

COOMBE HILL INFANTS' SCHOOL

Learn together, grow together

Friday 13 June 2025

Dear Families,

We look forward to seeing many of you at the Summer fair tomorrow. It is always such a lovely community event. Many thanks to our wonderful PTA for organising the whole thing and to so many of you who have given up your time to help. It was lovely to see several parents at the PTA meeting last week, however, many of those who came will be moving on at the end of this school year and we need more parents, grandparents, etc to join. Please look out for notices in the coming weeks.

This time of year is always so busy for your children. There are lots of events and changes to routine, and this can unsettle some. You can help us with this by explaining some of the events, ie, Sports day, and also ensuring that they have plenty of sleep. Some children are continuing to find playtimes difficult, and we are seeing some inappropriate physical play. This is unsafe, and we will be contacting parents if we are concerned. It is vital that you support us with this.

Sun safety in the warm weather

It is lovely that the sun has reappeared. 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.

Reception trip to Hounslow Urban Farm

On Wednesday, our Reception classes visited Hounslow Urban farm and they all had a wonderful day out. They enjoyed an exotic animal experience and a farm animal experience where children listened beautifully to interesting facts about lots of different types of animals. The children were very brave and touched a snake, a cockroach, a rabbit, a duck, a chick and many more animals. They also enjoyed feeding the sheep, goats, alpacas and llamas. We hope they told you all about their day! Huge thanks to all of the parents who came on the trip, we are very grateful for your support.



Lost Property

Please could we ask you all to help us to manage the amount of un-named lost property items that have accumulated over the past few weeks. Our lost property box is now overflowing with items that we have no way of returning to their owners as they are not named. Please ensure that every item of school uniform that your child owns is clearly named. We are finding a lot of water bottles that are unnamed and these need clear labels on them. We would be very grateful to hear from any parents who might be

able to help us manage the lost property box on a regular basis. Please contact the school office team if you might be able to offer an hour every two weeks to do this, thank you.



2025 Parent Survey

Please find to follow a link to the 2025 Parent survey for our school. We would be very grateful if you could complete this by Friday, 20th June. We look at all of your views and comments given in this survey, and these help to formulate our development plan for the next year. Thank you. <u>https://forms.gle/Ygh3x62NzfHwrmTk7</u>

Year 1 Painshill Park trip - Monday 23 June

A reminder to our Year 1 parents and carers that information about the visit to Painshill Park was sent out last week. Please make payment via Parentpay, please read the letter regarding payment.

Coombe Hill Schools Summer Fair

We are so grateful to everyone who has given their time and effort to support the planning of the Summer fair over the past few weeks, many of you have worked so hard to organise the stalls and to get things ready. Thank you for your generous donations of chocolates and bottles this morning, and to every one of you who is helping with their class stall tomorrow, we couldn't hold the fair without your support and it is one of our biggest fundraising events of the year. We look forward to seeing many of you there. The weather looks set for a sunny afternoon.



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 Autumn term 2025, our Booking Request Form will be available on the school Connections Club webpage from 18/06/25. Current availability is shown below and the closing date for new applications is 29/06/25. A form is required ONLY FOR NEW BOOKINGS.

Existing Bookings

If you have a Connections booking currently, it will be continued into the Autumn term automatically and a Booking Request Form is **NOT** required. Year 2 bookings will continue into Year 3. If you wish to request a change to your booking you must email Connections by 29/06/25.

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	None
Tuesday	None	Tuesday	None
Wednesday	None	Wednesday	Little
Thursday	None	Thursday	None
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 Link to the Connections webpage:- <u>Coombe Connections club</u>

Swimming reminders

Thank you to everyone who has given their time again this week to help with the swimming sessions. We have just one gap in the rotas for next week, please email <u>chiswimmingsessions@gmail.com</u> if you are able to help.

- Mon 16th Leopard Boys changing room
- Thursday 19th Hedgehog Boys changing room

Attendance this week

Our overall attendance target is 96%. Our overall attendance this week is 97.78%. Otter and Leopard classes have achieved the highest attendance this week, with 99.67% attendance each, followed by Tiger and Ladybird classes with 98.33%. Well done to all classes across the school this week for having high attendance with children in school punctually, ready to learn.



Illness absence - Is my child too ill for school?

Please find to follow a useful link to NHS advice on common childhood illnesses and whether or not your child should attend school if they have for example a cough, a cold, a sore throat or raised temperature, as well as other conditions such as chicken pox, hand foot & mouth disease and conjunctivitis.

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

Please contact the school office if you have any questions and obviously seek medical advice where necessary.

DBS checks for parent volunteers

For those of you who have applied for a DBS check please remember to bring in your paper certificate when you receive it through the post as we must see this as part of the check.

Celebrating special occasions

A reminder, following on from my message last term. Whilst we understand that parents may want to share celebratory occasions (birthdays and religious occasions etc) and extend their generosity to other families, we must ask you not to give out sweets and treats to other children outside classrooms as in the past several parents have contacted us to say that they would prefer that their children are not given or

offered sweets and treats in this way at school. If you would like to celebrate special occasions with the other families in your child's class, please consider donating a book to the classroom with a special message inside. Thank you for your understanding.

GP and dental appointments

A reminder that our Attendance and Absence policy states that we ask you to make medical or routine dental appointments for your children outside of school hours wherever possible. We fully understand that hospital and emergency dental appointments will often fall during the school day (and that this is unavoidable) and that GP appointments can be hard to get hold of. However we appreciate your support in trying as far as you can to not book routine appointments during the school day, especially over lunchtime. Please provide evidence of all medical and dental appointments so that absences can be authorised. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Early afternoon collections

Please be reminded that we cannot authorise early afternoon collections for reasons such as other family member's appointments or for travel or for any other non-urgent reason. We would expect you to arrange for another adult to collect your child instead. If your child does not attend a full afternoon at school until collection time at 3.05/3.10pm they may be marked absent for the entire afternoon session.

Summer term dates

Please check here <u>Coombe Hill Infants' School - Calendar</u> for the events (ie Sports Day and the Summer concert) 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.

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/NzIwMjl2NzU3Njg3
- Bee classroom https://classroom.google.com/c/NzIwMjI00DMwNTA3?pli=1
- Ladybird classroom https://classroom.google.com/c/NzIwMjl2NzI5Mzg1
- Year 1 classroom https://classroom.google.com/c/NjI0MTI0MjM3MDg5
- Year 2 classroom <u>https://classroom.google.com/c/NiIOMTI2MTg0NiMy</u>

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 <u>https://forms.gle/mN1XwRS174XqDdo39</u>

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! It LTB-SummerCamp25-Flyer V1.pdf
- We are grateful to
- **Dickerage ParkPlay** runs every Saturday at 12:30 PM, offering two hours of free, fun, active play for all ages https://park-play.com/
- Barnes Children's Literature Festival 21 & 22 June. Follow the link for information on lots of events for children and families <u>https://www.barneskidslitfest.org/whats-on</u>.

Previous newsletters

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

Best regards

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.



