



COOMBE HILL INFANTS' SCHOOL

Learn together, grow together

Friday 16 May 2025

Dear Families,

Our Year 1 & 2 children had a very exciting assembly this week about the importance of reducing our food waste at lunchtime. The children have taken the message on board. They are now more keen to finish the food on their plates and are even checking to see how much food is being thrown away.

Learning Behaviours - the children have been thinking about being responsible like Kanga this week. Next week, Rabbit will help us focus on the importance of healthy relationships. Rabbit tells us:-

"I know relationships with my family, friends and grown ups at school are important."

Rabbit teaches us to listen to our friends, use kind words and to look out for each other.

How parents can help

Encourage children to

- Listen in a conversation and take turns
- Use kind words and be respectful by saying please and thank you
- Look out for their friends and family

Lion class Forest school

On Wednesday, Lion Class spent the morning with Mrs Jade at Forest School. It was a beautiful sunny day to be outside in the forest, exploring and learning. We went on a scavenger hunt and learnt how to identify 9 local animal footprints including badger, hedgehog, fox and rabbit. We also made bread dough, cooked it on an open fire and we all had a little taste.





Dad's and Grandad's Breakfast

Next **Friday 23rd May** we would like to invite all Dads, Grandads, or any other important male figures, to have breakfast with us. This is always a popular event in our calendar! Please come along to the hall via the main school entrance with your children at 8.00am for tea/coffee, juice, and a pastry. You will then drop your children at their classroom doors as usual at 8.40am. We have invited Alexander Gray (Mental Health Clinician and Child Psychotherapist) and he will be free to chat to anyone about how he can support men's mental health at CHI. Alexander will be offering parent drop in sessions or a Men's Group, if there is interest. There is no charge for the breakfast - we will have a donation box for anyone who would like to donate to the school. This money will be spent on supporting our mental health work.

The **Celebrating Diversity Group** is meeting on **Thursday 22nd May at 9.00am** in the Junior School. Come along and make friends, chat about a variety of subjects, share book recommendations and learn more about school life. Mrs Jakob or Mrs Heard will be there too.

Swimming reminders

Thank you to everyone who has given their time again this week to help with the swimming sessions, the children are continuing to enjoy their sessions and many are gaining confidence which is wonderful to see. We have the following gaps in the rotas for next week, please email chiswimmingsessions@gmail.com if you are able to help.

- **Reception** - Tuesday 20th x1 pool helper
- **Year 2** - Wednesday - x1 pool helper and x1 boys changing room
- **Year 1** - Thursday - x1 girls changing room

CHIPTA meeting & EGM

All parents and carers are welcome to attend the next CHIPTA meeting which will be held in the staff room from 8.45 - 9.30am on Monday 9 June, please come along to the staff room to see how you can support CHIPTA as we move forward into the next school year.

DBS checks for parent volunteers

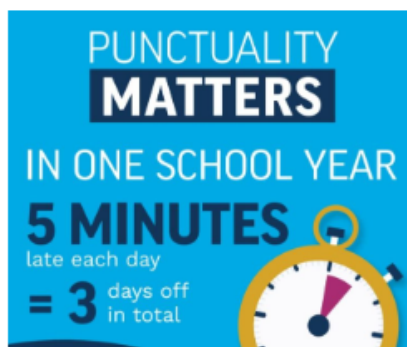
We are finding that there are a few parents who have submitted their information for a DBS check which is then not progressing to the next stage as you have not completed your own information which is an essential part of the check. If you have requested a check and submitted your details please monitor your email inbox and junk mail box to find and complete the required information, thank you. If you do not do this your application will be automatically cancelled after a period of time. Please also bring in your paper certificate when you receive it through the post as we must see this as part of the check.

Tiger and Squirrel class cake sales

Well done to Tiger class who raised £205 for their classroom at their cake sale last week, Miss Roe is delighted and will be deciding with the children how to spend the money very soon. Squirrel class also had a very successful sale this afternoon and raised £201 which Mr Collyer is also going to enjoy putting towards resources for the Squirrel classroom. Thank you to everyone who gives their time and donates to support the cake sales, we could not run them without your support.

Attendance this week

Our overall attendance target is 96%. Our overall attendance this week is 96.69%. Leopard class have achieved the highest attendance this week, with 100% attendance, well done Leopards. They were closely followed by Otter class with 98.67% and Bee class with 98.33%, very well done to these classes too. Punctuality has improved this week, please continue to ensure that you drop your children at their classroom doors at 8.40am so they can start learning on time with their classmates with minimal disruption to the teachers, teaching assistants and other children. Thank you.



Second hand school uniform and spare clothing

We are currently unable to accept donations of second-hand uniform, apart from summer dresses! If you have any outgrown summer dresses in good condition please pass these to the school office team, thank you.

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.

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** runs every Saturday 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>.
- The **Kingston Music Service is organising a free event TOMORROW 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.coombehillinants.com/page/?title=Parent+Newsletter&pid=225>

We break up at the normal times next Friday 23 May for half term. A reminder that we have an INSET day on Monday 2nd June and a further INSET day on Monday 30th June.

Wishing you all a relaxing 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



WAKE UP! ♥



SHAKE UP! ♥

Get outside this May half term, with LTB!

May Camp 2025 is booking now!

Our holiday & multisport activity camps have something for everyone!

www.lovetheball.com



PLANET ART

TEACHING KIDS TO RECYCLE, REUSE AND REIMAGINE!
ARTS AND CRAFTS FOR CHILDREN

BOOK MAY HALF-TERM! MIGHTY MAKERS SUPER CAMP!

TUESDAY 27TH, WEDNESDAY 28TH AND THURSDAY 29TH MAY
9.30AM - 3.00PM FULL DAYS ONLY

THE GARDEN HALL, ST MARY'S CHURCH, SW19 7BT

BOOK: WWW.PLANET-ARTCLUB.COM OR CLASS FOR KIDS!

FOR CHILDREN
AGE 4 - 9 YEARS
OLD (4 YEAR
OLDS MUST BE IN
RECEPTION)

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