



# COOMBE HILL INFANTS' SCHOOL

Friday 28 April 2023

Dear Families,

This week our behaviour focus is on being Resourceful. Your children have been thinking about their learning and how they can change things if they are not working. They have been very reflective. Next week is all about being Ready to learn. We will revisit our school behaviour code (our rules), and show readiness to learn which is good listening and ignoring distractions.

Each year that goes by I am aware of the increasing challenges families face to ensure children are safe online, it is hard to keep up with technology. Next Friday 5th May we have invited Peter Cowley, Lead Adviser for Online Services and Safety for AfC, to talk to you about how you can keep your children safe online. The talk is aimed at parents of very young children. Please come along to the Hall at 9.00am, we hope to see many of you there.

## **World Daily Mile day this week**

This week all of our children participated in the worldwide World Daily Mile day, joining thousands of other schools and early years settings around the world. The children run the daily mile every morning and they have all received a certificate for taking part in this special worldwide event this week. Please see our website page for more information about The Daily Mile.

[Coombe Hill Infants' School - The Daily Mile™\\*](#)



## **Coronation celebrations**

Next week we will be celebrating the Coronation. It is a significant historical event and there are so many learning opportunities. We will have a special assembly, a school street party and a Coronation inspired lunch. Friday will be a non-uniform day and all children are invited to come into school wearing red, white and/or blue.

### Uniform sale (and labelling items!)

We will resume our second hand uniform sales next Friday at 3pm. We can take cash or card payment. We have a lot of good quality stock so please take a look. Once again, please label all clothing with your child's name. If un-named items get lost at school we have no way of returning belongings to their rightful owners. This is especially important and we recommend you name everything, including shoes and socks, this is particularly important with swimming season starting soon.

### Reading



As you know, we are the [CLPE Associate School for Kingston and Richmond](#). This means we are trained in the Power of Reading approach and we believe in the importance of reading for pleasure, ensuring our children have access to high quality picture books which reflect the reality of our school

community. We recently received a visit from CLPE and we thought you would be interested in hearing what they thought about the teaching and learning they saw at school.

*"I had a wonderful visit, and I am delighted that I saw some fantastic Power of Reading in action. The level of engagement and enthusiasm seen in the lessons observed was very impressive and what particularly stood out for me was the confidence and language and vocabulary being used by the children when articulating their responses to the texts they were working with, particularly in the Year 1 class we visited.*

*Please pass on my thanks to those children who came and spoke with me about reading and writing. They should feel very proud of themselves for speaking so confidently and enthusiastically and it was great to hear what they liked about writing and some of their favourite books. They did you proud! Well done everyone!*

*Power of Reading is clearly having an impact on both the staff and children across the school and I can see how much investment you have made in ensuring this is maintained and sustained over a number of years. From the learning environments around the school and in the classrooms (including book areas and displays), to the library spaces, to the work seen in books, to the way the children speak about reading, the school is clearly a Power of Reading school with reading for pleasure at its heart. Your commitment to ensuring the success of all your children is inspiring and it was a pleasure to speak with you about how the Power of Reading has played a big part in achieving this."*

**Jamie Wraight**

Primary Advisory Teacher

**Centre for Literacy in Primary Education**

[Take a look at page 8 & 9 of the CLPE Members' Magazine for an article about Coombe Hill Infants' School](#)

### Proposed Industrial Action/teacher strikes - Tuesday 2 May

Last week, you received an email regarding the proposed Industrial Action/teacher strikes scheduled for Tuesday 2 May. Please note the following for Tuesday:

Classes <b>CLOSED</b>	Classes <b>OPEN</b>
Bee	Ladybird
Dragonfly	Hedgehog
Squirrel	Lion
Otter	Tiger
Leopard	

### **Swimming**

We will very soon be starting our swimming sessions for the Summer term. Thank you to all of you who have signed up to help with these sessions either in the pool or in the changing rooms. We rely heavily on parent volunteers for swimming and will not be able to run sessions if we do not have the required amount of volunteers to ensure the children's safety. You should have received the class swim rotas by now showing the dates that your class is responsible for supplying volunteers, please have a look where help is still needed. All volunteers **MUST** have a DBS check completed through the school, please contact the School Office to arrange this and email [swimrota2023@gmail.com](mailto:swimrota2023@gmail.com) with any questions about the rotas.

### **School clubs**

We have some spaces available in Country Dancing club (for year 1), and in Drumming club (for year 2) with our drumming teacher Sean Quinn. There is no charge for Country Dancing club, the children who participate will practise dances and then be invited to take part in the Borough schools Country Dancing festival which will be held in June. This is a lovely traditional event that we have taken part in for many years, we invite parents to come and watch. Please contact the School Office if you would like to enrol your child in either of these clubs.

### **School club cancellations due to teacher strikes**

For those children who were enrolled in clubs that were cancelled due to the industrial action on Thursday, you will be refunded for these cancelled sessions. For Reception and Year 1 children we will carry forward a refund against a club next year. For Year 2 children we will arrange a refund in due course. If you do not require a refund and would like to donate the club session payment to school funds instead, please let us know, thank you.

### **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 Summer term 2023, our Booking Request Form will be available on the school Connections Club webpage from 02/05/23. The deadline for new applications is 07/05/23.

We work on a 'first come, first served' basis and availability is limited, particularly mid week.

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 Summer term and a Booking Request Form is NOT required.

Link to the Connections webpage:-

[www.coombehillinants.com/page/?title=Coombe+Connections&pid=110](http://www.coombehillinants.com/page/?title=Coombe+Connections&pid=110)

### **Class and Sibling photos**

We are currently reviewing the date for the planned class and sibling photos and we will update you in due course, as soon as possible.

### **Coombe Hill Quiz night at the Royal Oak pub**

CHIPTA have arranged a quiz night at the Royal Oak pub in New Malden on Wednesday 3 May from 7.30pm. Tickets are £7 each and you should have received full details via your class reps, it should be a great evening.

### **Eid celebration**

The Eid celebration held today was a lovely event for both of our schools, joining together to celebrate this special time for many of our families. We hope that those of you who joined the event enjoyed the occasion.

### **Summer Fair advertising boards - help needed**

Robert Holmes & co estate agents are our school's main sponsor and have very generously donated to both schools for several years. For the Summer Fair this year, we need at least 20 promotional boards advertising the Coombe Hill schools' Summer Fair to be put up outside houses in the local area in June. If you would be happy to have a Robert Holmes board outside your house for about 2 weeks before the fair, please fill in this form <https://forms.gle/Jo5tiKroiec6yNm68>. Alternatively you can email [chjptachair@gmail.com](mailto:chjptachair@gmail.com), providing your address with any specific instruction as to where the board should be placed. Thank you for your support.

### **Walk and Wheels challenge results**

Thank you to all of our families who made the effort to reduce the amount of car or bus journeys to school before half term either on foot or by bike or scooter. The results are in and we made 1145 journeys in total by walk/wheel over the challenge period. We came 136th out of 210 schools in the London region and our winning classes are as follows:

- **Joint 1st place** - Ladybird & Tiger classes who each logged 143 journeys
- **3rd place** - Leopard Class with 138 journeys

We hope that many of you continue to travel to school on foot or by bike or scooter to reduce congestion and to help alleviate the ongoing issues that we have with parking in the nearby streets.

### **Coronation events in Kingston and New Malden**

Kingston Borough is organising a number of events to celebrate the King's Coronation. The New Malden Community will come together in Jubilee Square on Monday 8 May and Kingston Marketplace will hold a Coronation Parade on Sunday 7 May. As a family, you can get involved in the parade by joining a massed junk band. Just bring something to bang, shake, scrape or hit and come for a quick rehearsal in the Rose Theatre from 1.45pm on Sunday 7 May. More details here: <https://www.kingston.gov.uk/celebrating-kings-coronation/events-borough>

In addition, New Malden Town Centre Partnership wishes to warmly invite you to come along and enjoy their celebration on **Monday 8th May** from **11am to 5pm** at **Jubilee Square, Cocks Crescent, New Malden (KT3 4AJ)**. Local artists, choirs, and dance groups will perform, and there will be a selection of food stalls serving cuisine from around the world, along with a bar with a choice of beverages. There will also be enjoyable activities such as craft, sports and games.

### **Sports Day - date change**

A reminder that the date for Sports Day has now changed - now to be held on **Tuesday 27th June**. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

### **Homestart charity - request for volunteers to visit and support local families**

Homestart is a local charity which provides a vital lifeline for local families with children under five. The charity relies on parent volunteers who give their time to help other parents who are struggling to cope. They support them to manage their own issues as well as helping their pre-school children to be ready for nursery and school. Homestart is particularly looking for parents in Kingston Borough as demand has risen significantly in the last few months. The charity is offering a free course to train you to be a home-visiting volunteer, supporting families with difficulties such as post-natal illness, bereavement or disability. The course will run in Kingston Borough 9.45am-2.30pm, on Thursdays from 4 May to 15 June (not half-term 1 June). After the course, you would visit a family for 2-3 hours a week. For more information, please contact Angie Ahmed [angie@homestart-rkh.org.uk](mailto:angie@homestart-rkh.org.uk) or 07884 536161 or visit [www.homestart-rkh.org.uk](http://www.homestart-rkh.org.uk).

### **Kingston Children's Centres - Summer programme**

Please find attached a link to the Summer programme for families with under 5s for Kingston Children's Centres <https://tinyurl.com/5n8hr6ym>. There are also spaces on the Little Stars courses for the summer term. These sessions are aimed at children aged 18-36 months who have a speech & language delay. Parents/carers are shown how to support their children's speech, language and communication through sharing books, songs and play. Parents can complete an expression of interest form via this link: <https://tinyurl.com/bdhunun9>

### **Request for shoes and wellington boots**

It is always useful for us to have spare pairs of shoes and wellington boots in school, if you have any outgrown boots or velcro trainers in good condition (infants' children sized!) we would be very grateful to receive them, please bring them to the School Office, thank you.

### **Admissions forms deadline for new Reception children**

We are looking forward to welcoming many siblings of our current children into our Reception cohort in September. Please be reminded to complete all of the online Admissions forms by Monday 1 May, we are already busy preparing for their arrival.

Wishing you an enjoyable Bank Holiday 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.*

### **Coombe Hill Infants' Quiz Night - Wednesday 3 May**



Quiz Night



Wednesday 3rd May  
Royal Oak New Malden

**QUIZ STARTS AT 7.30PM**

*£7 per person - Drink Included*  
Class Reps will provide information via  
class Whatsapp groups