

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was so lovely to see so many Year 2 parents in school for the welcome meeting on Wednesday, we hope that you found it informative. Please do ask us if you have any questions - the information will be sent out to all Year 2 families separately. The Year 1 welcome meeting is on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9.00am and Reception welcome meeting is on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> also at 9.00am. We hope to see many of you there, please come through to the Hall via the ICT suite after you have dropped your child off and we ask that you wear a facemask.

### **Learning Behaviours**

Your children have settled so well. They are curious, polite and are already showing a really good attitude to their learning. They are very young children and they are still learning how to develop social skills and work and play alongside others. Please see the attached document which explains how we develop good learning behaviours here at Coombe Hill Infants. Last year we were involved in whole school training on becoming an Attachment and Trauma informed school and we are so pleased that this was awarded to us in July. I have attached a summary of what this approach involves. In addition, all of our school policies can be found on our website. If you are concerned about behaviour at school please talk to your class teacher or to me, or Mrs Jakob, our Deputy Head teacher. We do understand that if you are concerned about another child's behaviour it is a natural instinct to confront the parent of the child. Please could we request that you avoid this and talk directly to us. We will always address any issues in an open, transparent way and always endeavour to keep all parties involved. It is vital that we work together on this.

### **Reporting your child's absence**

If your child is unwell and is not going to be attending school it is essential that you report your child's absence by 9.15am every day of their absence (unless advised otherwise). Please email [admin@chi.rbksch.org](mailto:admin@chi.rbksch.org) or call 020 8942 9481 and leave a message on the answerphone if there is no response. Please do not contact your child's teacher via Tapestry or Google classroom to report absence. Thank you.

### **Positive Covid cases in school**

We have had two positive Covid cases amongst our children this week, one in Year 1 and one in Year 2. Under the new guidance there is no requirement for children to isolate if someone in their class tests positive and they should continue to attend school as normal. Please see the attached guidance for parents:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

We continue to be vigilant in school if any child shows symptoms of Covid - we are required to isolate them immediately with a member of staff and you will be asked to collect them promptly if this happens. Thank you for your co-operation and do not send your child into school if they have a cough, a raised temperature or loss of sense of taste or smell - however mild. We have lateral flow test boxes available for you to collect from the School Office and encourage you to regularly test your children.

### **The Adventure Playground after school**

It is so lovely to see so many of you using the Adventure Playground after school, it is a great opportunity to meet other parents. Please could I remind you that you must supervise your children at all times, if they need the toilet you must escort them (toilets are available for children in the Studio building in the year 1 playground). Please bring extra water if it is hot, several children were coming into school to fill up water bottles. We cannot ensure their safety if they do this. If you need to access the playground after collecting your child in the Junior school, the code for side gate access is 9876. Please do not share this code outside of our community, thank you.

### **Label everything please**

Could we also ask that you label **every** item of school uniform. Sweatshirts, fleeces and cardigans do come off in this heat and your children do leave them around, we are unable to return them to you if they are unnamed and they will be put in the lost property box in the year 1 playground - please check the box for any missing items.

### **School photographs on Monday**

Our photographer is visiting the school on Monday to take photos of all the children, and siblings together. You will be given details of how to purchase the photographs afterwards. All children should come to school on Monday wearing full school uniform - not PE kit even if it is their PE day, they will do PE in their school uniform.

### **School Clubs**

We are very happy to be able to resume running after school clubs this term. Our staff volunteer to run these clubs after school and I am very grateful to them for doing so. We have a wide selection to offer you and will do our best to place your child in the clubs that you request for them bearing in mind that there are number limits on spaces. There is a carefully managed booking system and an email will be sent separately giving details of how to book next week and the full timetable. Please look out for this and read the booking information letter carefully.

### **Save the Date - Fireworks evening - Thursday 4 November**

We are all looking forward to our Fireworks evening, plans are currently in motion. Do get in touch if you would like to be involved in the planning and we will put you in touch with our CHIPTA reps. It is such an exciting evening for children and families here at the school.

### **Lions Youth Rugby club**

Please find attached details of the rugby club that Mr Morris plays for - they have Sunday morning sessions for children aged between 5 - 18. Girls and boys welcome.

If you have any concerns, questions or feedback please do get in touch. You can call, send an email or catch one of us on the gate at drop off and pick up time. If you would like more than a quick word with the class teacher please arrange a time with them. No question is too small!

Have a lovely weekend.

Warm regards

Janet Berry  
Headteacher