



COOMBE HILL INFANTS' SCHOOL

Learn together, grow together

Friday 9 May 2025

Dear Families,

This afternoon I held a prefect meeting and the children reported back that they have seen lots of kind, respectful, and caring play. It was lovely to hear. This is something we continually work on. Next week, we would like a focus on good manners- saying please and thank you, holding the door for others, and listening well. Please support this by talking to your children at home.

Our focus learning behaviour next week will be Kanga, who helps us to be Responsible. We are noticing that lots of children are leaving sweatshirts, hats, etc, out in the playground and in corridors. Please remind them to be responsible by looking after their belongings. A reminder that all school uniforms must be labelled, we are seeing a large amount of items in the lost property box which aren't named. Please check the box, which is located in the Year 1 playground, for any missing uniform. You will also find hats, water bottles, coats, swimming items and even the odd shoe in there.

Punctuality

Unfortunately, we are seeing an increasing number of children who are arriving late at school in the mornings. Even if your child is only a few minutes late, they can find it hard to settle, they also miss the introduction to the lesson. Teachers find this disruptive to the learning of the other children. The classroom doors open at **8.40 am**, please try to aim for this as it is a settling-in time. The doors and gate close promptly at **8.50 am**. We are also finding that an increasing number of children are being picked up late at the end of the day. Please pick your child up on time, our staff run clubs after school, and looking after late children makes things more difficult. We do understand if there is an emergency, but some children are regularly being picked up late. If you are late in the morning or afternoon, please fill in the monitoring form at the front desk.

Marking the VE Day 80th Anniversary in school



This afternoon we had a wonderful time celebrating the 80th anniversary of VE Day. We talked to your children about the importance of Peace. They enjoyed a whole school picnic on the adventure playground and then played on the field with the Junior children. The sun came out, and it was glorious!

After school, we opened up the playground for parents to meet and allow their children another playtime. We hope that you enjoyed this. Several parents have asked if we can do this more often. The reason we can't offer this is that our very busy Coombe Connections uses the playground after school.





Tiger class Forest school morning

The children in Tiger Class thoroughly enjoyed their Forest School morning on Wednesday. We were searching for pawprints and minibeasts, making 'damper bread' and swings, digging and making habitats. Thank you to our Forest school teacher, Jade, for a wonderful morning!





Message from the Coombe Hill Infants School Governing Body

The CHI governing body would like to inform parents that **Tina Jacob** has been elected as a Co-opted Governor at the school, this is for a term of office of four years from 2.4.25 - 1.4.29. Congratulations to Tina, the governing body look forward to working with her in this important role. We are currently looking for someone with financial skills and experience to join the governing body. If you are interested in this opportunity or would like more information, please contact the school office or the *Clerk to Governors* clerk@chi.rbksch.org.

Curchods Sponsorship & Drawing Competition

We are so grateful that Curchods has generously agreed to sponsor Coombe Hill Infants and Juniors School for the next two years. As part of this sponsorship, a banner advertising Curchods will be displayed on the railings at the front of the school. To celebrate this collaboration, all children will participate in a drawing competition during school time. The winning entries will be professionally printed on the banner and prominently placed outside the school. The theme of the competition is "Home". In school next week the children will draw or paint their own version of home, whether it be of their house, garden, family, or pets. Representatives from Curchods will review all of the pictures, and the winners will be announced in due course.

Swimming reminders

The children have enjoyed another week of swimming in our pool. On some days it has been a little chillier but our pool is always warm and heated to 29 - 31 degrees and the changing rooms have heaters. We expect all children to swim in all weather conditions except in thunderstorms when we close the pool. Thank you to everyone who has given their time again this week to help with the sessions, the children simply could not swim and learn this vital life skill without your support. We currently have the following gaps in the rotas for next week, please email chiswimmingsessions@gmail.com if you are able to help.

- Year 2 - Monday - One helper in the Boys changing room
- Year 2 - Wednesday - Two pool helpers

Year 3 Admissions forms

A reminder to our year 2 parents and carers to please complete the Admissions forms for your year 3 transfer to the Junior school by **Friday 16 May at the latest**. If your child is not transferring to Coombe Hill Junior school in September please make us aware of this as soon as possible. If you have any questions please contact Mrs Reid in the school office.

DBS checks for parent volunteers

We are understandably bound by a strict checking process for DBS applications. Please note the following about the process involved. We understand that it can be a little time-consuming to gather together the correct paperwork needed but safeguarding is our key priority.

- We can ONLY accept financial letters, statements and documents received to your home address by post, NOT electronic copies of these documents nor screenshots
- You must provide dates and address details if you have EVER lived overseas, including if you were born overseas

- You must provide evidence of your name change history (ie birth certificate, marriage certificate, deep poll etc), if you have changed your name since birth
- We encourage every volunteer to sign up to the DBS update service within 28 days of receiving their certificate, this is free and allows any organisation (including the Junior school) to check your status without the need to reapply for a check - see <https://www.gov.uk/dbs-update-service>
- We must see your original DBS certificate when you receive it please, bring it to the school office for us to take a copy

Warm and sunny weather - Sun cream and sun hats

[Sun safety and high temperature policy - Summer 2024.docx](#)

As the weather gets warmer, we would like to remind you about our Sun Safety Policy.

- *Please apply at least factor 30 sunscreen before the school day.*
- *If your child needs to reapply sunscreen during the day, please show your child how to apply this safely. We recommend roll-on sunscreen in a bottle labelled with their name. Spray-on creams or rub-in creams **will not** be accepted. Refillable roll-on bottles are the cheapest option.*
- *Please give your child's named, roll-on sunscreen bottle to the class teacher and they will store it in a cool, dry place in the classroom.*
- *Sunscreen will be stored in a cool, dry place in the classroom*
- *Sunscreen will be self-administered by the child, under adult supervision, where possible.*
- *If your child has SEND or additional needs, a member of staff will apply the sunscreen, another member of staff will witness the application, and parental consent will be obtained beforehand. In this case, sunscreen will only be applied to pupils' faces, necks, and arms. Parental consent will be needed before staff can apply sun cream.*

Please also remember to send your child into school with a named sunhat and full water bottles on sunny days. Please don't send in hand held fans. sunglasses (unless advised by a doctor).

Tiger class cake sale

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

Helping your child with emotional regulation [Helping your Child with Emotional Regulation - Parent Workshop Flyer \(3\).pdf](#)

We had great feedback today about our parent workshop today, led by Solange. If you are interested in learning more about how to support your child, please book a place on the next workshop on Friday 4th July by emailing the office at admin@chi.rbksch.org.

Planned absences from school

For any planned term time absences please see the following information. We strive for every child to be in school every day in order to maximise their education, learning and progress and wherever possible encourage you to arrange appointments and all holidays/travel during the 175 days of non-term days per year.

- **Authorised absences**
If your absence request is for a hospital appointment, an emergency dental appointment, a religious observation (where the day is exclusively set apart for religious observance), a visit to another school, an entrance/ballet/music exam, please request a form from the school.
- **Unauthorised absences**
If your leave of absence request is for any other reason than those given above **you must submit your request in writing (by letter or via email to to admin@chi.rbksch.org) giving full details, at least 2 weeks in advance** of the intended absence period, addressed to Mrs Berry. Our Attendance and Absence policy is always available on our website.

Attendance this week

Our overall attendance target is 96%. Our overall attendance this week is 97.5%. Ladybird and Squirrel classes have achieved the highest attendance this week, with 100% attendance. Well done to everyone across the school this week.

Attendance Matters



Second hand school uniform and spare clothing

We are currently unable to accept donations of second-hand uniform, apart from summer dresses and grey shorts which we would welcome. Please hold on to all other items for the time being and donate them to the second hand uniform stall at the Summer Fair, only when donations are requested to be brought in. Thank you for your support.

Summer term dates

We are now using our website calendar to communicate our events, meetings etc that parents need to be aware of. Please check this at [Coombe Hill Infants' School - Calendar](#) for the events for the summer term that we have confirmed so far. We will of course update you when we add new events etc but please check this calendar regularly to ensure that you are up to date with what is going on in school.

Books for celebrations

Please find attached a link to some recommended books if you would like to donate one to your child's classroom for a special occasion for the teacher to share with the class, feel free to write a special message inside. We are very grateful to parents who do this.

[Books](#)

Google classrooms

Please find to follow a reminder of the links to all Google classrooms. We expect all parents to have signed up for their child's Google classroom and to monitor this regularly, setting your account to receive notifications is also useful. Links to the Google classrooms are as follows, if you need a reminder of your child's login details etc please contact the school office and we can provide these.

- **Butterfly classroom** - <https://classroom.google.com/c/NzlwMjl2NzU3Njg3>
- **Bee classroom** - <https://classroom.google.com/c/NzlwMjl0ODMwNTA3?pli=1>
- **Ladybird classroom** - <https://classroom.google.com/c/NzlwMjl2NzI5Mzg1>
- **Year 1 classroom** - <https://classroom.google.com/c/NjI0MTI0MjM3MDg5>
- **Year 2 classroom** - <https://classroom.google.com/c/NjI0MTI2MTg0NjMy>

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 and other information

- The **Friends of Richmond Park Discoverers** are organising a free drop-in event for families in Richmond Park over half-term, at Petersham playground on Tuesday 27th May. They invite the children to come and enjoy the new naturalistic playground, join a tree trail to learn to identify trees in the vicinity of the playground and also make a bird-coloured friendship bracelet.
- Details of **The Butterfly Group** are here [The Butterfly Group - support for parents](#). The Butterfly Group is a 5-week course for parents who have experienced a difficult time in their lives this could be due to separation, bereavement, domestic abuse, traumatic events or any event that may have impacted on their child's behaviour or their relationship with their child. To register your interest please complete this form <https://forms.gle/HaEPGYHjflja92fU6>

- **Tolworth Children's Centre** is running a series of **parenting workshops** covering Improving Positive Behaviour, Communication and Strategies to manage difficult behaviour; [Tolworth Parenting Workshops 2025.pdf](#)
- **Dickerage ParkPlay** will run every Saturday from 10th May at 12:30 PM, offering two hours of free, fun, active play for all ages <https://park-play.com/>
- **Love the Ball** are now booking their May half term holiday camp at Coombe Hill, for full details and booking go to https://lovetheball.com/book-a-course.html?mc_cid=37a66489c0&mc_eid=fd3c9d1b5a
- **Planet Art** are running another of their popular arts and crafts holiday camps in Raynes Park, please find information on the flyer to follow.
- **Barnes Children's Literature Festival - 21 & 22 June.** Follow the link for information on lots of events for children and families <https://www.barneskidslitfest.org/whats-on>.
- **AFC Kingston football club** are holding trials for their U7-U16 teams, for further information see the flyer below.
- The **Kingston Music Service is organising a free event at All Saints Church, Kingston.** KMS is teaming up with various providers across the borough to showcase their fantastic work and to perform. Music in Kingston: 12pm-3pm - Saturday, 17 May 2025 - All Saints Church, Kingston - Free Entry. Join us for an afternoon of performances, workshops, and exhibitions from some of the most exciting music makers in the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames. For more information see [Music in Kingston event](#)

Previous newsletters

Our previous newsletters can be found here on our website

<https://www.coombehillinfrants.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.



HOLIDAY & MULTISPORT CAMP

27th-30th May Half Term
Coombe Hill Schools



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SHAKE UP! ❤️

Get outside this May half term, with LTB!

May Camp 2025 is booking now!

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DISCOVERERS - Friends of Richmond Park

May Half-Term Event – FREE

Tuesday 27th May,

Drop in 10am-12:30pm

Brand new & fun PETERSHAM PLAYGROUND

*(Nearest car park is Pembroke Lodge,
then a steep walk down to the playground.)*



*Join our trail to identify the trees
around you, listen to the birds,
make a **bird-coloured friendship bracelet***

Looking forward to seeing you then!



Join ParkPlay!

Make friends, have fun, get moving.
FREE every Saturday.

#MeetMovePlay



Dickerage ParkPlay

**Come and meet your PlayLeaders at Dickerage Sports & Community Centre, every Saturday from 12:30pm.
Launching 10th May.**

ParkPlay welcomes everyone, so turn up for games, activities and fun with your local community.

Register today!

park-play.com/register

BOYS & GIRLS TRIAL DAYS

U7-U16
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TEAMS



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