



COOMBE HILL INFANTS' SCHOOL

Learn together, grow together

Friday 7 June 2024

Dear Families,

The building work for our school has finally come to an end. We now have watertight classrooms, a much larger year 1 playground, and a brilliant new decking area on the adventure playground. Thank you for your support and patience. I am sure you will all agree that your children and our staff have been so flexible and resilient in coping with all the changes. We are pleased to tell you that drop off and pick up will be back to normal next week. Connections drop off and pick up will continue to be at the ICT suite doors every morning and afternoon.

As you know we have wonderful grounds here at Coombe Hill, and they need constant maintenance and therefore funding. Our next focus will be on the drainage issue on our adventure playground. We hope to resolve this issue during the summer holiday. In previous years we have opened up the playground in the summer for you to use with your children after school, unfortunately, we will be unable to do this this year. There are now so many children who use Coombe Connections and they have priority over the playground space. We will continue to monitor this.

This week we have been talking to your children about being Ready to learn, supported by Piglet.



How parents can help

Encourage children to

- get enough sleep
- take lots of exercise (bike riding, swimming, climbing, etc) to

develop strong muscles for using a pencil

- eat healthily to develop a strong body and mind
- talk about what helps them to concentrate

Next week the focus will be Respectful, supported by Winnie the Pooh.



Winnie the Pooh teaches us how to share, work with others, and think of the feelings of others.

How parents can help

Encourage children to

- say please and thank you
- open the door for others
- take turns in games and conversations
- listen to others

Photography

Please could I remind all parents that we have a strict policy on photographs and phones. Parents must not take photos of other people's children on school trips, sports days, or any other whole school event. We have been made aware that parents are taking photos on school trips and then sharing on WhatsApp groups. All parents have signed that they will not share images of children, please adhere to this. Staff will take photos of the children enjoying their events using a school device and they will share appropriately. During my safeguarding training, I come across lots of examples of how images of children can now be used inappropriately using AI. We must protect our children from this. Thank you for your support. Please let me know if you are aware of any photographs being shared without permission.

Year 2 visit to RHS Wisley

The weather was perfect for our Year 2 trip to RHS Wisley on Monday. We were able to explore very different plant habitats; rainforest, desert and alpine, as well as enjoying the spectacular views and beautiful gardens.





Reception “Minibeasts” theatre workshop

Today the Matrix theatre gave workshops to our Reception classes to further their knowledge of mini beasts. The children dressed up as spiders, caterpillars, bees, dragonflies and even pond snails as we learned some interesting facts about them. We saw how some butterflies have patterns on their wings that look like eyes so they are less likely to be attacked by birds and that gardeners love ladybirds as they feed on aphids that eat flowers and plants. The children had a wonderful time whilst learning new facts.





Summer term dates

Please find attached the updated list of important dates for the remainder of the Summer term, we have a busy few weeks ahead!

📎 Summer 2 dates 2024.docx.pdf



An update on our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) arrangements. With your kind donations of small world play resources, we have been able to extend the OPAL play into our morning playtime. We now have a Big Block Zone, Small World Zone, Free flow Zone, Wet Zone, Hula Hoop Zone, Log Cabin Garden Zone, Log Cabin, Reading Hut, Year 2 football on the MUGA and Year 1 football on the field.

UN Rights of the Child Article 31: Every child has the right to rest, relax, play and take part in cultural and creative activities.





Whole class photographs next Wednesday

Our school photographer will be taking photographs of each class on Wednesday next week. All children should arrive at school in their school uniforms on that day. Year 1 should come to school in their school uniforms even though they have PE on a Wednesday. Ladybird class children should come to school in their school uniforms and bring weather appropriate forest school clothes in a bag to change into after they have had their photograph taken.

Summer Fair

Thank you to the Summer Fair committee across both schools who are working so hard to bring the biggest fundraising event of our school year together. Please find to follow two documents with information about donations, swimming and the raffle. Please do read this information and see where you can support the fair.

- **Donations please -** [Summer Fair donations](#)
- **Swimming and the Raffle -** [Summer Fair Swimming and the Raffle](#)

On Friday 21st June children can come to school in their own clothes. We will be collecting chocolate and bottles (filled with alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks) at school drop off.

International Food stall

For the summer fair, one of the two main food stalls will be the international food stall. This is always a very popular stall so we want to make sure we get enough food. The stall is completely reliant on food donations, so everyone is invited to cook a dish and **bring it *hot* on the day, no matter what time you will be arriving.** Dishes can be complicated, or as simple as tomato pasta. Some plainish dishes for children would also be appreciated. We also accept dishes meant to be served cold and would like to have a salad/snack bar on the side. You can donate salad ingredients – Cucumber, lettuce, carrots, tomatoes & bread please.

Dishes that are super helpful to cook can be rice/veg rice, tomato pasta (for the kids), mac and cheese, chicken and rice, curry, chilli, pizza, noodles, mash, lasagna, samosas, etc. These always sell out. Feel free to cook as much or as little as possible. We are aiming for around 10-15 servings from one dish if you can. If you are able to make a dish for the fair, please add your name and dish to the spreadsheet below.

Please remember, NO NUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS to be included in any dish

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Rw8YwvPjQ2TJjoyNUDqy17sE-5nXgwkp5W6jVULbqxQ/edit#gid=0>



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 first half term of the Autumn 2024, please complete and submit the Connections Booking Request Form, found on the Connections webpage. The form opens at 9.00 am on 20/06/24 and the deadline is 30/06/24. A form is required ONLY FOR NEW BOOKINGS.

Existing Bookings

If you have a Connections booking currently, it will be continued into the autumn term automatically and a Booking Request Form is NOT required. Year 2 bookings will continue into Year 3. If you wish to cancel or make changes to your existing booking, please send an email to connectionsclub@chi.rbksch.org from 9.30am on 20/06/24. The deadline to let us know of your changes/cancellation is 30/06/24.

Please be aware availability is limited and it may not be possible to fulfil all requests for new bookings or additional sessions.

Link to the Connections webpage:-

<https://www.coombehillinfants.com/page/?title=Coombe+Connections&pid=110>

Club classrooms change

Please note that **French club on Tuesdays and Wednesdays** will now be held in **SQUIRREL classroom for the rest of the term**. Please note that **OPAL club on Thursdays** will now be dismissed from **BEE classroom for the rest of the term**. All club pick ups are back to normal from next week, thank you for your co-operation with the changes this week.



Bring your Pet to School Day - Wednesday 19th June

We are excited to be holding a 'Bring your Pet to school day'. This is a great opportunity for your children to learn about caring for animals. Please note the details below:

- The children are allowed to bring in any small pets caged or in a tank, such as a guinea pig, rabbit, hamster, tortoise, bird, or fish, (no cats or dogs) please drop them off at the ICT suite on the day.
- The pet must be kept in their cage all day, please label it with your child's name & class
- The children will not handle the animals
- Please collect your pet at pick-up time from the ICT Suite
- If your child would like to produce a small leaflet about their pet, this can accompany the pet and is a lovely way for your child to share their knowledge about them
- If the pet is in a large cage or tank, you can drop it off between 7.45 and 8am to the ICT suite, please come to the school office entrance and we will let you through

Year 1 and Year 2 - school transition workshops

If any Year 1 and Year 2 parents would like to attend either of the transition workshops that you were sent details of earlier this week please contact the school office. For Year 1 parents, "Supporting your child's transition through Primary school", and for Year 2 parents "Supporting your child's transition into Junior school". The workshops will be run by our Education Wellbeing Practitioner, Shazia. For further information please see the link below:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xQayrYVyiEuHbynIBfirs9u2Hm6mqroJ/view?usp=sharing>

Swimming volunteers

Thank you to everyone who has given their time to help with swimming this week, and again to those parents who have stepped in at the last minute to ensure that a year group's swimming session can go ahead. Next week we need helpers for the **Year 2** sessions as follows:



- **Tuesday** - 1 helper in the girls changing room
- **Thursday** - 1 helper in the girls changing room


It is **essential** that all swimming helpers have a valid DBS check in place through the school. Unfortunately without enough support, we have no alternative but to cancel sessions.

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

- A **Teacher training information event** will be held at Coombe Hill Junior school on Friday 14 June between 11am - 3pm. Please see the attached information  Recruitment Event Flyer - Coombe Hill June 24.pdf
- Please find attached details of an event being held for **Kingston International Film festival**, on Saturday 15 June in Canbury Gardens  KIFF Poster.pdf
- **Burlington School nursery** has spaces available for children aged 3 starting in September 2024, please see the flyer to follow.
- **Kingston Adult Education** provides a comprehensive range of courses. Please find to follow the [June and July programme](#) which is full of courses to develop skills, improve wellbeing and increase earning potential - most of which are free of charge or subsidised to adults on low incomes. There is also an Open Day at the Rose Theatre on Thursday 20 June where you will be able to find out about the 2024/25 adult learning programme.

- Please find to follow full details of **Achieving for Children's series of "Helping Children with....."** webinars on challenging behaviours, screen time and sleep
 'Helping children with...' series for Summer term 2024.pdf

Wishing you a relaxing 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.



Burlington Infant & Nursery School

Nursery Places to start in September 2024



Spaces available for:

- 3 year old Part Time nursery
- 3 year old Full Time nursery (Funded or Paid For places)

Wrap around childcare also available (7.30am-6pm)

Your child must already have turned 3 on or before 31 Aug 2024.

To find out more, please email on admissions@burlingtoni.org.uk













