



COOMBE HILL INFANTS' SCHOOL

Friday 8 December 2023

Dear Families,

This week we are all thinking about our core behaviour values...Ready ,Respectful and Safe. We have been asking children to think about how this looks for them and for their behaviour. We are currently finding that a number of children are playing very rough games and hurting each other. Please could you keep an eye on anything which may be influencing them. It could be the news, a computer game or access to a mobile phone. We are concerned about some of the behaviour we are seeing. **Next week** we will be reminding children about being **safe and respectful** like Kanga and Winnie the Pooh.



Accent catering tasting session

It was a pleasure to see some of our parents at the Accent catering tasting session this morning, thank you to those of you who were able to come along. We hope you enjoyed learning more about the school lunches that your children enjoy every day, and sampling the food. Please look on our website for recipe booklets and more information.



Christmas Fair

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Fair on Saturday. So many of you worked so hard to make it such a lovely event. We raised around £7,500 which is incredible. This money will be shared between the two schools. Money raised by CHIPTA pays for our forest school teacher and our drumming teacher. Without your help we couldn't provide these things for your children, thank you.

Book sale

So many books were donated for the fair and we have some left over, they will be available at the cake sale next week and more donations are most welcome.

Raffle prizes

The raffle was drawn yesterday, thank you to everyone who bought tickets and supported this. Please check your email to find out if you have won a prize. If you have won a prize, please email chiptachair@gmail.com to find out how and where to claim your prize.

Hanukkah assembly

Today we celebrated the festival of Hanukkah and the year 2 singing club led the whole school with a celebration song. We thought of similarities between religions which celebrate using candles and lights.



Year 2 trip to Cornerstone church - A Christmas Journey

Year 2 enjoyed a trip to the Cornerstone church in Kingston on Wednesday. They travelled by bus and enjoyed watching actors recreate scenes of the nativity in different parts of the church. It really brought their learning to life. We are grateful to the Cornerstone church for inviting us, and thank you to those parents who helped us - we couldn't do it without you.



St Nicholas Day tradition

The children all enjoyed a special treat on Wednesday to mark St Nicholas Day. It is a tradition in some European countries on this day for children to receive treats and gifts in their shoes. The children returned from a special assembly to discover that their shoes had been filled with tangerines, a lovely surprise!



Spark! Book awards



As you know, some of our lovely children helped us film the introduction videos for the Spark! Book Awards longlist - [The Twelve Books of Christmas](#) - the Picture Book Category. Take a look at the 6 videos which have already been released on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

OPAL outdoor play and learning



An update on our OPAL Outdoor Play And Learning project (with CHJ).

We are introducing something new to the children each week and they are thoroughly enjoying playing in new areas of the school grounds and mixing with the junior school children. So far, we have introduced a music stage area, a small world play area, tyres on the field and next week the children will find out in our Tuesday assembly! For more information see

[www.outdoor play and learning.org.uk](http://www.outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk)

School clubs

Payment for school clubs is due by Monday 11 December. If your child has been allocated a club place that you no longer need and don't intend to pay for please let us know by Monday as there may well be a waitlist. We do still have a few spaces in Board Games/Construction club (Mondays - all year groups), Drumming (Tuesday - year 2 only) and Storybooks/Film club (Thursdays - all year groups), please let us know by Monday if you would like a place for your child. Payment for our external clubs, French and Drumming, is also due by Monday to Madame Banks and Sean Quinn.

Christmas concerts

We are all looking forward to the Christmas concerts, they are always a highlight of our school year. You have all received full details this week, please ask the school office if you have any questions. We have had a number of requests for additional tickets but can only allocate them if we have capacity, and if parents who are not planning to use one or both of their tickets, let us know. Please let us know if you do not need one or both of your tickets so that we can offer them to another family. Please note that the dress rehearsal is for families with younger children, we cannot offer this as an alternative to the main concert dates for families. Thank you for your understanding.

Christmas lunch menu

On the last day of term, Thursday 21 December, the children will enjoy a traditional Christmas lunch, and the menu that was to be served on this date (beef lasagne or jacket potatoes) will now be served on Wednesday 20 December instead. Please see the menu to follow:

Christmas
LUNCH

Traditional Roast turkey
with cranberry and apricot stuffing (G Su,) roast potatoes,
brussels sprouts, peas and carrots, gravy and homemade cranberry sauce

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Christmas Butternut squash and Mushroom Wellington (G)
with cranberry and apricot stuffing (G, Su) roast potatoes,
brussels sprouts, peas and carrots, gravy and homemade cranberry sauce

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Chocolate brownie with Vanilla ice cream (E, Mk, G)
or
Homemade Christmas Pudding (G, Su, So, Se, L, E)
or
Mince pie with custard (Mk, Su, G)

Thursday 21/12/23

Allergies

Ce = Celery
Cr = Crustacean
E = Eggs
F = Fish

G = Cereals containing Gluten
L = Lupin
Mk = Milk

Mo = Molluscs
Mu = Mustard
N = Nuts
P = Peanuts

Se = Sesame Seeds
So = Soya
Su = Sulphur Dioxide

Second hand uniform

We have a large amount of second-hand uniform available in the school foyer, please come and have a look. Please take what you need, we are not charging for these items but do have a charity collection box on the front desk for you to put a small donation in should you wish. At the moment we are still not accepting any more donations of second-hand uniform as we have plenty (apart from Coombe Hill fleeces and jogging bottoms which we will gladly accept). We will let you know when we are able to accept donations again in the future.

Parking and courteous behaviour

Unfortunately this week we have had complaints reported to us about the conduct of some of our parents when parking and driving in the local streets at morning drop off and afternoon collection. There have been instances of parents driving down Crown Road at speed at times when there are many children getting in and out of cars and using the pavements. We have also been made aware of parents being aggressive towards local residents when they have been asked not to park in front of their driveways etc. We understand that the vast majority of parents would never behave in this way but the behaviour of a few can reflect our school in a poor light within our community. Your children have recently taken part in road safety week and it is so important that we all set a positive example for them. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Childhood illness

At this time of year children can suffer more with seasonal illnesses. The NHS has a useful page in understanding whether your child should attend school or not if they seem unwell. Please see <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>. There is advice here for chicken pox, coughs, cold, earache, raised temperatures, conjunctivitis etc.

Vomiting and diarrhoea

Please pay particular attention to the rules around vomiting and diarrhoea as this is very infectious and spreads quickly among small children. In fairness to everyone **please ensure that your child remains at home for at least 2 days/48 hours after their last bout of vomiting or diarrhoea.** Unfortunately over the past week some children have been sent back to school too early and have

become ill again whilst in school. Please strictly observe the 48 hour quarantine period. Thank you for your co-operation with this and please ask the school office for advice if in doubt.

Job Vacancy

Connections Club is the friendly, wrap around care club for Coombe Hill Schools. We are currently looking for a playworker for our Breakfast Club and After School Club starting in January. If you enjoy working with children and have enthusiasm and can work from 7.30 am - 9.00 am Mon - Fri and 2.30 pm - 5.30 pm Mon - Fri please contact Jill Evans in the Junior school office on 020 8949 1743 or jevans110@chj.rbksch.org. Your children may attend Connections Club both morning and afternoon free of charge whilst you are working. If you are only interested in working in Breakfast club we would still like to hear from you. Please contact Mrs Evans if you would like more information.



BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Flu vaccinations catch up clinic

There will be a flu vaccine catch up clinic for any children who missed the vaccine in school last week, and if you would like them to have it. Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter for details. The clinic will be held tomorrow, **Saturday 9 December, from 9.30 - 12.30pm** in **East Sheen library**. There are no further catch up clinics planned for this season in the area and this is the nearest one.

Punctuality monitoring

Please be reminded that any families who are experiencing difficulties in arriving at school on time should talk to us so that we can support you in trying to improve the situation, please make an appointment with me. Please allow ample time for all of your school journeys and walk, scoot or cycle whenever possible. At the end of term we will be in touch with those families where we have concerns. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

SEN cake sale

Next Friday we will have a cake sale in support of resources for those children with special educational needs. We invite donations from all parents and carers across the school, please bring cakes, biscuits, doughnuts etc to the office during the day next Friday or to the sale. If you are able to help to run the sale we would love to hear from you. Thank you for your support.

Pupil Premium Grant

When your child was admitted to the school we checked their eligibility for the Pupil Premium Grant. Please get in touch with us if your financial circumstances have changed since your child's 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/yrUZKUVsunMns7yc9>.

Lost property

A blue scooter has been handed in at the office - the make is "Globber", please come and collect it if it is yours.

Community and other information

We hope you find the following information useful:

- **Friends of Richmond Park "Discoverers" group** who run lovely nature activities throughout the year for children have asked us to let you know about their Christmas 'Crafternoon' on Sunday 10 December from 1 - 3pm at Pembroke Lodge, a poster follows below.
- **Kingston First** have asked us to pass on details of events around Kingston in the run up to Christmas <https://kingstonuponthames.info/christmas-in-kingston>
- **Achieving for Children - Positive parenting course** starting Thursday 11th January 24 from 10:00am - 12:00pm for five weeks at Chessington Children's Centre, KT9 1JE. The course is particularly suitable for parents with children up to the age of five, covering topics such as

wellbeing, child development, routines, choices and consequences, and a parenting toolkit (please find further information below).

- **The HENRY programme**, which supports healthy family lifestyles, are running programmes and workshops locally from January (please see further information below). Topics covered include understanding children's behaviour, parent wellbeing, supporting children eating a wide range of foods, screen time, being active, self-esteem, sleep etc.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Warm regards

Janet Berry

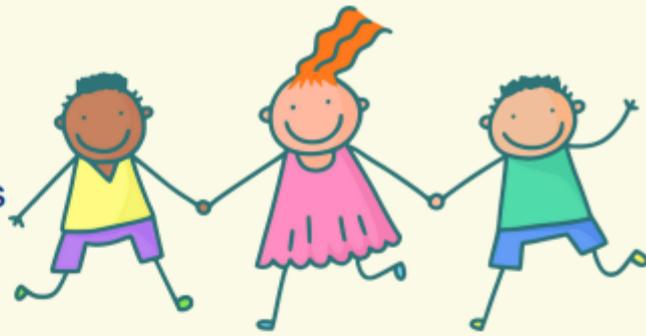
Safeguarding

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.



Hounslow and Richmond
Community Healthcare
NHS Trust

presents



Childrens & Young Peoples Flu Vaccinations in Kingston & Richmond 2023- Catch up clinics.

For children and young people that attend school in the Kingston and Richmond borough.

We are inviting children in Reception to Year 11 and include children who live in our borough and do not attend school.

Saturday 09th December 09:30am to 12:30pm
East Sheen Library, Sheen Lane, London, SW14 8LP
(Walk in, no appointment needed)

Please contact the team on:

HRCH.ImmunisationTeamKingstonMailbox@nhs.net
Tel: 0203 691 1043

HRCH.ImmunisationTeamMailbox@nhs.net
Tel: 0203 691 1019



SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER 1-3PM
PEMBROKE LODGE BELVEDERE
RICHMOND PARK

DISCOVERERS CHRISTMAS CRAFTERNOON

* FREE DROP-IN EVENT * CHRISTMAS CRAFTS *

COME AND MEET SANTA!



Positive Parenting Course



**Thursday 11 January 2024,
10:00am – 12:00pm, five-week course,
Chessington Children's Centre,
Buckland Road,
Chessington, KT9 1JE**

Every parent finds parenting tough at times. Take some time out to meet other parents, share experiences and pick up some tips that may make life a little easier.

Topics covered:

Your Wellbeing, Child Development, Routines, Choices and Consequences and our Parenting Toolkit.

We hope to see you there.

Booking link:

<https://forms.gle/sb755GKo5e8dQwz49>

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HENRY Newsletter for Parents

November 2023



Update from Kingston's HENRY Coordinators

Hello from the Kingston HENRY Team, and a warm welcome to the next edition of the HENRY newsletter. HENRY continues to grow within Kingston and we are delighted to be able to offer FREE Healthy Families Group programmes, 1:1 programmes and workshops.

Face to Face programme:

We are pleased to share that next term we will be offering a face to face programme alongside our normal online programmes.

We have been able to secure a great venue at the Queen Mary Hall in Cambridge Gardens. This venue is in a great location with good transport links and parking available. Dates and times of this are below.

What is HENRY all about?

We know that everyone wants the best for their children, but it can be hard to ensure a healthy lifestyle for the whole family. The HENRY team offer 8-week programmes and one-off workshops for parents and carers of children between 0-12.

HENRY is for everyone, and topics covered include understanding children's behaviour, setting boundaries, parent wellbeing, healthy lifestyles, supporting children eating a wide range of foods, screen time, being active, family routines, sleep, self-esteem, and much more.

The programme and workshops are **FREE to attend for parents/carers** of children attending Kingston Schools. You can self-refer by clicking [here](#) or via the QR code or to find out more please feel to email us on henry@yourhealthcare.org

Upcoming HENRY Programmes and workshops

Healthy Families Growing up (5-12's) Programme - Face to Face

Venue: Queen Marys Hall, Cambridge Gardens

Day/Time: Wednesdays 10am-12pm.

Dates: 24th January - 20th March

Break: February half term

Interested in attending or want to find out more? Use this QR code to fill out the referral form and a member of our team will be in contact.



Healthy families

- **What do parents say who have already accessed HENRY?**
- I enjoyed that I was not being 'told what to do', but instead we had discussions around what would work for my family.
- The possibility to talk and listen with other parents, getting ideas to cope with difficulties.
- The food boxes are brilliant

[yourhealthcare](#)