

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Friday afternoon a group of year 2 pupils represented our school at the Malden and Coombe Cluster concert at the Rose theatre. They performed drumming brilliantly and we were all so proud of them. They also behaved beautifully. Thanks to Sean Quinn, our drumming teacher for preparing them so well. Sean will continue to teach drumming and hopefully the whole of year 2 will perform at our Summer concert. Your fundraising supports this and every child benefits, thank you.



### **Bounceathon**

Thank you to Sophie and the CHIPTA team for organising the Bounceathon yesterday, your children had great fun and many jumped more than 50 times! Thank you for collecting the sponsorship money, it will all be put to good use and benefit your children. We will let you know the final total after half term. We are still looking for a treasurer for CHIPTA, this is a voluntary role and would suit anyone with some financial experience, please let us know if you are interested.



### **Children's Mental Health week**

This week we have been thinking about positive mental health and wellbeing. Your children have been enjoying a range of activities and really thinking about how they are feeling and how they can do certain things to feel better mentally. Please find attached a link to Place to Be's website which has a range of resources and activities to do at home <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>. Now, more than ever, it is important that we recognise our feelings and share when we are worried or sad.

### **Covid update**

Thank you again for your continued efforts this week to arrange PCR tests for your children if they have been unwell, and for carrying out regular lateral flow testing. Several positive Covid cases have been confirmed as a result but again the number has reduced greatly from earlier in the term which is very encouraging. We will receive information in due course as to how the imminent lifting of restrictions, as announced by the prime minister, will affect us in school and we will pass this information to you as and when we receive it next half term. Every child brought home a Lateral Flow Test kit in their blue bag yesterday, please save one test to test your child/children on the Sunday evening before we return to school on Monday 21 February, thank you. Please also find attached an important message to all school parents from Iona Lidington, Director of Public Health, Kingston.

### **Science week visitors**

Each year we enjoy a whole week dedicated to Science and British Science Week this year is from 14 - 18 March 2022. Your children will enjoy a range of science activities, including a visiting Planetarium and we would love your help. If you work as a scientist and would like

to come in to school to talk about your work please get in touch. We would also love visits from doctors, dentists, nurses, physiotherapists, forensic scientists etc. Please let your child's class teacher know if you are able to help.

### **School DT day**

On March 11th we are having a whole school DT day. We would welcome any cereal boxes and clean plastic/polystyrene trays used for food, please give them to your child's teacher, thank you.

### **Exciting updates on Twitter**

Please do look at our School Twitter account which we regularly update with news, photos and videos of what your children enjoy and learn about at school - our Twitter handle is @InfantsCHI. This week we have posted photos of Year 2's descriptive writing, the Rose theatre performance, Year 1's "feelings beasts" made for children's mental health week, Squirrel class Forest School, Hedgehog class baking, the Bounceathon and - most excitingly - footage of badgers in our Forest School at night! The badgers were filmed on a camera that our wonderful Forest School teacher Mrs Young has set up and we have extra footage on our school website too. Please take a look at this with your children.

### **Menu after half term**

We will be serving the Week 1 menu from Monday 21 February on our return after half term.

### **Kingston Children's centres programme**

Please find to follow the Kingston Children's centres programme for the upcoming half term <https://tinyurl.com/bdcvfn3p> for any families with children aged 0-5.

Thank you for your continued support this half term. It has been a challenging one and, as always, your messages of support have been hugely appreciated. The situation here at school is certainly calming down and we are all looking forward to a good second half of the Spring term.

We hope that you all have a happy and healthy half term and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 21st February.

Best regards

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