



# COOMBE HILL INFANTS' SCHOOL

Friday 23 September 2022

Dear Families,

Each week here at Coombe Hill Infants we focus on one of our 6 learning behaviours. They are;

- Resourceful
- Ready
- Resilient
- Respectful
- Reasoning
- Responsible

This week we have been thinking about being Resilient, we are encouraging your children to learn from their mistakes, to keep on trying and to recognise when they may need help. Please talk to them about this.

## **Parental engagement**

Engagement in your child's learning is so important and is the key to their future success. In Key Stage 1 we offer half termly Home Learning resources, which are on our website for [Year 2](#) and [Year 1](#). We can't stress enough how important it is to read with your child **every day**. We have noticed that the reading booklet is not yet being signed by all parents each week and some of your children are telling us that they haven't read consistently at home. We urge you to support us with this.

Please chat to the class teacher if your child is a reluctant reader at home or if you need support. Your child will also bring a bedtime reading book home each week to share with you. These are high quality books which we have carefully selected and invested in to enhance your child's reading experience. Please return the books each week after reading them with your child. Due to our restricted budget we will have to ask you to replace the books which are not returned. Thank you to those of you who are supporting your child's reading.

## **Mental Health & Wellbeing is at the heart of all we do**

Our Education Wellbeing Practitioner (EWP) Shazia Yakoob-Ajmal, is working with us every Thursday to support children who are experiencing anxiety, low mood or challenging behaviour (which can happen as a result of anxiety). Over the past year, Shazia has worked with over 12 families to give parents strategies to help their child and the feedback we have received from these parents has been overwhelmingly positive. Behaviour to look out for: being tearful, clingy, stomach aches/headaches, low confidence, sleeping or eating patterns, angry outbursts. Please take a look at Shazia's leaflet (attached) and speak to Mrs Jakob or Mrs Heard if you have concerns about your child as we can work with you to provide this "early help" to empower your child.

### **Reception Information meeting**

Thank you to those of you who attended the Reception information meeting, we are delighted that so many parents came to this. The Foundation year is so vitally important and it is important that we all work together. The information from the meeting will be sent to all Reception parents.

### **School Clubs starting on Monday for years 1 and 2**

For those year 1 and 2 families who have booked school clubs, these begin next week. Please refer to the School Clubs timetable to check which classroom to collect your child from at 4pm. Please use the blue gate next to the Office entrance to collect your child promptly at 4pm. The code for the gate is 9876, please do not share this code outside our community. If your child is attending a sports club, please send them into school with a pair of named velcro trainers. If you have any questions about clubs please contact the school office.

### **Individual and School photographs - Monday 26 September**

Our school photographer will be visiting the school on Monday to take individual photographs. Sibling photos will also be taken if you have more than one child within the school. All children must wear full school uniform with a jumper or cardigan whether it is their PE day or not (no need to send PE kit into school with them). We will be arranging sibling photos for families with children in both the Infants' and Junior school on another occasion soon.

### **Reading Volunteers meeting - Year 1 and Year 2 parents**

*"Reading ..... Building the skills and the will"*

If you are passionate about children reading and would like to help in school on a regular basis, Mrs Jakob is holding a meeting on **Tuesday 27th September at 9am**. After dropping off your child, please come to the main office entrance. We will talk a little about our teaching methods and how best to support early reading. We look forward to seeing you.

### **CHIPTA meeting on Friday 7 October & School Fireworks Display on Wednesday 2 November**

We are so encouraged by the number of you offering to help in school and to support our PTA events - we feel so positive about the year ahead. On **Friday 7th October** we will be holding our first CHIPTA meeting at school at **9.00am**. Please come along to this to find out how the committee works. If you have been kind enough to offer to help at the Fireworks Display please come along to this meeting. We will have volunteer time slots and a list of tasks/stalls where help is needed. Everyone who volunteers to help with the Fireworks evening will get one free ticket and a 10% discount code for up to three family members. Sophie, our Chair of CHIPTA, has been very busy organising the evening and she is so encouraged by the numerous offers of help. If you would like to help or have any queries, please email [chiptachair@gmail.com](mailto:chiptachair@gmail.com) or alternatively you can call us. Thank you, it is a wonderful event and such a lovely memory for your young children.

### **Afternoon collection by another adult**

Please could we request that if your child is being picked up by a different adult that you let the school office know in good time. We are currently getting many calls letting us know about alternative arrangements just before pick up time, this makes it quite difficult to communicate with teachers, please let us know as early as possible that someone else is picking your child up. We do however understand that there can be the occasional emergency when it is difficult to let us know in advance. Thank you.

### **Adventure playground after school**

It is lovely that so many of you are using our fantastic adventure playground after school. Please could we remind you that you must escort your child to the toilets (situated in the Year 1 studio) and that we are asking parents to leave the school site promptly by 3.40pm. This then enables the children in Coombe Connections to use the school safely.

### **Coombe Connections Club - Breakfast and After School provision**

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 term of the Autumn 2022, please note our Booking Request Form opens on **Monday 26 September at 9.00am**. We work on a 'first come, first served' basis and availability is limited, particularly mid week.

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 2 2022". The deadline for submissions is **Sunday 2 October 2022**.

Existing Bookings - if you have a Connections booking currently, it will be continued into the second half of the Autumn 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](mailto:connectionsclub@chi.rbksch.org) no later than **Friday 28 September 2022**.

Link to the Connections webpage:-

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

### **Contacting teachers and staff members**

Please could we request that parents send any email messages to teachers or school staff to [admin@chi.rbksch.org](mailto:admin@chi.rbksch.org) rather than to individual staff members' email addresses. Messages will then be forwarded to the relevant member of staff if you need to communicate with them in that way. Thank you.

### **Staff vacancies**

**Lunchtime staff** - We currently have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor. We need staff to support the children everyday between 12.00-1.00pm. This is an important job as it ensures the children are kept safe and happy during their meal and in the playground, however no experience is necessary. Please contact the school office or catch me at the gate if you would like to know more.

**Governors** - Governors play an important part in the strategic management of the school and we are always looking for people to join our dynamic team. During the next few months we will be recruiting new governors from our community. If you think this is something you may be interested in please get in touch and I will be happy to discuss the role with you.

### **Cake Sale for Macmillan - next Friday**

We will be holding our usual Friday cake sale in support of the Macmillan charity next Friday. We welcome donations from all parents and also need a few parents to run the stall. If you are able to do this please email [chiptachair@gmail.com](mailto:chiptachair@gmail.com) or contact the school office, we can tell you what you need to do. Please bring all cakes and biscuits donations (no nuts please) to the school office from Friday morning onwards. Thank you for your support.

**Winter Coats and Shoes donations**

Kingston Borough Children's Centres will be collecting donations of winter coats and shoes over the upcoming weeks, which local families will then be able to select. Please find attached details of the drop off times and locations. Coats from 0-11 years and shoes and boots 0 to junior size 3 are being collected.

**Nursery spaces at Burlington Infant and Nursery school**

Please find attached information from Burlington Infant and Nursery school, they have spaces in their 3 year old nursery, please contact them if you are interested.

Wishing you a restful weekend.

Warm regards

Janet Berry

Headteacher

***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.*