

Friday 20 May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you in school today, it is so good that our community can reconnect again. We have raised over £170 for Mind Kingston and are very grateful for your generous donations. If you are able to come in to school to help please arrange this via the class teacher. Mrs Jakob will be hosting an information meeting for anyone interested in becoming a reading volunteer on Monday morning (23 May) at 9.00am, we look forward to seeing some of you there.



Parent Survey

Thank you to those of you who have completed and returned the parent survey, your views are so important to us and we will consider every suggestion and comment. Currently we have had around 20 responses, we really hope to hear from more of you. Please follow the link if you would like to feedback to us, it should only take a few minutes, thank you <https://forms.gle/WiusJNyKseWRZBqEA>.

Swimming

Swimming continues to go well, we are delighted with the support. Your children are listening well and are already showing more confidence in the water. They are currently swimming in groups of 15 so that we can assess their confidence levels and keep it as safe as possible. After half term Year 2 will swim as a whole group of 30 and will therefore have slightly longer in the water. Please could we remind you to label all items of clothing, including towels and underwear.

Warmer weather

Now that the weather is getting warmer please could we remind you that your child may need a sun hat/cap. Again please label them. They also need a bottle of fresh water every day (no glass bottles please), please remember to take the bottle home and refill each evening. We are unable to apply sunscreen so please put this on your child before they come to school if required.

Staffing opportunities

Coombe Connections, our wraparound care, is very popular and we are currently looking for staff, particularly for after school club. Please get in touch if you would like more information. We are currently organising staffing and class moves for September and will let you know which class your child will be in next month. Once we know our staffing we will possibly need to recruit a new teaching assistant. This position will be advertised through the usual channels, however if you think you may be interested please get in touch.

SEN Cake Sale - Thursday 26 May

The cake sale next week will be to support our Special Educational Needs resources in school across all year groups. If you are able to volunteer in selling cakes or providing donations we would be most grateful. Many thanks.

School 50th Anniversary book

To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Coombe Hill schools this year, a special yearbook will be published. The book will feature historic photos of the schools, current highlights of the schools, children's activities and achievements of the year. A few pages in the book have been reserved for local businesses to advertise with us. If you have a business and would like to place an advert please find the order form to follow (prices start from £35) <https://forms.gle/ASiuPHGMxCoP44a7A>. Feel free to forward the form to any clubs or companies that you think might be interested. If you have any questions please contact chjptachair@gmail.com.

Kingston Adult Education newsletter

Please find to follow the latest newsletter from Kingston Adult Education outlining the courses being offered from the beginning of June <https://bit.ly/KAE-CLnewsSum22>.

Kingston Children's Centres activities

Please find to follow the half term programme for Kingston Children's Centres <https://tinyurl.com/38kb2jz6>, this may be of interest to any families with children under 5.

Rose Theatre at half term

Please find to follow details of a show at the Rose theatre over half term which may be of interest to you. Your children will be familiar with Oi Frog and friends as we look at this book in school <https://rosetheatre.org/whats-on/oi-frog-friends-live-on-stage>

Platinum Jubilee party in New Malden

Please find attached details of a local event to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, being held on Saturday 4 June from 11am - 5pm.

Please remember that school finishes on Thursday 26 May for the half term break, normal collection time. Friday 27 May is an INSET day (no children in school).

Warm regards

Janet Berry

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.