monday	Plenty	Monday	Little
Tuesday	Some	Tuesday	None
Wednesday	Little	Wednesday	None
Thursday	Little	Thursday	None
Friday	Plenty	Friday	Plenty

Junior School Availability for Summer second half term 2024

Breakfast Club availability		After School Club availability	
Monday	Plenty	Monday	Little
Tuesday	Some	Tuesday	None
Wednesday	Some	Wednesday	Little
Thursday	Some	Thursday	None
Friday	Plenty	Friday	Plenty

Summer term - important dates

Please see the link to the list of summer dates here [📄 1 Summer term dates 2024.docx.pdf](#) . 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. We have also attached these dates at the end of this newsletter.

CHIPTA Summer Fair planning meeting - Wednesday 1 May at 8.45am

Everyone is warmly invited to a CHIPTA Summer Fair planning meeting at 8.45am next Wednesday in the staff room. The Summer Fair is one the school's biggest fundraising events of the year and we are so grateful to everyone who can lend their support and time.

Bounceathon sponsorship total

Thank you to everyone who supported the children in taking part in the Bounceathon that was held last term. As ever the event was a great success and enjoyed by the children who raised a grand total of £1,452.50 for our school!

Incoming Reception and Year 3 offer response deadline - Tuesday 30 April

We have been asked by Kingston Borough Admissions service to remind all year 2 parents (going into year 3) and parents of incoming Reception children to respond to their online offers of a school place by Tuesday 30 April, you need to accept (or decline) your offer online via your eAdmissions account. There has been an issue with parents with gmail accounts not being able to access their eAdmissions account and being unable to respond online, we have been told that the issue has now been resolved so you should now be able to respond via your eAdmissions account.

Reception 24/25 intake and Year 3 - Admissions forms

A reminder to any families with younger siblings joining us in Reception in September 2024 to return your Admissions forms electronically by Wednesday 1 May, and to email or show the school office team your child's passport or birth certificate by then too. Year 2 parents whose children are joining the Junior school in September will receive your child's Admissions forms next week from the Junior school.

Second-hand uniform

Thank you to everyone who has kindly donated second-hand uniform and spare clothing over the past few weeks. We now have a good stock so won't be accepting further donations for the time being. Please come and look at the clothes rails in the foyer if you need any uniform items, we have a charity box if you would like to make a donation, on the front desk.

Leaving scooters at school

Unfortunately it has been reported that a few scooters that have been left on the grass by the school entrance and in the car park during the day have been missing when parents have come to collect them at afternoon pick up. This area is unattended during the school day and obviously items are clearly visible from the road/pavement/bus stop. Please be mindful of this when leaving scooters etc in the morning and take them home with you if possible for security, all items are left at your own risk. When the roof works have finished we will be able to re-open the bike shed in the car park which is a safer option.

Dogs on the school site

Please could we remind you about the rules around bringing dogs onto the school site. Some children (and adults) are uncomfortable and nervous around dogs and in fairness to everyone we only permit small dogs that can be carried in arms onto the site. We have recently noticed dogs being walked around to Connections drop off in the morning and also tied to the blue railings whilst parents drop off their children, we kindly ask you not to do this. Thank you for your co-operation.

Volunteering in school - DBS checks

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 and we will put them in your child's blue bag. 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, [DBS Update Service - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/dbupdate). 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>.

Community and other information

- Please find to follow the [Summer term programme for Kingston Children's Centres](https://tinyurl.com/KCCsSummer2024), <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>

Some of you may have seen the honeybee swarm that arrived in our school car park last Friday afternoon, just in time for the cake sale. We managed to contact a local beekeeper who came to safely move the swarm to a beehive in Wimbledon. The bees settled in later that evening and the beekeeper sent us a video of the swarm moving into their new hive which we have enjoyed sharing with the children this week.

Wishing you a restful weekend and happy Passover to our families who celebrated this week.

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.

Summer term 2024 – Important dates

Date	Event	Description
Monday 15 April	Start of the Summer term	All children to attend school from 8.40am. No school clubs this week (Connections will run from today as usual).
Thursday 18 April & Thursday 25 April 9.00 - 10.30am	Parent workshop “Strategies for Managing Behaviour in a Positive Way”	Hosted by our Education Wellbeing Practitioner, Shazia Yakoob-Ajmal, in the staff room. The workshop is free of charge and will be held over two one and a half hour sessions.
Friday 19 April 3 - 3.30pm	OPAL cake sale	We are grateful for donations of cakes, biscuits, cookies etc from all parents , to raise money for the school's Outdoor Learning & Play (OPAL) resources.
Week starting Monday 22 April	School clubs start this week	Please collect your children from their club classroom promptly at 4pm (Drumming club and Forest/Science club collection at 4.15pm)
Tuesday 23 April 9.30 - 11am	Year 1 visit to the Surrey Islamic centre	The children will walk to the Surrey Islamic centre in Norbiton where they will learn more about this important place of worship which links to the RE curriculum.
Wednesday 24 April during the school morning	“Night Owls” visit to school	“Night Owls” will be visiting the school and the children will see the birds fly. They will also have the opportunity to have their photo taken with an owl that you can then purchase.
Friday 26 April 9.00am	Maths Workshop for parents	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.
Friday 26 April 3 - 3.30 pm	Tiger class cake sale	We are grateful for donations of cakes, biscuits, cookies etc (no nuts please) from Tiger class parents, to raise money for Tiger classroom resources.
Monday 29 April 9 - 9.30am	Swimming Information meeting for parents/carers	Please come to the hall straight after morning drop off to find out more about Swimming sessions in school that are due to start from Tuesday 7 May, this is particularly important for Reception parents
Wednesday 1 May 8.45 - 9.45am	CHIPTA Summer Fair planning meeting	In the staff room. All welcome to come along to see how you can help with our upcoming Summer Fair - one of the biggest fundraisers of the year.
Friday 3 May 3 - 3.30 pm	Lion class cake sale	We are grateful for donations of cakes, biscuits, cookies etc (no nuts please) from Lion class parents, to raise money for Lion classroom resources.
Monday 6 May	MAY BANK HOLIDAY	National Bank Holiday - no children in school
Tuesday 7 May	Proposed date for Swimming sessions to start	We are aiming to start swimming from this date. More details to follow. We require many parent volunteers, it is essential that you have a DBS check conducted by the school to volunteer - please contact the school office for the registration forms.
Tuesday 7 May	Photographs for siblings in the Infants and Junior school	A chance for your children to have a joint photograph together if you have children in the Junior school and the Infants school. This session is not for siblings within the Infants school (these photos are taken in September)
Thursday 9 May 10.00 - 11.30am	Otter class trip to Kingston Library	Otter class will visit Kingston Library, travelling by bus, accompanied by their classroom staff and parent volunteers.
Friday 10 May 9 - 10am	CHIPTA events meeting	In the staff room, everyone is welcome to attend and we hope to see many of you there.

Friday 10 May 3 - 3.30pm	Leopard class cake sale	We are grateful for donations of cakes, biscuits, cookies etc (no nuts please) from Leopard class parents, to raise money for Leopard classroom resources.
Wednesday 15 May 9.30am	CH hi IPTA Celebrating Diversity Walk & Talk in Richmond park	All welcome. After morning drop off, meet outside the school at 9am and we will walk up Warren Road to Ladderstile Gate and enjoy a walk through Richmond Park together (or meet us at 9.30am at Ladderstile Gate). Younger children and dogs welcome!
Friday 17 May 3 - 3.30pm	Otter class cake sale	We are grateful for donations of cakes, biscuits, cookies etc (no nuts please) from Otter class parents, to raise money for Otter classroom resources.
Wednesday 22 May 9 - 10am	CHIPTA "Celebrating Diversity" coffee morning	In the staff room, all welcome for a chat over coffee/tea and biscuits
Wednesday 22 May 3 - 3.30pm	Swimming Pool cake sale	We are grateful for donations of cakes, biscuits, cookies etc (no nuts please) from parents across the whole school, to raise vital funds towards the refurbishment and ongoing maintenance of our school swimming pool.
Thursday 23 May 3.05pm or 3.10pm	School finishes for half term	Please collect your children at the usual finish time.
Friday 24 May	INSET DAY	No children to attend school
MAY HALF TERM - Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May		
Monday 3 June	Summer term re-starts	All children to attend school from 8.40am.
Monday 3 June	Year 2 visit to RHS Wisley Gardens	Year 2 will enjoy a visit to Wisley, travelling by coach and accompanied by year 2 staff and parent volunteers, to learn more about the plants displayed there
Friday 7 June 3 - 3.30pm	Squirrel class cake sale	We are grateful for donations of cakes, biscuits, cookies etc (no nuts please) from Squirrel class parents, to raise money for Squirrel classroom resources.
Wednesday 12 June	Class group photographs	Children should come to school in full uniform for their whole class photograph
Friday 14 June 3 - 3.30pm	Hedgehog class cake sale	We are grateful for donations of cakes, biscuits, cookies etc (no nuts please) from Hedgehog class parents, to raise money for Hedgehog classroom resources.
Tuesday 18 June 9.15am onwards (finish approx 11.30am)	Sports Day	All parents are invited to attend our annual school Sports Day. Please bring a picnic rug and make your way to the school field after morning drop off.
Wednesday 5 June	Coombe Hill Infants' Pet Day	More details to follow!
Friday 21 June	Collection of donations of chocolate and bottles for the Summer Fair tombolas	We would be grateful for donations of chocolates and bottles for our tombolas at the Summer Fair. There will be a collection point at school drop or you can drop items at the school office from 7.45am and throughout the day
Saturday 22 June 12 - 3.30pm	Coombe Hill Schools Summer Fair	Held jointly with the Junior school, one of our biggest CHIPTA fundraising events of the year. Please get involved to make the event a success, every class will be allocated a stall to run and we are grateful to everyone who gives their time and effort.
Week starting Monday 24 June	Last week of Summer term clubs	All clubs run this week for the final time, apart from Drumming club which finishes on Tuesday 2 July.
Tuesday 25 June	Reserve Sports Day	Sports Day will be held on this date if the weather is too hot or wet on Tuesday 18 June.
Tuesday 25 June 9 - 10am	CHIPTA "Celebrating Diversity" coffee morning	In the staff room, all welcome for a chat over coffee/tea and biscuits
Wednesday 26 June All day	Year 1 trip to Painshill Park	Year 1 will travel to Painshill Park by coach where they will spend the day enjoying activities such as den building and being plant detectives.

Thursday 27 June 9 - 10.30am	Year 1 parent workshop “Responding to children’s worries”	Hosted by our Education Wellbeing Practitioner, Shazia Yakoob-Ajmal, in the staff room. The workshop is free of charge, please let the school office know if you are interested in attending.
Friday 28 June 3 - 3.30pm	Bee class cake sale	We are grateful for donations of cakes, biscuits, cookies etc (no nuts please) from Bee class parents, to raise money for Bee classroom resources.
Monday 1 July	INSET DAY	No children to attend school
Wednesday 3 July	Transition Day	The children will visit their new classrooms for next year (Reception to Year 1, Year 1 to Year 2, Year 2 to Year 3)
Friday 5th July 9:00am - 10:00am	SEND Coffee morning	Please come along for an informal chat with our SENCO Jacqueline Heard. We will share ideas on how to support your child with transitions and change.
Friday 5 July 3 - 3.30pm	Butterfly class cake sale	We are grateful for donations of cakes, biscuits, cookies etc (no nuts please) from Butterfly class parents, to raise money for Butterfly classroom resources.
Tuesday 9 July 9.15 - 10.45am	Summer concert	All parents are invited to attend our annual school Summer concert. Please bring a picnic rug and make your way to the school playground after morning drop off.
Friday 12 July 3 - 3.30pm	Ladybird class cake sale	We are grateful for donations of cakes, biscuits, cookies etc (no nuts please) from Ladybird class parents, to raise money for Ladybird classroom resources.
Monday 15 July 9 - 10am	CHIPTA “Celebrating Diversity” coffee morning	In the staff room, all welcome for a chat over coffee/tea and biscuits
Tuesday 16 July 6 - 8pm	Year 2 Leavers’ evening event	An fun evening of activities for our year 2 children in the school grounds to celebrate their time with us
Friday 19 July 3 - 3.30pm	SEND cake sale	We are grateful for donations of cakes, biscuits, cookies etc (no nuts please) from parents across the whole school, to raise vital funds towards SEND (special educational needs and disabilities) resources in the school.
Wednesday 24 July 9.15 - 10.15am	Year 2 Leavers’ assembly	All Year 2 parents and carers are invited to the Year 2 Leavers’ assembly. Please bring a picnic rug and make your way to the school playground after morning drop off.
Wednesday 24 July	School finishes for the Summer Holiday	Please collect your children one hour earlier than usual. Reception children should be collected at 2.05pm and Year 1 & Year 2 children at 2.10pm. Connections closes at 5pm.
SUMMER HOLIDAY - Thursday 25 July to Tuesday 3 September 2024		
Monday 2 September 2024	INSET DAY	No children to attend school
Tuesday 3 September 2024	INSET DAY	No children to attend school
Wednesday 4 September 2024	Start of the Autumn 2024/25 term and academic year	Year 1 and Year 2 children to attend school from 8.40am
<i>Start dates for our new Reception children will be confirmed and communicated separately</i>		

Additional events may be added, we will communicate these to you via Mrs Berry’s Friday newsletter or school email, please always read our communications with you, thank you.

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: 26th April – 21st June 24

Break: May half term

Growing up programme

Venue: Online

Day/Time: Wednesdays 1-2.15pm

Dates: 8th May – 3rd July

Break: May half term

Understanding children's behaviour workshop

Venue: Online

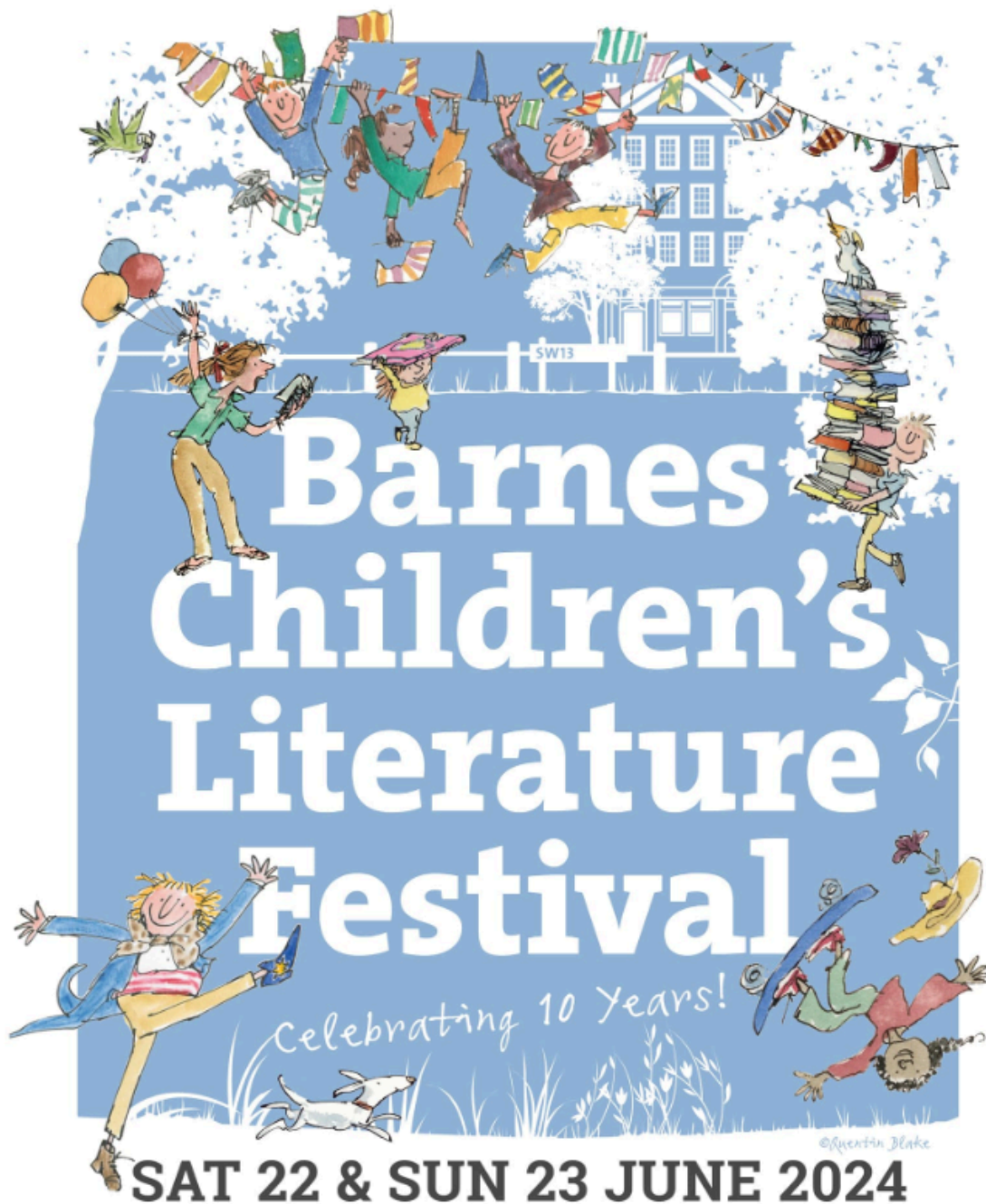
Day/Time: Thursday 10-12

Dates: 23rd 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

**TICKETS ON SALE 8.00am
THIS SATURDAY 27 APRIL!**



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