

Friday 19th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy week I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for supporting us with our learning behaviours. Your children are becoming respectful, resilient, resourceful, responsible and ready to learn with good reasoning skills. This week we have been holding tours for prospective parents and they have all commented on how polite, engaged and well-mannered your children are. Thank you for supporting us with this, it is so important that we work together.

We all enjoyed celebrating the diversity of our school on Wednesday in our International Assembly and so many of the children looked wonderful in their national dress and it was such a pleasure to watch them perform.

CHIPTA events

It seems a while ago now but our Fireworks event was a great success and so many people worked so hard to make it a memorable evening. We raised £5,910.07 which will be shared between both schools. This is amazing and will be spent on continuing to provide Drumming lessons, our Forest School teacher and our new reading scheme.

We are now busy planning for the Christmas fair which is always a highlight of the school year. We will need lots of help in the form of donations and setting up and during the event. Please look out for messages from your class reps on help and donations required. The event will be held mainly outside, similar to a Christmas market, so obviously weather dependent. We will keep an eye on the forecast and make a decision a day or so before the event, so fingers crossed! We will have a Mufti day on **Friday 26th November** - the day before the fair. In exchange we will be collecting chocolate and bottles for the tombolas. The bottles can include anything nice, not necessarily alcohol. There will be no class cake sale on Friday 26 November as we are collecting for the cake stall at the Christmas Fair on that day, please bring donations to the school office and label tins with your child's name and class.

The cake sales have been so successful and well run by every class this term, we all really appreciate your efforts and will ensure that the money raised directly enhances your child's experience at school. The class cake sale schedule for the Spring term will be circulated by CHIPTA in due course. Thank you for all your support.

The second hand uniform sales are now running on Mondays and Thursdays after school in the Studio between 3-4pm. Thank you to those parents who have been setting up the sales, washing the clothes and selling, we are grateful and every penny raised will be put to good use.

Parent Governor nominations

We have now closed the application window for a new parent governor. We have three candidates and therefore we need to put it out for a vote among our parents. You will find a voting paper for each parent in your child's blue bag today with instructions on the voting process. Please take a look at our potential candidates and choose the candidate you

feel is most suitable to support our school. Our governors play a very important role in the strategic direction of the school and it is so important that everyone has a say in this process.

Covid vigilance

We continue to take every precaution to minimise the risk of a Covid outbreak within the school as we enter the winter months. Everyone in our community has their part to play. We do understand that it can be frustrating and inconvenient if called and asked to collect your child and arrange a PCR test if they display symptoms in school. Your child's attendance record is not negatively affected if they are absent waiting for a Covid test result. Test results are coming back usually within 48 hours or less at the moment and it is so important that we detect any potential cases in order to keep our school safe and operating smoothly. Could we please remind you of the following:

Covid symptoms: **Any one** or all of the following - a cough **or** a raised temperature **or** loss of sense of taste or smell

Covid testing: LFT tests (home test kits): For people who **do not have** any Covid symptoms

PCR tests (at a test site): For people who **do have one or more** Covid symptom

LFT home test kits are available from our School Office. PCR tests should be booked via <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. Please continue to wear a face mask on the school site and definitely if you need to enter the building. If you are exempt from wearing a mask please make this clear. Thank you for your ongoing co-operation.

Parent Volunteers

We are very grateful to those parents who have volunteered their time to help in school recently. You must have your DBS certificate in place before you can come in so please arrange this with the School Office before you offer to help. We ask every parent to wear a face mask when coming in to school and ideally take a Lateral Flow Test the morning before you come in. Please can anyone who is exempt from wearing a face mask do an LFT before you come in each time. Thank you.

Year 1 Reading information session

On **Wednesday 1st December** we would like to invite Year 1 parents to come in and find out about how to support your child's early reading. The session will include an update on our new phonic scheme and how you can support your child. The workshop will start at 9.00am in the School hall.

Year 2 Mathletics homework

We would like to encourage all year 2 parents to support your children with their weekly Mathletics homework. Please ask your child's teacher if you have lost your login details for a reminder.

Coombe Connections Club

New bookings

If you would like to make a NEW booking for our Breakfast and After School provision, Coombe Connections Club, for the first half of the Spring 2022 term, please complete and submit the Connections Booking Request Form. A form is required ONLY FOR NEW BOOKINGS. You will find it in the Connections section of the school website, within "Booking and Payment - Spring 1 2022". The deadline for submissions is 28/11/21.

Existing Bookings

If you have a Connections booking currently, it will be continued into the first half of the Spring term and a Booking Request Form is NOT required.

If you wish to cancel or make changes to your existing booking, please send an email to connectionsclub@chi.rbksch.org no later than our deadline of 28/11/21.

Link to the Connections webpage:-

<https://www.coombehillininfants.com/site/data/files/users/5/files/905B4E24DAF75D58C3CA40411C471360.pdf?pid=110>

School Clubs

It is wonderful to see so many of our Year 1 and 2 children actively involved in our after school clubs. The last week of clubs this term will be the week starting Monday 29 November (all clubs will run as normal that week). We will be sending out details of how to book school clubs for the Spring term soon, please look out for this and booking will take place before Christmas. Several of our Spring term clubs will be opened up to our Reception children and the clubs will start the week beginning Monday 10 January.

Christmas event

Please see attached a flyer for a local Christmas event who are kindly donating towards our schools. The event is being organised by James Johns, a parent of our school <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/experience-kingstons-christmas-party-tickets-188977124667>.

Warm regards

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