



COOMBE HILL INFANTS' SCHOOL

Learn together, grow together

Friday 29 November 2024

ALL SCHOOL CLUBS HAVE NOW FINISHED FOR THE AUTUMN TERM, PLEASE COLLECT YOUR CHILDREN AT THE USUAL TIME FROM MONDAY ONWARDS

Dear Families,

This week we had our OFSTED inspection. Our last inspection was in September 2023 and the outcome of that was that we remained a Good school, but if we had a graded inspection we could be Outstanding. The inspection this week was a graded inspection. Three inspectors spent 2 days looking at our Early Years, Behaviour and Attitudes, Personal Development, Quality of Education, and Leadership and Management. Once we receive the report we will be able to share it with you.

The inspectors commented on how polite, kind, and respectful your children were. They were also impressed by their enthusiasm for learning. We are all so proud of them. Thank you for completing the online survey, we had over 120 responses which is amazing and it was great to know that we have such wonderful support from our families.

All parents invited in to see their child's work next Friday

All Parents and Carers are invited into the classrooms next Friday to see (and celebrate) your child's work. In Year 2 the children have been learning about Kerala, and have written reports on the human & physical geography of the area. Year 1 children would also love to share some of their work with you and the Reception children would love you to share story time with them. Please come at the earlier time of 2.50pm on Friday.

Parent Workshop about our approach to behaviour management

We will let you know the new date for this workshop in due course.

Supporting the Christmas Fair

We are so grateful to everyone who is working so hard and donating items to make our Christmas Fair a success. The CHIPTA team have sent out an urgent request for helpers on all stalls as some classes are very short on volunteers and have long gaps of time where no-one has signed up. You do not need to have a DBS Check to volunteer at the fair. Please contact your class rep or email chiptachair@gmail.com to offer your support whenever you can. Many thanks.

All children are invited to come into school in their own clothes on Friday and we will be collecting donations of chocolates (no nuts please) and new and unopened bottles of alcoholic drinks, non-alcoholic drinks, toiletries, olive oil etc for the chocolates and bottle tombola stalls at school drop off (please look out for the collection boxes).

From Monday we will be collecting the following items:

- Toys (no baby toys please)
- Games
- Complete jigsaw puzzles

- New/nearly new soft toys (clean, undamaged in good condition)
- New items for the Secret Room stall (ie jewellery, cooking utensils, cups, candles, any unwanted gifts)

On Friday, we will not be holding a cake sale and we are instead collecting whole cakes, cupcakes, cookies, gingerbread, biscuits etc for the refreshments stall at the fair. You can also donate these to the refreshments stall on the day of the fair.

If you can donate international food (such as curries, lasagne, chilli, pizza etc) please enter your dish on the Google form here [INTERNATIONAL FOOD STALL XMAS FAIR 2024](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YQpl6wHuUnlpb7aWq3Lz6grul9p3I9qAS04MYCAttGc/edit?usp=sharin) or contact chiptadiversity@gmail.com. This is a very popular stall and we'd love lots of donations.

Please find attached a link from CHIPTA with the full information about Christmas Fair donations.
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YQpl6wHuUnlpb7aWq3Lz6grul9p3I9qAS04MYCAttGc/edit?usp=sharin>

For anyone helping at the fair, set up is on Friday 6 September from 6 - 9pm, with the schools being open from 9am on Saturday 7 December.



Christmas Raffle

Our Coombe Hill Christmas Raffle is now live online! We have some amazing prizes courtesy of many generous donors. Please support this by buying tickets below, the raffle is open until Sunday 15 December or until the last ticket is sold.

Christmas concerts dates and times

We have sent you the dates for the Christmas concerts in the newsletters over the course of this term. We would like to highlight the performances that you are invited to and when, please see below. If you have babies or toddlers and are unable to find childcare and need to bring them with you, you must attend the dress rehearsal performances. We do not permit babies or toddlers to attend the main performances as this can be a big distraction for the children and the performances are recorded. Due to the capacity of our hall we can only allow a child's parents to attend, and not their extended family unfortunately. Please see the Christmas concerts schedule below and let us know if you have any questions.

Thursday 12th December 1.30pm	Years 1 & 2 Christmas concert dress rehearsal	For Year 1 and Year 2 families to attend with toddlers and babies
Friday 13th December 9.30am	Reception Christmas concert dress rehearsal	For Reception families to attend with toddlers and babies
Friday 13th December 1.30pm	Years 1 & 2 Christmas concert Performance	For Year 2 families (<u>no toddlers and babies</u>)
Monday 16th December 9.30am	Reception Christmas concert Performance	For Reception families (<u>no toddlers and babies</u>)
Monday 16th December 1.30pm	Years 1 & 2 Christmas concert Performance	For Year 1 families (<u>no toddlers and babies</u>)

Spring term clubs information and booking


Information about Spring term clubs was sent out earlier today. These clubs are run voluntarily by some of our teachers and teaching assistants and run after school until 4pm, I am very grateful to the staff for giving their time as our clubs generate a valuable source of income for the school. The clubs are always very popular and several are often over-subscribed, there are no guarantees that we will be able to place your child in the clubs they request but we work hard to place children in at least one club of their choice, this is not always possible though. Please read the information carefully and note that payment is via Parentpay only so if you have not yet logged on and activated your account please do so, if you need a reminder of your Parentpay login details please contact the school office.

SEND cake sale

Thank you to everyone who supported our SEND cake sale today, we will let you know how much we have raised next week.

Centre for Literacy in Primary Education (CLPE)

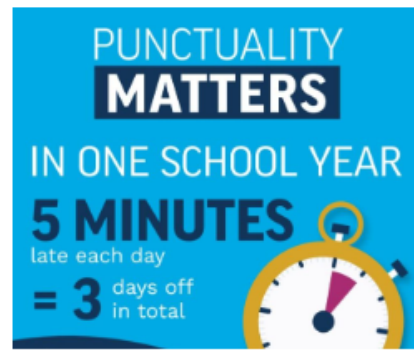
We are delighted to work alongside the wonderful CLPE team to ensure that we continue to provide all children with opportunities to see themselves reflected in high quality texts. Published today, "the 7th CLPE report calls for renewed commitment from the publishing industry in improving the volume and quality of inclusive output, alongside a review of practices and investment". If you have any book suggestions, please let us know - we are determined that all the children in our school should have access to books in school that they can relate to.

 **CLPE Reflecting Realities 2024 v5 WATERMARK (1).pdf**

Attendance

Our overall attendance target is 96%. Our overall attendance this week is 95.96%. Otter class has achieved the highest attendance this week, with 99.33% attendance, well done to Otter class!

Attendance Matters



Illness - "Is my child too ill for school?"

Please find to follow a useful link to NHS advice on common childhood illnesses and whether or not your child should attend school if they have for example a cough, a cold, a sore throat or raised temperature, as well as other conditions such as chicken pox, hand foot & mouth disease and conjunctivitis.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Please contact the school office if you have any questions and obviously seek medical advice where necessary.

CHIPTA meeting

Everyone is warmly invited to our next PTA meeting at **8.45am** on **Wednesday 11th December** in the school staff room. Please come along for a tea or coffee with your ideas or just to hear about our plans for the rest of the year and about how you can get involved, we need lots of support to help make our events a success. Younger children and babies are welcome too! We are currently raising money to improve the outdoor play areas and need your support.

Celebrating Diversity committee meeting

The Celebrating Diversity committee are meeting on Thursday 19 December at 9.00am in the Infants school staff room, all are welcome to come along.

Label all clothing

Please make sure that ALL of your child's clothing is named, especially now with the cold weather here, we ask that all coats, hats, scarves and individual gloves are named. We can't return items to a child's peg during the day if they are not named. It saves our staff a lot of time in helping children with their clothing if they can see a name quickly and clearly. Thank you for your help with this.

Pupil Premium Grant

When your child was admitted to the school we checked their eligibility for the Pupil Premium Grant. Children in receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant receive funded benefits throughout the school year from us as a school and from the local authority. Please get in touch with us if your financial circumstances have changed since your child joined the school and their 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/mN1XwRS174XqDdo39>

Community Information

- If your child missed having their **flu vaccination** in school, please see the attached poster below for a reminder of the catch up sessions that are being offered locally.
- Please find attached the link to an excellent selection of webinars as part of the "**Helping Children with**" Series **Helping Children Series 24-25.pdf**. The topics include worries, resilience, friendships, challenging behaviours, screentime, and sleep - if there is something else you would like help with, please talk to Mrs. Jakob. Some parents have asked for support to encourage resilience within their child - so here are a few "top tips" to help develop your child's emotional resilience.

Our school Christmas tree has arrived!

We are so grateful to the Christmas Tree Corner (based in Alexandra Park, Surbiton) who have so generously donated and delivered a lovely big Christmas tree for our school hall today. The children will be excited to see it next week. Here is a link to the Christmas Tree Corner website if you are looking for a tree this year <https://christmastreecorner.co.uk/>



Christmas concerts and other important dates for the rest of the term

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

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1p5F4FOdx9kFvbvXilIteogemMch5jUA8U_xGaucn_Mk/edit?usp=sharing

Previous newsletters

Our previous newsletters can be found here on our website

<https://www.coombehillinants.com/page/?title=Parent+Newsletter&pid=225>

Wishing you all a restful and 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.

Help Us Help You



Self Care

Stock your medicine cabinet as many minor issues, like coughs, grazes and sore throats are treatable at home.



Pharmacy

Pharmacists offer medical advice and medicines for minor illnesses like coughs, colds, tummy trouble, rashes and aches and pains, and also give flu jabs.



GP

Within normal surgery hours your GP should be your first contact with health concerns. GPs provide examinations, advice, prescriptions, vaccinations and referrals.



111.nhs.uk

You should visit 111.nhs.uk when you cannot wait to see your doctor. NHS 111 is a fast and easy way to get the right help urgently, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.



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A&E

A&E departments in hospitals are open for life threatening emergencies like heart attacks and accidents, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Missed your flu vaccine?

Live in the boroughs of Kingston or
Richmond? Aged 4-16?

Come down to a flu catch-up clinic and
protect yourself this winter!

**Call 020 3691 1043 to book an
appointment**

Tuesday 29 October 09:30 - 12:30
Teddington Health and Social Care Centre,
TW11 0LR

**Or come down to one of our
walk-in clinics**

Saturday 16 November 09:30 - 12:30
Southborough School Clinic, KT6 5AS

Saturday 14 December 09:30 - 12:30
Sheen Lane Clinic, SW14 8LP

Christmas Events at The Alligator's Mouth bookshop in Richmond



- **Sat 7th Dec 3:00-5:00pm**

[Oliver Jeffers: Author Signing, Where to Hide a Star](#)

Author/illustrator signing event RSVP essential, £14.99 (includes a copy of *Where to Hide a Star*)
Oliver Jeffers is the bestselling author and illustrator of *How to Catch a Star*, *Stuck*, and *Here We Are* etc.. This winter, Oliver returns with the long-awaited sequel to the Boy stories, *Where to*

Hide a Star. The ticket price to this event entitles you to a hardback copy of *Where to Hide a Star* and entry for your family to the signing event. RSVP is essential. Please book either the 3:00pm or 3:30pm timeslot and please arrive as close to the time of your slot as possible.

- **Thursdays 11am Story & Rhyme Time**

£3 (redeemable against any purchase on the day) Ideal 0-4yrs Join us for new picturebooks and traditional rhymes, read and performed by Alligator's Mouth staff. And as always you are welcome to ask our recommendations for new stories to discover together with your child. RSVP welcome or just turn up! The £3 entry price is redeemable against any purchase on the day (making the storytime free if you buy a book!)

- **Let's support our independent bookshops on our High Streets! If you are looking to get a headstart on your Christmas Shopping, take a look at the The Alligator's Mouth [subscription and Gift Box ideas](#)**