



COOMBE HILL INFANTS' SCHOOL

Learn together, grow together

Friday 2 May 2025

Dear Families,

This week we were focusing on being Respectful like Winnie the Pooh, and we have heard and seen the children sharing well and using polite language like, please, excuse me and thank you. Next week, we will be thinking about being Resilient like Tigger. Tigger teaches us to enjoy learning, ignore distractions, and learn from mistakes.

How parents can help

Encourage children to ...

- Keep on going, even if a task is difficult
- Talk about how you feel when you are taking on a challenge
- Praise your children when they persevere
- Help them find interests and activities that are absorbing
- Talk to them about what helps them concentrate

International evening

It was so wonderful to see so many of you at the International Evening. It was a joyous event with ballet dancing, singing, a bagpiper, drumming, and dancing. Thank you for sharing such delicious food. If you would like to find out more about joining Kingston Ballet School, please contact louise@kingstonballetschool.com. We hope you enjoy a snapshot of the evening.





Mini London marathon in school



The whole school took part in the Mini London marathon on the school field on Wednesday. The children were all so enthusiastic and ran brilliantly around the course we had set out. A great warm up for Sports day too! Well done to all who took part, it was lovely to see so many smiling faces and budding runners.



Whole Class and Sibling (CHI/CHJ) photographs in school next week - Tuesday 6th May

We have our whole class and sibling photos for Junior and Infant school siblings on Tuesday 6th May. On Tuesday, please ensure your child is in school uniform (not PE kit) and looks neat and tidy - the children should all wear their blue school jumper or cardigan. We ask you not to send your child into school wearing large hair accessories/cats ears headbands etc please.

Please note: This session is **NOT** for siblings **within** the Infants school (these photos are taken in September), it is for families with siblings in both the Infants and Junior schools.

Marking the VE day 80th Anniversary in school next week



There will be commemorations next week across the country to mark the 80th Anniversary of VE day on 8 May. In school on Friday afternoon the children will enjoy a special picnic and games on the field together with the Junior school children. After school pick up on Friday, Infants school parents and carers are welcome to come to the school playground with their children to play until 3.45pm. All of the children are encouraged to come to school next Friday wearing their red, white and blue clothes.

Swimming reminders

We have been so fortunate to have enjoyed such warm weather for the children's first week of swimming. Thank you to everyone who has given their time this week to help with the sessions, the children simply could not swim without your support. Please keep an eye on your class's swim rotas and if you have a DBS certificate issued through the school please look to see where you can help.

We do have a couple of empty slots (as I write) on Thursday 8 May where we need 1 parent in the pool and 1 parent in the girls' changing room. If you are a Year 1 parent/carer who has a cleared, complete DBS check with us, please check if you are able to help on Thursday, thank you.

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).

Lion class cake sale

Thank you to everyone who supported our cake sale today for Lion class, you have raised a very successful **£223.95**, for Lion classroom resources. Mrs Warland and the children will be deciding how to spend the proceeds for their classroom very soon.

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 96.6%. Ladybird class has achieved the highest attendance this week, with 99.67% attendance, closely followed by Otter class with 98.28%. Well done to both classes.



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) - <https://classroom.google.com/c/NzlwMjl2NzU3Njg3>
- [Bee classroom](https://classroom.google.com/c/NzlwMjl0ODMwNTA3?pli=1) - <https://classroom.google.com/c/NzlwMjl0ODMwNTA3?pli=1>
- [Ladybird classroom](https://classroom.google.com/c/NzlwMjl2Nz15Mzg1) - <https://classroom.google.com/c/NzlwMjl2Nz15Mzg1>
- [Year 1 classroom](https://classroom.google.com/c/Nj10MT10MjM3MDg5) - <https://classroom.google.com/c/Nj10MT10MjM3MDg5>
- [Year 2 classroom](https://classroom.google.com/c/Nj10MT12MTg0NjMy) - <https://classroom.google.com/c/Nj10MT12MTg0NjMy>

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

- 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/HaEPGYHjLja92fU6>

- **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/>
- Please find attached details of an **outdoor movie event at Canbury Gardens** on Sunday 4 May <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/kiff-outdoor-movies-tickets-1298310534759>
- **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
- **Surrey County Cricket club** are running a **Half term "Little Stars" cricket camp** at Alexandra Park for 5-8 year olds, for further information see [Alexandra Recreation Ground All Stars Programme.pdf](#)
- The 2nd Norbiton Beaver Colony are looking for willing adult volunteers to help run their sessions, please the attached link for further information [Join the 'Team' at 2nd Norbiton Beaver Colony \(external\).pdf](#)
- **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>.

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 bank holiday weekend, we will see the children back in school on Tuesday.

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.

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



CHICKEN RUN

Film Starts
13:30pm



Silent Film
Selection:
**SUNNYSIDE
ONE WEEK**

Films Starts
15:30pm



GREASE

Film Starts
18:30pm



Hot & Cold Food, Cocktails,
Beers, Wine, Soft Drinks
& Ice Creams available

KIFF Outdoor Movies
Canbury Gardens
Sunday May 4th 2025



Adult Tickets
Start from **£10**
Family Tickets
Start from **£27**
Book on Eventbrite



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