



COOMBE HILL INFANTS' SCHOOL

Learn together, grow together

Friday 28 March 2025

**** ALL CLUBS HAVE NOW FINISHED FOR THE SPRING TERM, PLEASE COLLECT YOUR CHILDREN AT THE USUAL TIME NEXT WEEK (CONNECTIONS CONTINUES AS USUAL) ****

Dear Families,

This week we have been focusing on building healthy, respectful relationships like Rabbit who teaches us to listen to our friends, use kind words and to look out for each other. Next week, we will be thinking about being Resourceful like Owl. Owl teaches us to think about the best way to learn, to change things if they are not working and to think about what we have learnt.

How parents can help

Encourage children to...

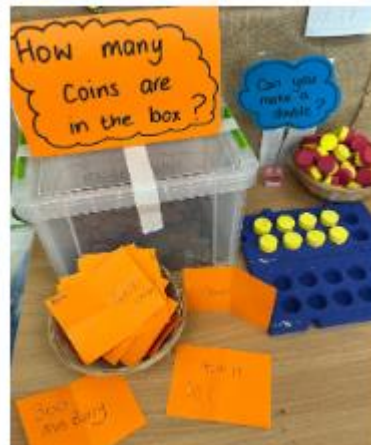
- talk about the day and what they learned and maybe tell them what you learned today too
- try a different approach if their model/project/drawing is not working out
- work together to help find solutions

Swearing

We are noticing some children using inappropriate language in school and this is not acceptable. If you are seeing this at home, please can you address this with your children. Thank you.

World Maths Day

Yesterday was World Maths Day! In Reception, children enjoyed sharing 'The Great Pet Sale' by Mick Inkpen. They loved exploring money, looking at all the different coins and working out which ones they could use to pay for the pets they wanted. Year 1 have been developing their measurement skills by learning how to measure a range of classroom objects using rulers.



Meanwhile in Year 2, children spent the day solving maths riddles, estimating how many in a jar and playing bingo. They were creating art using rulers to create a variety of geometric shapes and using a code to colour shapes according to the number of sides they have. Children have also been using Colby, a programmable robot, to navigate a course to find the cheese!



Years 1 and 2 Maths Workshop

This morning, Mr Morris hosted a Maths Workshop. A copy of the presentation is available [here](#). The workshop was filmed and a link will be added to [our website](#) next week. Thank you to all the parents who attended in person.

National Skipping Day

Today it was National Skipping Day where every jump counts! At playtime we used long skipping ropes for 'Keep the Kettle Boiling', and a '25 skills' challenge with the skipping ropes. The children had so much fun and skipping has many benefits such as enhancing children's coordination, concentration, cooperation, and communication through the fun and engaging activity of skipping. In class, the children then enjoyed watching videos of traditional skipping games which they might be able to show you at home, please ask them about this <https://www.skipping-workshops.co.uk/national-skipping-day>



Salad Tasting with Accent Catering

On Wednesday we had a salad tasting session with our catering company, Accent.



We selected groups of children across Year 1 and 2 with 60 children involved. The children thoroughly enjoyed having an opportunity to sample some new salads and provide their feedback. This was a lovely opportunity for children to try something new and help determine what salads we put on the menu for next term. A clear favourite was the Zesty Pasta Salad. Thank you to all the children who took part so willingly. We hope to do more food tastings throughout the year to include more children.

Eid assembly

Thank you to the Reception parents who came into school this week to give an assembly about Eid to the children. We are grateful to you for giving your time to do this.



Eid al-Fitr celebration

We hope that all of our families who are celebrating Eid this weekend enjoy your celebrations. If you are celebrating Eid on Monday 31 March and you are intending for your child to be absent should Eid fall on Monday, please make sure that you email the school office at admin@chi.rbksch.org over the weekend or call the school and leave a voicemail to let us know that your child will not be attending, if we do not hear from you and your child is absent on Monday we will need to call you and would not want to interrupt your day.

On Tuesday we will have an Eid assembly, led by some of our parents and the children are welcome to come into school in their celebration clothes.

Active journeys to school - The Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel challenge

Thank you to everyone who has made active journeys to school this week where possible, it is so important to build physical activity into a child's daily routine. We are logging everyone's journeys to school and hopefully will see as many children as possible making active journeys again next week, we will share the results with you next term.

What do you need to do?

Encourage your child(ren) to walk, use a wheelchair, scoot or cycle to school on **as many days as possible during the event.**

- **Why we are taking part?**

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to build physical activity in children's daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing.

Easter Events on the last day of term

Next week we will be celebrating Easter with an Easter hat parade on Friday 4 April, the last day of term. Children can wear their own clothes on the last day of term. They will also be invited to take part in an Easter parade and if they are feeling creative they can choose to make their own Easter hat too. Please don't feel that you have to spend money on this, a simple decorated crown made out of paper or a baseball cap with eggs or chicks on will suffice! There will be a small treat for the children to take home with them on Friday thanks to CHIPTA.

Swimming information

Please look out for the information sent by email about swimming next term. The letter contains information about the voluntary donation that we request for swimming as well as the guidelines for volunteers and our school Swimming policy. You will also receive the dates of when your child/children's class parents and carers are scheduled to help with sessions via the class Whatsapp groups. We can send this information separately to you if you are not part of a class Whatsapp group. Please note that year 2 swim twice per week, and Reception and Year 1 once per week.

DBS checks for swimming - Parent volunteers

We are so grateful to everyone who commits their time to helping with swimming, the children cannot swim without your support, please help where you can.

- **For safeguarding reasons, all parents who help in any way with swimming MUST have a valid DBS check issued by Coombe Hill Infants school**
- **The DBS check must be issued by our school (unless you work in a role in education elsewhere, have a valid DBS check and are subscribed to the DBS update service - please speak to the school office if this is the case)**

International evening - Wednesday 30 April from 6 - 8pm



We are very pleased to invite you all to our International Evening on Wednesday 30 April from 6 - 7.30pm, a celebration of our community's diverse cultural heritage, full details were sent earlier this week. Please see the attached link for information, tickets can be reserved via the following link and we warmly invite you to bring a plate of food, wear traditional dress and perhaps perform for us.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1AeVwdhdpQQOm7bRME3Kh4lwKjSNgKj9MT/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=109721753956510019087&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Parent Governor Election

All families should have received their voting papers via their child's blue bag yesterday for the Parent Governor Election. These must be returned to the school office by **12 noon on Friday 4 April** in the envelope provided in order to be counted. You must write your signature on the outside of the envelope, across the sealing flap in order for your vote to be counted. All families have received two voting papers (one per parent), if more than one parent shares the same envelope, the signatures of each should appear on the flap. If you have any questions please contact the school office.

OPAL class cake sale today

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the OPAL cake sale a success today, you have raised **£164.90**. The proceeds will be shared across both schools and spent on a piece of equipment to benefit the children of both schools.

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 95.91%. Lion class has achieved the highest attendance this week, with 96.65% attendance, narrowly followed by Ladybird class with 96.64%, well done to both classes.



Vomiting and Diarrhoea

We remind all parents again that you **MUST** observe the **48 hour rule** regarding **vomiting and/or diarrhoea**. It is so important that your child does not attend school for a clear 48 hours after a bout of either of these symptoms, in fairness to other children and to our staff as tummy bugs can spread extremely quickly among young children. **Even if your child has a single bout of vomiting or diarrhoea and then appears well they MUST remain at home for the full 48-hour period.** We understand that this can be frustrating but please ensure that you do this. Cases of Norovirus are currently high nationally and we ask for your co-operation in protecting our community, for more information please see <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/norovirus/>. Thank you.

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

- **Love the Ball**, run by the sports coaches who your children are familiar with through PE lessons and clubs, are running their **Easter Camp from Coombe Hill**. All attendees will have the opportunity to develop their skills and themselves in a safe sociable environment with enjoyable

activities and competitions, with prize giveaways. Spaces are limited and disappear fast so book now to avoid disappointment <https://lovetheball.com/courses/holidaycamps.html>

- **All Stars/Dynamos cricket courses at Wimbledon Rugby Club**

A parent has recommended the following local cricket course for children, starting in May, please see further details below:

- ❖ **All Stars (5-8 year olds / Reception, Year 1, 2, 3)** at Wimbledon Rugby Club on Saturday mornings from 9am - 10am. [All Stars cricket booking form](#)
- ❖ **Dynamos - (9-11 year olds / Year 4, 5, 6)** at Wimbledon Rugby Club on Saturday mornings from 10.15am - 11.30am. [Dynamos cricket booking form](#)

- There are **Tech & Stem camps taking place over the Easter holiday** at two local primary schools - Christchurch and St Josephs - please see the following link for more information www.nextthing.education

Previous newsletters

Our previous newsletters can be found here on our website

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

Please note that next Friday 4 April is the last day of the Spring term and we break up for the Easter holiday one hour earlier than usual, at 2.05pm for Reception and at 2.10pm for Years 1 and 2. Connections closes one hour earlier than usual and all children must be collected by 5pm.

Wishing you an enjoyable and 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.

WE'RE BACK!

EASTER HOLIDAY CAMP - BOOKING NOW!



Now into our twelfth year of offering education through sports to 4-11 year olds, we can't wait to welcome you to our Easter Camp at Coombe Hill Schools.

We have an experienced, friendly group of coaches and we offer sports and activities that will appeal to all age groups and interests. We are delighted that we are part of this amazing community and look forward to working with you and your children this Easter. See you all soon, Coach Jon

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EST. 2013

7th-11th April 2025



**HOLIDAY &
MULTISPORT
CAMP**



JOIN US FOR:

Matches

Gymnastics

Hockey

Team work!

The Famous Match Attax Cup!

Morning Wake Up Shake Up

Dodgeball

Basketball

Benchball

Athletics

Arts and Crafts

Colouring

Coombe Kilometre

Games

Easter Egg Hunt

AT COOMBE HILL
JUNIOR SCHOOL
KT2 7DD

Thursday 10th is
**EASTER
EGG HUNT
DAY!**



Easter Camp 2025 is booking now!

Our holiday & multi-sport activity camps have something for everyone!

www.lovetheball.com