

Friday 7th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see your children enjoying another busy week at school. Thank you for sending your children in to school on Tuesday looking smart and ready for their class photographs, we look forward to sharing these with you soon and you will receive a proof in your child's blue bag for you to purchase if you wish.

This week and next we will be having a whole school focus on behaviour. Please support us by talking to your children about the importance of listening to others, being respectful and showing kindness to others. Young children do need help with this and it is important that we work together. Please let us know if your child is struggling with their behaviour at home.

Swimming

Our swimming pool is now ready to open and looks lovely, we can't wait for the children to begin swimming. We will have to wait until June 21st when we hope that all social distancing rules are lifted. We will need lots of help with swimming and we very much rely on parental support. A rota will be circulated soon and we will hold a general swimming meeting for parents to ask questions and find out more about our swimming sessions. In the meantime, if you are potentially able to help with swimming please apply for your DBS certificate via the School Office, our Office staff will be happy to help you. No parent will be able to help with swimming without a valid DBS certificate and getting this arranged now will give us plenty of time to plan the Swimming rota for each year group.

School security

Many of you use the coded gate at the side of the school. This is mainly used by Connections parents and also early morning groups. Please could we request that this gate is not propped open by the large plant pot. The gate is there to ensure that the children are safe and cannot leave the site but also to keep intruders out. To ensure the safeguarding of all children please refrain from doing this. We do have CCTV cameras and can see that this is happening frequently. Thank you for your support.

Covid symptoms

We remain cautious and vigilant in monitoring children with Covid symptoms. We are continuing to follow government guidance and request that any child showing any Covid symptoms (new persistent cough, high temperature or loss of sense of smell or taste) is taken for a PCR Covid test at a test site and that you follow household isolation guidance - a reminder that these tests can be booked via <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119. Lateral flow tests that you may have at home are to test children and adults who **do not have symptoms** (a PCR test **must** be arranged for anyone with symptoms). We understand that it can be inconvenient and frustrating to be asked to take your child for a Covid test but we are committed to keeping our School safe and open. Thank you for your co-operation and for collecting your child promptly from school when asked.

Children leaving Coombe Hill

If for any reason your child is leaving Coombe Hill it is important that you inform the School Office - you are required to complete a Leaver's form which we will put in your child's blue bag.

Accent Bake-Off Overall Winners

We were really pleased to receive the results of the Accent Bake-Off competition this week, the judges at Accent had a very difficult job choosing the overall winners. We had lots of wonderful entries and everyone should be really proud of their creations, we clearly have some very talented bakers! The two overall winners, awarded the Star Baker prize of a MasterChef Junior Bakes recipe book were; Leo of Ladybird class, for his beautiful rainbow cake; and Sarah of Leopard class for her lovely blueberry pancakes. Well done to everyone who entered and keep on baking!

Warm regards

Janet Berry