



# COOMBE HILL INFANTS' SCHOOL

*Learn together, grow together*

Friday 24 January 2025

Dear Families,

This week we have been focusing on being Resilient, aided by Tigger. For our children this means working hard, not giving up and ignoring distractions. It also means accepting when things are difficult and learning from mistakes. We teach your children that mistakes are good because it means that we are learning. It is so helpful for us if you reinforce these messages at home. Next week we will be working on being Responsible, looking after our property, being reliable and helpful.

## **How parents can help**

Encourage children to...

- help tidy up their toys/bedroom
- help prepare food, lay the table, make the bed
- Share worries with adults
- Cross the road safely

## **“Strategies for Managing Behaviour in a Positive Way”**

### **Parent workshop with Shazia, our Educational Wellbeing Practitioner**

We had such positive feedback from parents about this workshop last year! So Shazia, our Educational Wellbeing Practitioner, is running this 2-part workshop again on Thursday 30th January and Thursday 6th February at 9 till 10.30am at school. Please contact the office if you would like to take part [admin@chi.rbksch.org](mailto:admin@chi.rbksch.org)

## **UNICEF Rights Respecting School**

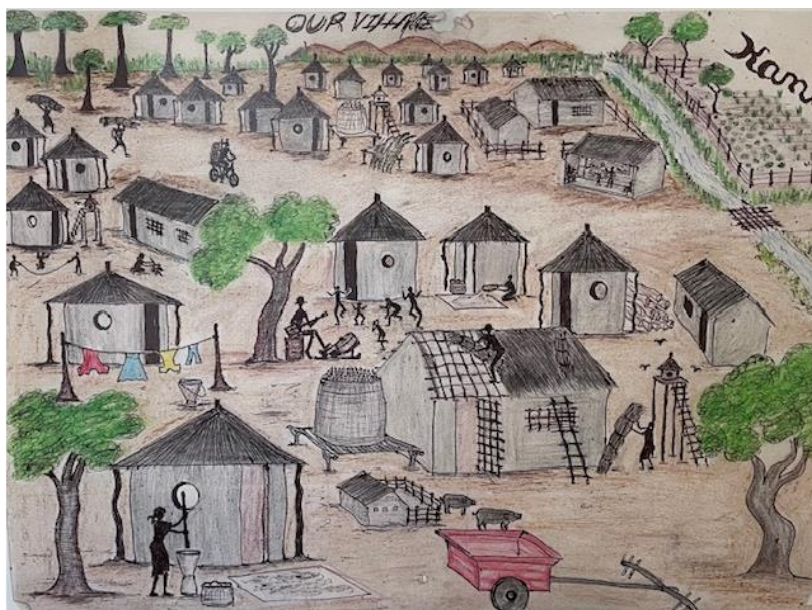
This half term our Jigsaw theme is dreams and goals. We have been thinking about what we are proud of and what we want to improve. To support this learning our Unicef Right of the Term is;

### **Rights Respecting School - Article 28 & 29**

*Every child has the right to an education. Children's education should help them fully develop their personalities, talents and abilities. It should teach them to understand their own rights, and to respect other people's rights, cultures and differences. It should help them to live peacefully and protect the environment.*

## **Malawi assembly**

On Monday we had a visit from Eileen Speak, a former Reception teacher at CHI. She updated us on our partnership with the Namanyanga Primary School in Malawi. She told us how pleased the staff and pupils were to receive our learning pack on the theme of growing, which we sent in October. In return they sent some examples of work (see below).



It was fascinating to hear which crops are grown in Malawi. Later in 2025 we will be preparing a pack of resources on the themes of Animals & Homes. This year is the 20th anniversary of the charity's founding. More information about our partnership with Namanyanga Primary School can be found on our website <https://www.coombehillinfants.com/page/?title=African+Vision+Malawi&pid=105>

#### **Winter illnesses on the increase - Message from Achieving for Children**

We have seen a particular increase in the usual winter illnesses this week and have also received the following message from Achieving for Children, to be passed to our parent community.

*"Flu and norovirus cases are on the increase. Parents and carers are reminded to encourage good hygiene habits such as using a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes, as well as regular hand washing to help protect against these illnesses. Flu vaccination helps to protect against infection and severe disease. School aged children who have missed getting the flu jab, can still get it. Parents/carers can call the school vaccination team on 0203 691 1019 or 0203 691 1043 to arrange a flu jab. [Click here](#) for more information".*

A reminder that we must account for every child every day for the school register so please call or email us **every day** of your child's absence by 9.15am, even if they have been absent due to illness the previous day. In particular please note the health advice around vomiting and diarrhoea - **if your child has diarrhoea and vomiting, they should stay home for at least 48 hours after these symptoms clear up.** Please work with us to keep our school as healthy as possible during the winter months. Thank you.

#### **Reception children - National Child Measurement Programme on Monday**

A reminder to our Reception families that the school health team will be in school on Monday to measure the Reception children, you have received full information about this check via email. All children will be weighed and measured unless you have opted for them not to take part in this as per the information given.



### Hedgehog class - Library visit

Hedgehog class enjoyed their trip to Kingston Library yesterday, thank you to all of the parents who gave their time to help, the children had a wonderful time discovering and sharing new books together.



### Forest school for Tiger class

Tiger class wrapped up warmly for their Forest school session this week and had a wonderful time learning survival skills and how to start a fire with a spark using a fire steel.



### Attendance

Our overall attendance target is 96%. Our overall attendance this week is 94.39%. Lion class has achieved the highest attendance this week, with 99.33% attendance, very narrowly followed by Ladybird class with 99.32%. Well done to both classes.

## Attendance Matters



### **Change of address or phone number**

If you have changed your address, phone number or any of your emergency contacts since your child started school with us please email the school office ([admin@chi.rbksch.org](mailto:admin@chi.rbksch.org)) with your new details, it is important that the contact information that we hold for your child is up to date.

### **Leaving scooters and bikes at the school site**

Please be mindful that you leave scooters and bikes at school at your own risk. We have had scooters and bikes occasionally go missing from the small grassed area by the blue entrance gate. Obviously this area is visible to the general public from the path and road and items are at risk. Please use the bike shed at the far end of the school car park nearer to the Junior school where possible or take bikes and scooters home with you.

### **CHIPTA meeting - Wednesday 29 January from 8.45 - 9.45 am**

Everyone is warmly invited to come along to a CHIPTA (Coombe Hill Infants PTA) meeting next Wednesday 29 January from 8.45 - 9.45am in our staff room. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided and little ones welcome too. We would love to have your support and fundraising ideas for the rest of the year ahead.

### **“Celebrating Diversity” group coffee morning - Friday 31 January from 9 - 10am**

A message from the group:

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*The Diversity Coffee Morning this month will be Friday 31st January from 9am- 10am, in the Infant school staff room, all welcome for a chat over coffee/tea ☕ and biscuits 🍪*

*Additional dates for Spring term meetings 2025 - Thursday 27th Feb & Wednesday 26th March*

*We look forward to seeing you there.*

*The Celebrating Diversity Team (CHI/JPTA)*

### **Quiz Night - Coombe Hill schools**

The PTAs of both schools have organised a quiz night to take place from 7pm on Friday 7 February. Tickets are

available on Parentpay, £7 each, with a maximum of 8 people per team. Drinks and snacks will be available to buy during the evening. Organise a table with others and come along, it's a great opportunity to get together with other parents, and should be another great evening. All proceeds will be split between our schools.



#### **Lion class cake sale**

Thank you to everyone who supported our cake sale today for Lion class, you have raised **£173.85**, for the Lion classroom. Mrs Warland and the children will be deciding how to spend the proceeds for the classroom very soon.

#### **Second hand uniform**

If you need any school uniform please come to the office entrance, items are free to take but we have a charity collection tin for Namanyanga Primary School in Malawi on the front desk, all donations are gratefully accepted and will be passed to the charity. We cannot accept any more second hand uniform or spare clothing at the moment as our stocks are currently full, thank you.

#### **DBS certificates**

A reminder that it is a requirement that we see your original DBS certificate when you receive it in the post, to complete the DBS check process - please make sure that you bring this to the school office so that we can take a copy as soon as you receive it.

#### **Important message from our Governing Body**

**We are currently looking for new governors, and in particular a parent governor.**

School governors are volunteers who work as a team (governing body) to support the school at a strategic level. The role of a parent governor is no different to any other governor. Governing boards make strategic decisions and work together to:

- develop a vision and strategy for the school
- oversee financial performance and make sure money is well spent
- hold the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school
- engage with pupils, staff, parents and the wider school community to understand their views

Being a school governor is a commitment to attending governing body meetings which consider these issues. Parent governors offer their perspective on issues being discussed and they are not expected to represent the parent body or act as a spokesperson. Full training and support are also provided for the role. If you are interested to find out more, please contact the office or catch me on the gate.

### **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>

### **Spring term - Important dates**

Please find attached the list of events and activities that we have on the calendar for this term. If we add any extra events and activities we will of course let you know via this weekly newsletter, please make sure that you read it carefully for extra dates or changes. If you have any questions please let us know.

[Spring term '25 - Important dates](#)

### **Community Information**

- **The Butterfly Group** - a support group for parents who are encountering a difficult time, perhaps bereavement, a relationship breakdown or another challenging event. A 5 week course on Thursdays, starting Thursday 27 February from 10 - 12 noon at Tolworth children's centre. For more information please see the attached flyer [Flyer February 25 TCC.pdf](#)
- Please find to follow details of the **ADHD summit** which is being held in London tomorrow. For further information and ticket booking please go to the following link [The ADHD summit - ticket booking](#)

### **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 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.*



CHIPTA PRESENTS

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# CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

Everyone is welcome to come and Celebrate Diversity within the school at our monthly coffee mornings and walks through Richmond park. Come for an informal chat where ideas can be swapped, friends made and your thoughts listened to!

**THE NEXT CELEBRATING  
DIVERSITY COFFEE MORNING  
WILL BE:**

**FRIDAY 37<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY**

Come and meet us in the Infants' staff room at **9am**, for an informal chat, chance to have your ideas heard and meet new people.

You will need to sign in through the Infant's school reception office.

**All are invited** to come and make new friends, learn, discuss important topics, attend themed coffee mornings and help fundraise for the school.

# THE ADHD SUMMIT

A one-day series of talks and workshops  
from world-leading experts



Sat 25 Jan | 9:30am-6pm  
Blizard Institute, London

SEED  
TALKS