



COOMBE HILL INFANTS' SCHOOL

Friday 12 January 2024

Dear Families,

Happy New Year! We hope that you all had a wonderful break with your families and friends. It has been lovely to see your children back at school looking so rested and ready for the new term. In our assembly on Monday we talked about our resolutions for the year ahead and we all agreed that we are going to be Ready, Respectful and Safe. We have new prefects in place and they will be meeting with me to let me know about good behaviour that they have seen, but also any behaviour that is not appropriate. We will be focussing on good manners, kind hands, feet and words. Next week our learning focus is **Respectful**, aided by Winnie The Pooh. For your children this means thinking about the feelings of others, sharing and being kind.

Building works

You will have noticed that during the break scaffolding was put up in the year 1 playground. This is in preparation for the roof to be replaced at the beginning of February. Initially this will impact Otter and Hedgehog classes. Otter class will be moving into the Studio building in the year 1 playground and Hedgehog class will be moving into the Library at the rear of the school. This move will take place on Friday 2nd February ready for the work to start on Monday 5th February. We will give parents in both classes more information in a separate email nearer the time. The next phase of the replacement will hopefully begin on 11th March, this will impact Butterfly, Ladybird and Squirrel classes. The final phase will involve Bee class. Again, we will let families know what the arrangements are for pick up etc nearer the time. Staff will work very hard to minimise disruption for the children and we will prepare them by visiting the new rooms, using social stories and making it a bit of an adventure.

Spring term - important dates

The link below gives dates of events we have planned for the Spring term, please read and note these, further dates may be added throughout the term and we will let you know.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Z8ZlgSO-CXv-p_ODNoPb2XyZyTUpMcDI/edit?usp=sharing&oid=109721753956510019087&rtpof=true&sd=true

School clubs - starting Monday

The Spring term clubs registers have now been finalised and clubs start from Monday 15 January. If any clubs were not paid for we have assumed that you do not want the space that was allocated for your child and they will not be on that club register, please collect them at the usual time from their classroom. Please see a reminder of the clubs timetable at the end of this newsletter. When you collect your child please enter via the blue gate next to the school office, the code for the gate is **9876**, you will be able to enter from 3.50pm (no earlier). In fairness to our staff who run the clubs voluntarily, please collect your child promptly at 4pm (or 4.15pm for Drumming club), we will monitor any late collections from clubs. Reception parents who are new to clubs, your child will be taken straight to their club classroom after school, you do not need to come to school at 3.05pm and take them there. A few notes about clubs:

- **All clubs on Thursday 22 February have been cancelled** due to the Parent Progress meetings. Payment for these clubs on that day will be carried forward and deducted from any club booking next term. Please speak to the school office if you have any queries.

- On Tuesday 20 February, **Drumming club** will take place in the Studio (the portakabin on the year 1 playground) and **French club** in the ICT suite.
- **Love the Ball multi-sports club** (Monday) - please make sure your child has velcro trainers in school on the day of their club in a named bag to change into.
- **Soccer school** (Thursday) – please make sure your child has football boots, shin pads, socks and shorts/joggers in a named bag to change into as soccer school play football on grass and it can be slippery and muddy. It would be very helpful if your child could practise putting on their pads, socks and boots at home.
- **Wildcats Football club - girls** (Thursday) – please make sure your daughter has velcro trainers, socks and shorts/joggers in a named bag to change into.
- **Mindfulness club** - will now take place in Bee classroom (not Ladybird)

Communicating medical incidents

We have amended the system we have for communicating any medical incidents/injuries for your child during the school day. You will receive a form about any incidents involving your child where they have received medical attention during the school day, we are no longer using the green forms which were only being used for more serious accidents/injuries. If your child attends Connections, or a school club please ensure that you check your child's bag thoroughly every evening in case there is a form for you to see, otherwise your child's teacher will pass this information to you at the classroom door. For more serious incidents our school office staff will continue to call you to let you know in the same way as previously. If you have any questions around this new process please let us know.

Primary school admissions for September 2024 - children moving to Year 3 and starting Reception

A reminder to our Year 2 parents and those families who have children due to start Reception in September 2024 that **the deadline is Monday 15 January 2024**. Full details of the admissions process and important dates are contained in the Primary School Admissions brochure here: ['Admission to Kingston's primary schools for September 2024 entry'](#)

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 Spring term 2024, our Booking Request Form will be available on the school Connections Club webpage from 15/01/24. The deadline for new applications is 21/01/24.

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 Spring term and a Booking Request Form is NOT required. If you wish to request a change to your booking you must email Connections by 17/01/24.

Connections email: connectionsclub@chi.rbksch.org

We work on a 'first come, first served' basis and availability is prioritised to those with existing bookings.

Link to the Connections webpage:-

<https://www.coombehillininfants.com/page/?title=Coombe+Connections&pid=110>

Infants' School Availability for Spring second half term 2024

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

Junior School Availability for Spring second half term 2024

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

Punctuality - morning and afternoon

A reminder that we expect every child to be dropped off at their classroom door on time, and to be collected at the end of the school day when the classroom door opens. It is disruptive to the class teachers and teaching assistants when children arrive late, and unsettling for your child who has missed the start of the school day. Likewise, it can be upsetting for them when they do not leave the classroom with the rest of the children at the end of the school day and have to wait for you. Please avoid this happening by leaving ample time for your school journeys, taking into account continual heavy traffic on the roads and on bus routes around the school and very limited parking. We continue to record all late arrivals and collections.

“Helping children with screen time” - upcoming webinars

We have sent you the flyer for a webinar around “Helping children with screen time”. The webinar will discuss the positive and negative impacts of screen time and gaming on children’s mental wellbeing. There will be advice on screen time based on age, how to have conversations around this in a positive and effective manner with your child and ways to manage screen time. You can sign up for these webinars by the links in the flyer. We strongly encourage all parents to consider signing up for one of these webinars.

Fireworks Celebration - request for volunteers

We are looking forward to our rescheduled Fireworks evening on Thursday 8 February. Tickets that were purchased for the cancelled event in November will carry over to the new date. If you have not previously bought a ticket and would like to come, you can do so here:

<https://ticketstripe.com/events/1037088>

The Coombe Hill PTAs would love to hear from you if you are able to help at the event, lots of volunteers are needed for this and they do not have enough support currently, you will get a free ticket if you help during the evening. Please email Sophie at chiptachair@gmail.com to volunteer.

Book suggestions

Some parents have been asking us for suggestions for age appropriate books. The Alligator’s Mouth bookshop in Richmond Upon Thames runs an annual book Award which celebrates the best books for children aged 6 to 8 years old. Click on the [link](#) to find the Alligator’s Mouth Award longlist from 2023. Also, take a look at the [Spark!Book Awards longlist](#) for book ideas.

OPAL Outdoor Play and Learning



OPAL Outdoor Play And Learning project (with CHJ).

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP!

We need donations (second hand or new) to help resource our play areas: small world toys - dinosaurs, cars, animals, trains, trucks, natural building blocks etc cable reels, pallets, kitchen utensils like pots, pans, wooden spoons, spatulas etc. Please leave your donations in the school office

entrance. Thank you for your help! For more information about OPAL see www.outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk

Reception children - National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)

The School Health team are due to visit the school on Tuesday 23 January to weigh and measure all children in Reception. Please refer to the email to Reception parents that was sent on 21/12/2023 for full details, including how to withdraw your child from the programme if you do not want them to take part.

Second hand uniform and joggers

If you have any second hand uniform items, please leave them in the collection bin next to the clothes racks in the school entrance. Please come and have a look and take what you need at any time between 8.15am to 4.15pm, we are not charging for these items (there is an optional charity donation tin on the front desk) and would like to see them put to good use. We are always grateful for donations of joggers as well. Thank you.

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. It is usually appropriate for you to send children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above. If your child has a temperature in the morning, please do not give them calpol and send them in.

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>.

Community and other information

We hope you find the following information useful:

- The Kingston Children's Centres programme for this Spring term can be found via this link: <http://tinyurl.com/Kingston-CCs-Spring-2024>. Families with children between 0-5 years may be interested.

Wishing you a good 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.

Clubs timetable

SPRING TERM CLUBS TIMETABLE 2024

	Club Name	Year Groups	Run By	Collection	Day	Time	Dates	Wks	Cost
	'Love the Ball' multi-sports	Rec, Y1 & Y2	Love the Ball crew	ICT suite	Monday	3.10 – 4.00pm	Jan: 15, 22, 29 Feb: 19, 26 Mar: 4, 11, 18	8	£64
	Board Games & Construction	Rec, Y1 & Y2	Mr <u>Collyer</u> & Mrs Vaughan	Squirrel	Monday	3.10 – 4.00pm	Jan: 15, 22, 29 Feb: 19, 26 Mar: 4, 11, 18	8	£64
	Dance	Y1 & Y2	Miss Roe	Tiger	Monday	3.10 – 4.00pm	Jan: 15, 22, 29 Feb: 19, 26 Mar: 4, 11, 18	8	£64
	French	Y1 & Y2 beginners	Madame Banks	Otter	Monday	3.10 – 4.00pm	Jan: 15, 22, 29 Feb: 19, 26 Mar: 4, 11, 18	8	£84
	Sewing & Crafts	Y1 & Y2	Mrs <u>Gray</u> & Mrs <u>Oikwan</u>	Hedgehog	Monday	3.10 – 4.00pm	Jan: 15, 22, 29 Feb: 19, 26 Mar: 4, 11, 18	8	£64
	French	Y1	Madame Banks	Squirrel	Tuesday	3.10 – 4.00pm	Jan: 16, 23, 30 Feb: 20, 27 Mar: 5, 12, 19	8	£84
	Drumming*	Y2	Sean Quinn	ICT suite	Tuesday	3.10 – <u>4.15pm</u>	Jan: 16, 23, 30 Feb: 20, 27 Mar: 5, 12, 19	8	£64
	French	Y2	Madame Banks	Squirrel	Wednesday	3.10 – 4.00pm	Jan: 17, 24, 31 Feb: 21, 28 Mar: 6, 13, 20	8	£84
	Art	Y1 & Y2	Mrs Davies & Mrs Ruth	Leopard	Wednesday	3.10 – 4.00pm	Jan: 17, 24, 31 Feb: 21, 28 Mar: 6, 13, 20	8	£64
	Mindfulness (including yoga, drawing, crafts & games based around mindfulness)	Rec, Y1 & Y2	Miss <u>Zolobajluk</u> & Mrs Morris	Bee	Thursday	3.10 – 4.00pm	Jan: 18, 25 Feb: 1, 29 Mar: 7, 14, 21	8	£64
	Storybooks & Films	Rec, Y1 & Y2	Mrs Berry & Mrs <u>Jakob</u>	Tiger	Thursday	3.10 – 4.00pm	Jan: 18, 25 Feb: 1, 29 Mar: 7, 14, 21	8	£64
	'Wildcats' (Girls' football)	Rec, Y1 & Y2	Love the Ball crew	ICT suite	Thursday	3.10 – 4.00pm	Jan: 18, 25 Feb: 1, 29 Mar: 7, 14, 21	8	£64
	Soccer school	Rec, Y1 & Y2	Love the Ball crew	ICT suite	Thursday	3.10 – 4.00pm	Jan: 18, 25 Feb: 1, 29 Mar: 7, 14, 21	8	£64