

Friday 25th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another very busy week here at school. On Monday the Owls came to visit us, we had a fantastic assembly where we found out so many interesting facts about owls and then every child had their photograph taken. There was so much excitement! Please take a look at our Twitter account where you will see a slow motion clip of the assembly. You will have received the photo order form of your child with a beautiful barn owl today in their blue bag. If you wish to order, please return the form as soon as possible to the School Office. On Tuesday every class enjoyed a visit from one of our parents, Dr Francis, who talked to the children about his work as a doctor - the children were so engaged and asked lots of questions, we are very grateful.

Today Lion class performed the first class assembly for over two years. It felt quite emotional to see families back in school and able to enjoy something we used to take for granted. Lion class families will receive a secure link to watch a film of the assembly, we hope you enjoy it. Leopard and Tiger class assemblies are planned for after the Easter break.

This week we have been focusing on being Resourceful, which Owl helps us with. For your children this means trying their best, solving problems and thinking about the best way to learn.

Welcome Back meeting

Yesterday we held a Welcome Back meeting, it was great to see so many parents attending. We talked about the importance of parental engagement and how you can be involved in the life of the school. We have attached the power point presentation and also a google form. Please take a few minutes to complete the form about how you can offer your help in school, your support really is invaluable to us https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1nscFSg9bWJrw7aQMDx2_qjBgyWrC0QzxNQ89CpdeWvY/edit.

Behaviour

A small group of children are currently displaying inappropriate behaviour at school, showing their private parts and using quite adult language. We are fully aware that this is a normal part of child development and we need to support our children to understand why this isn't a good behaviour choice. We work closely with the NSPCC and they will be providing us with an assembly and also some information to help you when talking to your child. Your children are very young but it is so important that we begin these conversations early on.

School clubs

It is great to see how many children are now signed up to our Summer term after school clubs. Our staff volunteer to run the clubs and they raise much needed funds for the school. Some of the clubs have limited capacity due to staffing or the nature of the activity. We understand that some children are disappointed that they don't get their first

choice. We have tried many different ways over the years to make the booking system as fair as possible, and the current system seems to work well. We do ensure that new children are given the opportunity to join a popular club and try as hard as we can to be fair and to meet requests. If you requested a school club please go to Parentpay to see which club your child has been allocated and **please pay by 10am on Monday 28 March**. Full details regarding payment were sent yesterday, please refer to this message. Any club that has not been paid for by Monday 28 March will be released. We will let you know if any clubs have spaces next week. Thank you for your support.

CHIPTA Diversity team Coffee morning - Wednesday 30 March at 9.00am

The CHIPTA Diversity team are hosting a coffee morning on Wednesday 30 March in the Studio from 9 - 10.30am and would like to invite all parents and carers. All are welcome to come and share ideas as to how we can celebrate the wonderful diversity of our school.

CHIPTA meeting - Friday 22 April at 9.00am

On Friday 22nd April at 9.00am we will have a CHIPTA meeting. Please come in via the School Office and find out about the events we have planned for the Summer term, including the Summer Fair, and how you can get involved. We welcome all parents so please come along even if you have not been involved before. We are starting to fill up the school diary for next term and will send out a full list of dates next week. Next Thursday we will be sending out details of our "Grow a Pound" Easter fundraising activity in your child's blue bag so do look out for this.

Bocketts Farm trip - Reception classes

All Reception families should have signed up for the trip to Bocketts Farm on Tuesday 26 April. Payment is due by the end of today on Parentpay. If you have not signed your child up for the trip for any reason please talk to your child's teacher or to myself in confidence as soon as possible.

Learn English at Home (LEAH)

It was lovely to welcome more parents to our Learn English at Home session on Tuesday this week. Please do come along if you would like to improve your English, the classes are completely free of charge and are open to all Coombe Hill Infant parents and are aimed at adults who would like to improve their English. The classes are held in the **Junior School library at 9.15am on Tuesday mornings**, please contact jheard1@chi.rbksch.org for more information.

Junior School uniform sale

Please find attached details of a second hand uniform sale that the Junior school are holding next Thursday https://drive.google.com/file/d/1p1_7W_wCqTwaLvOsZSelM3GX0gcPNVvx/view?usp=sharing

Raring2go! magazine

Please find attached a link to the Spring edition of the Raring2go! magazine for Kingston and Merton families <https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/kingstonandmerton/spring/>

End of term next week

Please note that ALL school clubs (apart from Connections club) have now finished - there are no after-school clubs running next week. School will finish one hour earlier than normal next Friday 1 April - collection for Reception at 2pm, Year 1 at 2.05pm and Year 2 at 2.10pm. Connections will finish at 5pm on Friday 1 April.

Next Friday, the last day of term, the children may wear their own clothes to school and wear Easter-themed hats for our traditional Easter Hat parade, another event that we are delighted to be able to hold in school again.

Wishing you a restful weekend.

Warm regards

Janet Berry