



COOMBE HILL INFANTS' SCHOOL

Learn together, grow together

Friday 22 November 2024

Dear Families,

Another busy and eventful week. Your children are enjoying the learning and playtimes. The weather is getting much colder, so please ensure that all coats, hats, gloves, and sweatshirts are named. Please check the lost property box in the year 1 playground if your child is missing an item.

Thank you to everyone who is supporting our focus on good behaviour choices. This week we have been thinking about being resilient, which for young children means ignoring distractions and trying hard. This isn't always easy for young children.

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 to concentrate



We are noticing that some children are struggling to make the right choices at playtimes, and there is some playfighting that we need to discourage. If your child's class teacher talks to you about this, please support us by talking to your child about this at home.

Brakes Road Safety Week

The children have enjoyed activities throughout the week which have helped them to learn and understand the importance of keeping safe when crossing the road and being near traffic. They had an assembly where they learned more about some of the people who help everyone to stay safe on the roads and they have been using road safety resources that we have in school to practise crossing the road safely. Please do take the opportunity to talk to your children about what they have learned and help us to reinforce making good road safety choices on the roads around the school.



**I'm taking part in Road Safety Week
to support Brake's vital work
caring for road victims**

#RoadSafetyWeek

17-23 November 2024

After the crash Road Safety Week
Every road victim counts

Delivered by Brake
Sponsored by AUTOGLASS

Reception trip to the Post Box

This week the Reception children wrote a surprise letter for their adults and enjoyed a walk to the post box. One group was lucky enough to see the postman opening the post box and loading the van! The children showed fantastic listening skills and we were all very impressed by the questions they asked about the postal service. Next week we have a postman coming to visit us in school to help answer those questions!



Parent Workshop about our approach to behaviour management

We are running a Parent Workshop "Our Approach to Behaviour Management - and how you can support your child at home" next **Friday 29th November 2024** in the school from **9.00 - 9.45am**. Everyone is welcome to attend, we look forward to seeing you there.

Morning punctuality

We have seen an increased number of parents bringing their children to school after the gate has closed at 8.50 am. School journeys can be more challenging on winter mornings when it is cold, wet or icy with more traffic on the roads and parking even more limited. Please factor in a few more minutes for your journeys as the teachers are finding the frequent late arrivals disruptive when they have already started teaching. The day starts for children from 8.40am when they should enter the classroom, this is important settling time which sets your child up for the day. For your child, walking into a classroom where a session is already in progress can be unsettling and there may not be the opportunity for tasks to be re-explained to them fully. Please let us know if you need support with this.

We are also noticing that some children are being collected late in the afternoons, this means that their teacher has to wait with them after the rest of the class has been dismissed and it can be unsettling for your child if they are also taken to the school office which is very busy at the end of the day, please avoid this happening and leave plenty of time for your afternoon journey. **A reminder that collection time for Reception children is at 3.05pm and 3.10pm for Years 1 and 2.** If children are collected late from school clubs (after 4pm) we may consider withdrawing their place and it may also impact future club bookings for you.

Parent Governor election

All parents have received details of our upcoming Parent Governor election, please refer to the email that was sent on 11/11/2024. If you would like to stand for election please submit your details and personal statement **no later than 12 noon on Monday 25 November**. Please refer to the information sent for full details about the role and how to stand for election.

Autumn term clubs - last week next week

Please note that next week is the last week that the clubs will run this term. Connections runs as usual until the end of term.

Spring term clubs information and booking

We will be sending out information next week about booking our after school clubs for the Spring term. 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 school staff for giving their time to this as our clubs generate a valuable source of income for the school. Reception children will also be invited to book clubs for the Spring term. 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. Please read the information carefully that will come to you next week. Payment is via Parentpay only so if you have not yet logged on and activated your account yet please do so, if you need a reminder of your Parentpay login details please contact the school office.

Coombe Connections club

Connections email: connectionsclub@chi.rbksch.org

Link to the Connections webpage:- [Coombe Connections club](#)

New bookings

If you would like to request a NEW booking for our Breakfast and After School provision, Coombe Connections Club, for the first half of the spring term 2025, our Booking Request Form will be available on the school Connections Club webpage from 25/11/24. Current availability is shown below and the closing date for new applications is 01/12/24. *A form is required ONLY FOR NEW BOOKINGS.*

Existing Bookings

If you have a Connections booking currently, it will be continued into the first half of the spring term and a Booking Request Form is NOT required. If you wish to request a change to your booking you must email Connections by 01/12/24.

We work on a 'first come, first served' basis and availability is prioritised to those with existing bookings. Please see current availability shown below.

Connections Club current availability

Infants' School

Breakfast Club availability		After School Club availability	
Monday	Plenty	Monday	None
Tuesday	Little	Tuesday	None
Wednesday	None	Wednesday	None

Thursday	Little	Thursday	None
Friday	Plenty	Friday	Plenty

Junior School

Breakfast Club availability		After School Club availability	
Monday	Plenty	Monday	None
Tuesday	Some	Tuesday	None
Wednesday	Some	Wednesday	None
Thursday	Some	Thursday	None
Friday	Plenty	Friday	Plenty

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 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.

Donations for the Christmas Fair

Preparations for our Christmas Fair on Saturday 7 December are now in full swing. Please get involved and offer your support where you can, this is one of our biggest fundraising events of the year and can only be successful with lots of help from our parent community. Please find attached a link from CHIPTA with information about Christmas Fair donations.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YQpl6wHuUnlpb7aWq3Lz6grul9p3l9qAS04MYCAttGc/edit?usp=sharing>



Bee class cake sale

Congratulations to our Bee class parents for running a fantastic cake sale this afternoon, you have raised an amazing £267.35 for the classroom and Miss Zolobajluk will be busy planning with the children what to spend the proceeds on. A huge thank you to everyone who has supported ALL of the class cake sales this term, your efforts don't go unnoticed and we are all very grateful to you for giving your time and raising these much needed extra funds for classroom resources.

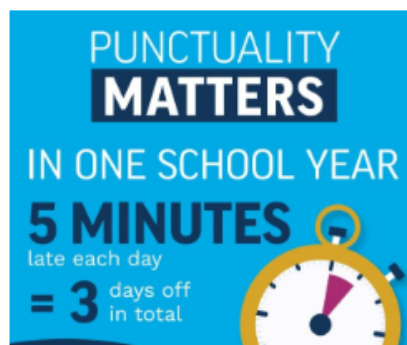


SEND cake sale

Next **Friday 29 November** we have our termly cake sale for SEND (special educational needs) resources after school. We would be grateful for donations from all parents across the school, and also volunteers to help run the sale itself from 2.45pm to 3.30pm. Please let us know if you would be able to do this, many thanks.

Attendance

Our overall attendance target is 96%. Our overall attendance this week is **96.3%**. **Bee and Ladybird classes** have achieved the highest attendance this week, both with **99.33%** attendance, well done to both classes!




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.
- **Online Parenting Courses - Family Lives**. Family Lives has produced a series of online parenting courses. If interested please follow the link below:
<https://www.familylives.org.uk/how-we-can-help/online-parenting-courses> for courses on: Play - Coping with Teens - A New Baby in the Family - Bringing Up Confident Children - Sibling Arguments and Co-parenting after Divorce. Family Lives offers a confidential and free* helpline service for families in England and Wales (previously known as Parentline). They can be contacted on **0808 800 2222** for emotional support, information, advice and guidance on any aspect of parenting and family life. Their website is also a rich source of useful support and advice.
- **Short breaks for families of young people and children with disabilities** - please find attached a poster advertising an information session to be held at Coombe Hill Junior School on Friday 29 November at 2.30 pm about short breaks available for young people and children with disabilities.
- **Stagecoach Discovery Day - free trial**. Please find to follow information about a free trial for Stagecoach (the performing arts club which operates from Coombe Hill Infants on a Friday evening). The booking link is here;
<https://cyekyg7d.forms.app/free-discovery-day-new-malden>

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/1p5F4FOdx9kFvbvXiLlteogemMcH5jUA8U_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 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.

JANUARY 2025
4 -16 YEARS



DISCOVER^y DAY

STAGECOACH NEW MALDEN

See what we're about with a free Discovery Day session. Our performing arts classes teach children and young people to build confidence and life skills, something we call Creative Courage for Life.

stagecoach.co.uk/newmalden
0208 540 7791
newmalden@stagecoach.co.uk

Venue:
Burlington Junior School
(KT3 4LT)
Coombe Hill Infants
(KT2 7DD)

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Do you know about the local short breaks offer?

Come along to meet your Kingston and Richmond Inclusion Development Officers

Short breaks provide disabled children and young people with fun, enjoyment and a chance to be with friends while their parents and carers get a break from caring.

Short breaks come in many different forms, from an overnight stay in a residential centre or a carer's home to attending a youth club, leisure centre or getting involved in a sports activity.

As inclusion development officers we aim to support and enable children and young people who have disabilities to access mainstream and out of school leisure activities.



Friday 29th November 2024, 2.30pm

*We look forward
to meeting you
soon!*

Coombe Hill Junior School



**achieving
for children**



Join us at The Malden Centre for a **Christmas concert**

Thursday 12th December - 11.00am-12.00pm

at The Malden Centre, in the Main Hall

Get into the festive spirit and enjoy our Christmas orchestra concert! Enjoy carols, mince pies and refreshments, and visit our decorations stall! There will also be an opportunity to donate to the Salvation Army

Free event, everyone welcome!



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speak to a member of the team**

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**KINGSTON
UPON THAMES**

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 23rd Nov 10:30am-12:00pm**
[Axel Scheffler: Illustrator Signing](#)

Signing with Axel Scheffler, bestselling illustrator of The Gruffalo and more. No RSVP necessary. On this occasion, Axel will only have time to sign books bought from us (either ordered in advance or bought on the day). We will have all of Axel's books for you to choose from,

including special editions and the latest publication Jonty Gentoo. Due to limited time, Axel will be able to meet people on a first come, first served basis - but books can be reserved and signed at a later date, ready for collection by Christmas.

- **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](#)**