

25<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week our School Improvement Partner came in to carry out her termly monitoring visit. She was able to see your children from the door of each classroom - she was very cautious about social distancing. Her focus was on reading and how the Power of Reading initiative, of which we are an Associate School, has had such a positive impact on our English curriculum. She commented on how engaged in their learning the children were and how much progress they were making. We were very pleased to show her around our wonderful school and we are very proud of your children. Please look at the Power of Reading section on our website for more information.

On Wednesday evening Mrs Kill and I held a Virtual Welcome Meeting for our new Reception parents. It was so well attended and lovely to see so many familiar faces but also so many new families at the start of their journey with us. We will be sending a Q & A document out next week following the meeting. It gives us great hope that we can rebuild our school community next year and really focus on opportunities for parental engagement after such a challenging year.

### **Sports Day**

We are hoping that our Sports Day will go ahead on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> and that the weather will be kind. We have been exploring the possibility of live streaming the event, however we have been unable to organise the technology at such short notice. We will be taking lots of photographs and we will film some of the event. These will then be shared with you.

### **Covid symptoms**

We are continuing to be vigilant to any Covid symptoms that we may notice in the children during the school day. Thank you again for helping us by not sending your children in to school with a cough, raised temperature or loss of sense of taste and smell. We are also being very cautious with children who may complain of a headache or runny nose as these new symptoms are associated with the new variant. Please arrange a PCR Covid test for your child or anyone in your household if they have symptoms (however mild) - here is the link again to book a PCR test - <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. LFT home test kits are **not** sufficient for people **with** Covid symptoms. If we ask you to collect your child you should follow household isolation guidance immediately which means also collecting any siblings from schools or nurseries. Thank you for your ongoing support in keeping our school safe.

### **Coombe Connections - Autumn term booking**

If you would like to make a booking for our Breakfast and After School provision, Coombe Connections Club, for the Autumn 2021 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 - Autumn 1 2021 - existing pupils only". The form is open for submission until 04/07/21. If you have a Connections booking currently, it will be continued into the autumn. If you wish to cancel or make changes to your existing booking, please send an email to [connectionsclub@chi.rbksch.org](mailto:connectionsclub@chi.rbksch.org) no later than 04/07/21. For more information please

see the Connections

webpage: <https://www.coombehillinants.com/page/?title=Coombe+Connections&pid=110>

### **CHIPTA AGM**

Our wonderful PTA are holding their Annual General Meeting on Friday 9th July at 10am. A link will be sent out to all next week and we hope that lots of you will join us and find out about our plans for next year.

### **SPARK! Book awards**

We have been taking part in the SPARK! Book Awards and the award ceremony was held last week. Please take a look and see if you can spot some of our children in the video - [Spark! Book Award nominees and winner in the 4-7 category](#)

### **Holiday Activities and Food programme**

Please find attached a letter from Marcus Rashford who is leading an initiative for government-funded summer holiday programmes across the country for families who are eligible for Free School Meals. In conjunction with this, also attached is a poster promoting Kingston Borough's FUEL programme to which anyone eligible can apply, full details can be found via the link on the poster.

### **Sleep Workshop**

Our local Emotional Wellbeing Practitioners held a Sleep Workshop this morning for some of our parents, we hope that those of you who attended found the session useful. If you were unable to attend and would like some advice, please take a look at the attached slides from today's workshop.

### **Staff Car Park - Early morning drop offs**

We are currently having some issues in our staff car park in the morning. Could we ask that if you are dropping your child off for Connections Breakfast Club or early morning interventions, please do not use or park across the staff parking spaces. Please use the drop off section of the horseshoe or move off and park in the nearby side streets if there is no room to stop. Thank you for your support.

Best regards

Janet Berry