



# COOMBE HILL INFANTS' SCHOOL

*Learn together, grow together*

Friday 25 April 2025

Dear Families,

It has been so lovely to see your children looking so healthy, rested, and ready for the new term. The summer term is always our favourite, with so many events, including swimming. The pool is looking great, I am sure you will join me in thanking the site team for their hard work getting it ready.

We are delighted to inform you that after a very rigorous recruitment process, we have a new Headteacher, Mrs Claire Cook. Mrs Cook is currently the Head of School at Hampton Infant School and Nursery. She will be visiting the school during the term to ensure a smooth handover, I am sure that there will be an opportunity for her to meet you and the children.

We started the new Summer term focusing on being **Ready, like Piglet**, and it was lovely to see how well rested and ready to learn the children were - thank you! Next week, we will be thinking about being gentle, kind and **Respectful, like Winnie the Pooh**. Winnie the Pooh teaches us how to share, work with others and also to think of the feelings of others.

## **How parents can help**

Encourage children to...

- say please and thank you
- open the door for others
- take turns in games and conversations
- listen to others

## **Parent Governor Election Result**

As a result of the ballot held at the end of last term for a new Parent Governor the governing body would like to inform parents that **Steph Carran** has been elected as a Parent Governor at the school.

Congratulations to Steph and the governing body look forward to working with her in this important role. If you would like to find out more about being a governor at CHI, please contact the school office or the Clerk to Governors [clerk@chi.rbksch.org](mailto:clerk@chi.rbksch.org).

## **Swimming reminders**

We are all looking forward to the start of swimming next week, it looks as though the weather is going to be warm and sunny which will give the children a lovely start in the pool. Please find attached all of the information that was sent to you before Easter as a reminder.

[Swimming information letter 2025.docx](#)

**Before next week please ensure that ALL clothing and shoes are named, the changing rooms are very busy and items get lost easily if they are not named.** Thank you to all of you who have signed up to help with the swimming sessions so far, please remember not to sign up without a DBS check, we monitor the rota closely and will remove anyone who does not have a valid, clear check.

*We do have a couple of empty slots (as I write) on Wednesday 30 April for Year 2 where we need 1 parent in the pool and 1 parent in the boys' changing room. If you are a Year 2 parent/carer who has a DBS check with us and this is clear, please check if you are able to help on Wednesday, thank you.*

### School clubs - Summer term

The summer term clubs start from Monday and run until the last week of June. As usual please use the blue side gate to access the classrooms to collect your child, the gate code is **2158**. We hope that the children enjoy their clubs, these are run voluntarily by our staff and in fairness to them please ensure that you collect your children punctually at 4pm (4.15pm for Forest School club), we may withdraw club places if children are collected late as this is very inconvenient for our staff. Thank you for your understanding.

### Helping your child with Emotional Regulation - 9am Friday 2nd May

**This was described as a "MUST" for all families by parents who attended last year!**

We are hosting an amazing workshop for parents next week, run by Solange Sapien-Fernandez from the MHST (Mental Health Support Team). This was such a popular and inspiring workshop last year so please book your place soon by contacting the school office - [admin@chi.rbksch.org](mailto:admin@chi.rbksch.org). If you cannot make this date, we are also planning to run the same event again on Friday 4th July. Due to the popularity of this workshop, bookings for that date are open now.

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

### International evening next Wednesday



Everyone is warmly invited to our International Evening on **Wednesday 30 April from 6 - 7.30pm**, a celebration of our community's diverse cultural heritage. Please see the attached link for information, tickets can be reserved via the following link and we invite you to bring a plate of food, wear traditional dress and perhaps perform for us.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1AeVwdhdpQOm7bRME3Kh4lwkJSNgKj9MT/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=109721753956510019087&rtpof=true&sd=true>

### "Celebrating Diversity" Neurodiversity meeting information

We hope that those of you who were able to attend the meeting this morning found the session informative and useful. Please find attached the slides from the presentation from Mrs Heard. If you have any questions please let us know.

[An-Introduction-to-Neurodiversity parents---CPD-\(PPT\).pptx.pdf](#)

### Suncream

[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.

**Also, please remember sunhats and water bottles**

### 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 second half of the summer term 2025, our Booking Request Form will be

available on the school Connections Club webpage from 28/04/25. Current availability is shown below and the closing date for new applications is 04/05/25.

*A form is required ONLY FOR NEW BOOKINGS.*

### Existing Bookings

If you have a Connections booking currently, it will be continued into the second half of the summer term and a Booking Request Form is **NOT** required. If you wish to request a change to your booking you must email Connections by 04/05/25. We work on a 'first come, first served' basis and availability is prioritised to those with existing bookings. Please see current availability shown below.

#### Infants' School

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

#### Junior School

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

Connections email: [connectionsclub@chi.rbksch.org](mailto:connectionsclub@chi.rbksch.org)

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

### 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.

### A message from Rachel Webb, CHIPTA Chair

As my time as PTA Chair comes to an end in October, I would love to invite someone to consider stepping into this rewarding role. It is a fantastic opportunity for someone who is organised and passionate about supporting our school community. The position can also be shared between two people, making it a great way to collaborate while making a meaningful impact. If you would like to learn more or discuss the role further, please contact me via your class rep, or by sending an email to [CHIPTAChair@gmail.com](mailto:CHIPTAChair@gmail.com)

### The Spark! Book Awards

The children have really enjoyed meeting the authors of the shortlisted books in online events.

- Gina Kaminiski Saves the Wolf by by Craig Barr-Green (Author), Francis Martin (Illustrator)
- If I were Prime Minister by Trygve Skaug (Author), Ella Okstad (Illustrator)
- Who ate Steve? by Susannah Lloyd and Kate Hindley
- Farah Loves Mangos by Sarthak Sinha

We have learned more about the authors and illustrators and what inspired them to write their books. Next week, we will be meeting Susannah Lloyd, the author of *Who ate Steve?* Ask your child if they have a favourite book yet as all of the children will be voting for their favourite book at the end of the May. The results will be announced in an on-line ceremony on 26th June. If you want to read these books with your children, pop into Rock Up to Read in the Library every Friday.

**Barnes Children's Literature Festival** - follow the link for information on lots of events for children and families <https://www.barneskidslitfest.org/whats-on>.

### Leopard class cake sale

Thank you to everyone who supported our cake sale today for Leopard class, you have raised **£183.50**, for Leopard classroom resources. Mr Morris and the children will be deciding how to spend the proceeds for their classroom very soon.

### 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](#)

### 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](mailto: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 **94.80%**. Lion class has achieved the highest attendance this week, with 100% attendance - well done Lions. They were followed by Squirrel class with 98.33%.



### 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**

- **Family information workshop** - please find to follow details of an online family information workshop on Monday, 28th April, from 12 - 1pm which will offer advice and support on childcare options, childcare funding for 9+ months, 2, 3, and 4-year-olds (including eligibility criteria and application process) and tax-free childcare [FIS Workshop April 25.pdf](#)
- **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](#)

### **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 good 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.*