



COOMBE HILL INFANTS' SCHOOL

Learn together, grow together

Friday 1 March 2024

Dear Families,

This week we have been thinking about how we can be respectful, supported by Winnie the Pooh. The focus has been on having good manners and being gentle, kind and helpful. Please talk to your child about this at home. Next week we will think about Tigger. Tigger is **RESILIENT** and the Golden Rule is "We work hard". Tigger teaches us to enjoy learning, ignore distractions and learn from mistakes.

How parents can help

Encourage children to ...

- keep on going, even if a task is difficult
- talk about how you feel when you are taking on a challenge
- praise your children when they persevere
- help them find interests and activities that are absorbing
- talk to them about what helps them to concentrate

Our PSHE theme for this half term is "Healthy Me". In the assembly on Monday we thought about healthy choices. We use the Jigsaw theme to deliver these lessons, please check on our website for more information.

Attendance award

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded a FFT (Fischer Family Trust) National Attendance Award for the Autumn term, our attendance is in the top 25% of all FFT Primary schools nationally. The awards celebrate the hard work and dedication of all those involved in promoting good attendance - parents/carers, the children and school staff alike. Thank you for your ongoing support in enabling us to achieve this.



Year 2 visits to The National Gallery in London

Leopard and Lion classes have this week enjoyed their visits to the National Gallery where they learnt more about some of the artists and paintings in the collection. They travelled by bus, train and on foot to the gallery and had a wonderful day. Thank you to those parents who gave their time to accompany the trips, we could not arrange our trips without your support. Tiger class are looking forward to their visit next week.





Breakfast together this morning!

It was such a pleasure to host so many Dads and Grandads in school this morning for breakfast together with your children. Thank you to everyone who came, it was a lovely event and we hope that those of you who came along enjoyed meeting one another and sharing a special breakfast with your children.



Night Owls demonstration

We were sorry to have to postpone our owls demonstration event for the children yesterday, unfortunately one of the two handlers was unwell. We will re-arrange the event and let you know the new date as soon as possible.

Celebrating World Book Day all next week



We sent full details of how we are all looking forward to celebrating World Book Day in school next week. Please read the attached letter that was sent out earlier this week.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/15EatKfXgXdBlvdi2irp3BHypXBKxpGKKS6PUyRn8Qy8/edit?usp=sharing>

Author visit & book signing by Neal Zetter on Tuesday 5 March

As part of our focus on World Book Day next week we are looking forward to the visit by author Neal Zetter. He will be working with all the children - reading some of his poems to Reception and Year 1 children and writing poems with Year 2 children. If you have ordered one of Neal's books through ParentPay (orders closed on Wednesday 28th February), you will be able to collect your signed copy and meet Neal at the end of the day outside the ICT Suite, weather permitting.

Lion class assembly next Wednesday 6 March

Lion class parents and carers are warmly invited to come along to their class assembly next Wednesday morning. Please drop your children off as normal and come round to the school office entrance and we will let you through for a 9.10am start.

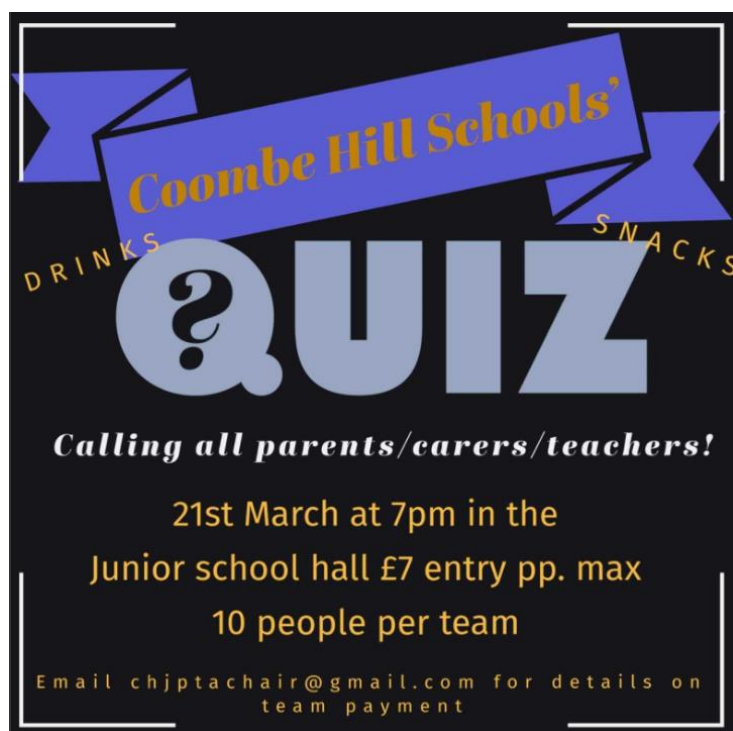
Quiz Night - book your tickets! Message from the PTAs

We are pleased to announce that the Joint Schools' Quiz Night is back! It will take place on **Thursday 21st March from 7pm** in the Junior School Hall. Teams should be a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 10 people please. Drinks and snacks will be available to purchase on the night. Once you have confirmed your team, please choose a captain and we would be grateful if the captain could contact

the Junior school PTA chair for payment details chjptachair@gmail.com. Any other questions, please contact Rachel Webb via your class rep or chipta.secretary@gmail.com.

Looking forward to seeing many of you there!

Best wishes,
Eleanor & Rachel



Request for second hand clothing

We are in urgent need of donations of any of the following clothing items from ages 3-8:

- **second hand joggers - any colour (boys and girls)**
- **leggings - any colour (girls)**
- **any shoes (infants child sizes)**

Please bring any you can spare to the school office, thank you. If your child comes home in any of our spare second hand clothing **please** return items to your child's teacher as soon as possible, we always need the spares back in school and have a very limited supply. Thank you for your co-operation.

OPAL Outdoor Play and Learning - www.outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk

Thank you for all your kind donations! The children are enjoying playing with the duplo, cars, trains, wooden blocks etc in the "Small World Zone" under the Junior Sail.



If you are having a Spring clean at home and would like to donate any small world toys - dinosaurs, cars, animals, trains, trucks, natural building blocks etc cable reels, pallets, please bring your donation to the office. Thank you for your help!

Coombe Connections Club

Existing Bookings

If you have a Connections booking currently, it will be continued into the spring automatically 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 no later than our deadline of 06/03/24.

Availability

If you wish to request a change to your booking, please check our availability first. Parents with existing bookings are given priority to availability over parents new to Connections. Therefore, if you wish to request a change it's important to get in touch before the deadline shown above.

Infants' School availability

Breakfast Club availability		After School Club availability	
Monday	Plenty	Monday	None
Tuesday	Some	Tuesday	None
Wednesday	None	Wednesday	None
Thursday	None	Thursday	None
Friday	Plenty	Friday	Plenty

Junior School availability

Breakfast Club availability		After School Club availability	
Monday	Plenty	Monday	Little
Tuesday	Some	Tuesday	None
Wednesday	Some	Wednesday	None
Thursday	Plenty	Thursday	None
Friday	Plenty	Friday	Plenty

New bookings

If you would like to make a NEW booking for our Breakfast and After School provision, Coombe Connections Club, for the first half term of the Spring 2024, please complete and submit the Connections Booking Request Form, found on the Connections webpage.

A form is required ONLY FOR NEW BOOKINGS and the deadline is 10/03/24.

Link to the Connections webpage:-

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

No nuts in school

We must remind you again that NO NUTS NOR NUT PRODUCTS should be brought onto the school site, we have children who have severe nut allergies and the consequences of them coming into any contact with nuts/nut products could be extremely serious. Please do not include any of the following in your child's packed lunch or school bag:

- Any type of plain or salted nuts
- Peanut butter
- Nutella and other nut spreads
- Cakes that contain nuts
- Biscuits / cookies that contain nuts
- Peanut butter cakes/bars
- Sauces that contain nuts

If you include the following items, please check the ingredients very carefully to ensure they do not contain nuts:

- Cereal bars
- Granola bars
- Some Asian food, including satay

This list is not exhaustive, please check the packaging of all products closely, thank you for your co-operation.

Sickness and diarrhoea

We have a strict 48 hour absence policy after a child vomits or has a bout of diarrhoea. Your child must not return to school for a clear 48 hours after their last bout. We do appreciate that this can

be inconvenient and frustrating if your child appears well straight after a single bout but we must prevent the risk of infection to other children and to staff. Sickness and tummy bugs can spread through a school very quickly if not contained. We appreciate your support in this.

Busy things online

If you are interested in accessing Busy Things (an educational games platform used in school) at home, children can login at home by going to www.busythings.co.uk/play and entering the following login details underneath the green Busy Things Logo:

username: coombehillathome

Password: coombehillathome

Pupil Premium Grant

When your child was admitted to the school we checked their eligibility for the Pupil Premium Grant. Please get in touch with us if your financial circumstances have changed since your child's eligibility was checked and you think you may now be eligible. Please complete the attached link and your status will be re-assessed <https://forms.gle/yrUZKUVsunMns7yc9>.

Spring term - Important dates

A reminder of the events we have planned for the Spring term, please read and note these, further dates may be added throughout the term and we will let you know.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Z8ZlgSO-CXvp_ODNoPb2XyZyTUpMcDI/edit?usp=sharing&oid=109721753956510019087&rtpof=true&sd=true

Community and other information

- Please find to follow a link to Achieving for Children's *Helping Children* series of workshop webinars:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1C2YDsm9fxMffeOiygaAFBXYiWyCMwWuROXqvxYHQGx0/edit?usp=sharing>

Those that are taking place in the next month or so are:

- **Helping Children with Worries:** 7, 8 March <https://forms.gle/qyccSTP7p1ZmMC4P7> and <https://forms.gle/BJRHd3TpJGNaxrE6>
- **Helping Children with Resilience:** 21, 22 March
- **Helping Children with Friendships:** 18 and 19 April
- **Parenting courses - "Practical Ideas for Happier Living"**
We have had really good feedback from parents about this FREE "Practical Ideas for Happier Living" and now they have a taster session.
"This hugely popular and successful course has been written in conjunction with Action for Happiness. Modern life often leaves us feeling anxious and exhausted due to family challenges, work pressures and worries about the future. Whatever our situation, there are practical things we can do to be happier and to cope better when things go wrong. This course will help you with tips and techniques to maintain good mental health and wellbeing and allow you to cope better with life's many challenges.
Either try a 90 minute Taster session or sign up for one of our 5 week courses. There is NO CHARGE for either the tasters or the courses". For full details go to <https://bit.ly/KAE-CSWnewsFeb24>.
- **HENRY Healthy families programme** - please find a flyer at the end of this newsletter with details of the HENRY programmes which aims to support families in the Borough with a healthy lifestyle with a free online 8 week programme starting next week. Joining the programme also entitles you to a free weekly recipe meal kit. To register go to this link: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=zb3fDnScB0i--qy39bzPPUorWuL3ZFMmZzJEhDH96dUMk04Mfc3S1BYQ01BNEZVSTJWVTZITTE3RSQIQCNOPWcu>

Wishing you a restful weekend.

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.

HENRY Newsletter for Parents

February 2024


Update from Kingston's HENRY Coordinators



Hello from the Kingston HENRY Team, and a warm welcome to the next edition of the HENRY newsletter. HENRY continues to grow within Kingston and we are delighted to be able to offer FREE Healthy Families Group programmes and workshops.

Space left on our next online programme! We still have some space on our online 8-week programme on Thursday mornings. Further details are below.

Brite Boxes: A reminder that all parent/carers who attend a HENRY programme can access 6 Brite Boxes for FREE. BRITE Box is a weekly recipe meal kit which contains all the ingredients for a family to prepare and cook a healthy, balanced meal together.



What is HENRY all about?

We know that everyone wants the best for their children, but it can be hard to ensure a healthy lifestyle for the whole family. The HENRY team offer 8-week programmes and one-off workshops for parents and carers of children between 0-12.

HENRY is for everyone, and topics covered include understanding children's behaviour, setting boundaries, parent wellbeing, healthy lifestyles, supporting children eating a wide range of foods, screen time, being active, family routines, sleep, self-esteem, and much more.

The programme and workshops are **FREE to attend for parents/carers** of children attending Kingston Schools. You can self-refer by clicking [here](#) or via the QR code or to find out more please feel to email us on henry@yourhealthcare.org

Upcoming HENRY Programmes and workshops

Healthy Families Growing up (5-12's) Programme - Online


Venue: Online

Day/Time: Thursdays 10am-11.15am

Dates: 29th Feb – 2nd May 2024


Break: 2 week break for Easter holiday

Interested in attending or want to find out more? Use this QR code to fill out the referral form and a member of our team will be in contact.



Healthy families

- **What do parents say who have already accessed HENRY?**
- I enjoyed that I was not being 'told what to do', but instead we had discussions around what would work for my family.
- The possibility to talk and listen with other parents, getting ideas to cope with difficulties.
- The food boxes are brilliant





Is your child fully protected?

Your child needs two doses of the MMR vaccine to be fully vaccinated against measles, mumps and rubella.

**To book an appointment,
call 020 8487 1730**



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