

COOMBE HILL INFANTS' SCHOOL

Learn together, grow together

Friday 11 July 2025

Dear Families,

Thank you for working with us to support your child in making good behaviour choices. It is so important that we work together. As we reach the end of term your children are very tired and can sometimes become emotional. Please check that they are getting plenty of sleep and the opportunity to relax. Please talk to us if you need any support. We will contact you if we need your support.

This week was our last Forest School of the term. Each class has a Forest School session each term, we also run a very popular after school club. Jade Johns runs the club. It is also the final week for Love the Ball sessions. Our coaches are all skilled and inspire your children to enjoy a range of sports. Over the summer the Love the Ball coaches will be running their popular summer camp here at Coombe Hill again, for more information please see https://lovetheball.com.

We have now received the amount raised by the Summer Fair including the raffle, it is a phenomenal **£9,283.27**. Thank you to everyone who supported the event. The money raised will support our Forest School, Sports Coaches, new bedtime books, and resourcing our outdoor learning provision.

Summer Concert



The summer concert was a great success this morning. It was lovely to see how much your children enjoyed performing. It was lovely to see so many families enjoying it, and we were so lucky with the weather! Your children sang, danced, and performed so beautifully, and we were very proud of them all.





Country Dancing Festival

On Wednesday, our Country Dancing club represented our school at the Country Dancing Festival for Kingston and Richmond schools at Kingsmeadow Athletics Ground. It was such a hot day, and we were so proud of how resilient the children were with their dancing. The children have been practising very hard during Country Dancing club and all the practise paid off because they danced so well and we are so

proud of them. Thank you again to all the families who came along with us to make the event extra special and thank you to Miss Roe and to Mrs Bern for all the organisation and practise sessions.



Meet the new teacher afternoon - Tuesday 15th July

On Tuesday 15th July, you will have the opportunity to meet your child's new teacher. Please collect your child as normal and then wait outside their new classroom until all children have been dismissed. This is an informal meeting that allows you to say hello to the new staff and to see the new classroom. If you are also meeting staff in the Junior school please make your way there after you have visited the new Infants teacher and classroom.

Year 2 Evening Celebration - Thursday 17th July

On Thursday 17th July we have our Year 2 leavers event. We will be swimming, playing football, tennis, skipping, face painting, and enjoying pizzas. Please arrive at 6pm, pick up is promptly at 8pm. Please ensure that we can contact you during the event if necessary. I am sure you will join me in thanking the staff for volunteering their time to provide your children with a lovely event to celebrate their time at the Infants school. Sign up is on the year 2 classroom windows from Monday.

Year 2 Leavers Assembly - Tuesday 22nd July

On Tuesday 22nd July we will say an official goodbye to our lovely Year 2 children. Year 2 parents, please make your way to the adventure playground after drop-off. The assembly will begin just after 9.00am.

Sponsored Splash-a-Thon



Well done to all of the children for taking part in the Splash-a-thon this week and for trying so hard to swim, walk or splash across the pool as many times as they could. We are so grateful for your support in sponsoring your child's efforts. You can still donate sponsorship money via Parentpay or by placing cash in a clearly labelled envelope—please include your child's name, class, and "Splash-a-Thon sponsorship money"—and dropping it off at the Infant School office. Thank you so much for your support.

Late collection concerns this week

Unfortunately we are continuing to see a lot of late collections at the end of the day. Unless your child is attending a school club (these are all now finished for the term) or Connections, your children **MUST** be collected at 3.05pm (Reception) or 3.10pm (Years 1 and 2). It can be unsettling and upsetting for your child when they are not collected at the same time as their friends. This also causes inconvenience to the

classroom staff and to the office staff in having to find out where you are and reassuring your child. Traffic is always heavy and parking limited, please ensure that you are leaving more than enough time for your school journey and make an active journey (walk/cycle/scoot) where possible. We will be monitoring this situation closely until the end of term and from the beginning of September for all children. Thank you for your support and co-operation with this.

Missing books - please help us

As we mentioned last week, we are missing around £500 worth of books across the three year groups. In order for us to run our reading groups, we need 7 copies of each title to allow children to take the books home. Please can you help us by looking at home and returning any books belonging to the school to the class teachers as soon as possible or leaving them on the school office desk, thank you for your help.

Attendance this week

Our overall attendance target is 96%. Our overall attendance across the school this week is **95.81**%. The highest attendance of the week is for **Leopard class** with **99.67**% attendance, followed by **Bee and Otter classes**, both with **98**%. Well done to these classes.





Cake sale totals

We are delighted that the recent Bee class cake sale raised £192.05 for Bee classroom resources and the SEND cake raised £177.85. We will update you on the total from today's Ladybird cake sale next week. Thank you to everyone for your continued support with these sales this term. Next week we have our final sale for OPAL and donations and assistance of help to run the sale would be very much appreciated.

Sun safety in the warm weather

With the hot weather continuing next week, please could we remind you that all children must bring in a named hat, a freshly filled water bottle, with sun cream having been applied before school. Please could we ask that you don't send in fans with your child, especially the battery-operated kind. We will ensure that children are in the shade and kept cool. Please find our sun safety policy to follow.

Sun safety and high temperature policy - Summer 2024.docx

- 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.

Measles warning

We have been asked by the local authority to make you aware that measles cases have recently increased again across London. Measles is very infectious and can be a serious illness. It can spread quickly, especially in education and childcare settings. All parents/carers are strongly encouraged to check their child's MMR status. Please see the following link to further information about measles

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/. If any families have questions or need additional support (eg translation services) please contact the school immunisation team on 020 3691 1019.

School dates

Please check here <u>Coombe Hill Infants' School - Calendar</u> for the events for the summer term. We will update you when we add new events but please check this calendar regularly to ensure that you are up to date with what is going on in school. For term dates for next year and looking further ahead please go to <u>CHI Term Dates</u>.

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/NzIwMjI2NzU3Njg3
- Bee classroom https://classroom.google.com/c/NzIwMjI0ODMwNTA3?pli=1
- Ladybird classroom https://classroom.google.com/c/NzlwMjl2Nzl5Mzg1
- 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

- Please find attached information about the Love the Ball Summer Camp which will be held here at Coombe Hill booking now open! <u>LTB-SummerCamp25-Flyer V1.pdf</u>
- During the summer months the NSPCC will be hosting a series of free Talk PANTS Information
 Sessions arranged for parents and carers to help you Talk PANTS with those you care for. In this
 session we will cover what is Talk PANTS?, Parent/carer Talk PANTS resources, Support with
 Talking PANTS at home Talk PANTS Parent and Carer Sessions.docx.pdf
- Rose Youth Theatre Summer Schools are back for 2025! Booking is now open for our 'Create in Three Days' course, running between 6th August 15th August 2025. The course is full of fun drama-based activities, crafts, exercises, and skills. Small groups will work with a Rose Youth Theatre director and assistant for the duration of the course and create a short piece of theatre to be shared with families on the final day. Please visit our website to see a full list of course options. Click here to find out more and book your place: Summer Schools 2025
- Free "Dad's First Aid" course at The Willoughby Arms, Kingston on Thursday 24th July at 7pm, aimed at helping dads and male carers feel more confident in handling everyday first aid situations. The session is being offered by Kingston Round Table, in partnership with St. John Ambulance, and is completely free to attend. It's a practical, friendly workshop designed especially for fathers, father-figures, and male carers of young children just in time for the summer break. Sign up via the Kingston Round Table Facebook page or by email to kingston@roundtable.org.uk.

Previous newsletters

Our previous newsletters can be found here on our website https://www.coombehillinfants.com/page/?title=Parent+Newsletter&pid=225

Wishing you a restful weekend.

Warm regards

Janet Berry

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.







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park-play.com/register







