



# COOMBE HILL INFANTS' SCHOOL

Friday 16 June 2023

Dear Families,

This week we have been focusing on being Responsible, which for our children this week, means looking after property. Now that the weather is beautifully hot we have asked the children to take care of their things. We have an enormous amount of lost property after each playtime. Please support us by reminding your children to hang their jumpers on their pegs and to pick up sun hats etc. Next week we will be thinking about being Resilient, which means ignoring distractions and learning from mistakes.

Please could we remind you that sun cream should be applied before school and children need a sun hat and fresh water each day. Please could we ask that children don't bring sunglasses in. May we also remind you that children should be wearing school uniform and that open sandals without socks are not ideal, the grounds are full of soil, small stones etc which can hurt little feet.

The swimming sessions are going really well and your children are really gaining confidence and learning about water safety. Thank you to so many of you who have been helping or have offered to help, we really couldn't do it without you.

It was lovely to see parents at the CHIPTA meeting this morning. Our PTA is such a vital part of our school and raises money for all of the extra enrichment opportunities. This year the money raised has supported the Forest school sessions, Drumming, a large number of reading books and some wonderful classroom resources. Plans for next year include developing a sensory garden, play equipment to support playtimes and lots more. It also enables families to get involved in the life of the school and get to know other people. We are currently looking for a new chair, a vice chair (this role could be joint) and other committee members. Please contact me if you may be interested in this. Our summer fair is on **Saturday 24th June**. This is always a big event in our calendar and we look forward to seeing you there. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help. Please see the link below for buying raffle tickets.....the prizes are amazing.

## **CHIPTA Celebrating Diversity group**

The CHIPTA Celebrating Diversity group is holding a coffee morning on **Thursday 22 June from 9 - 10am** in the staff room. Everyone is invited to attend, please come to the school entrance. There are also "Walk and Talk" sessions through Richmond Park on Thursday 29 June and Friday 7 July, meeting at the school at 9am or at Ladderstile Gate at 9.25am, again everyone is welcome to join, including younger siblings and dogs.

## **Summer Fair - donations and non uniform day next Friday**

Friday 23 June is a non-uniform day for the children. In exchange we would be very grateful for donations of bottles (non-alcoholic drinks, alcoholic drinks, toiletries etc), chocolates and cakes or cookies. Please do NOT include any nuts nor nut products in food donations. We are also collecting donations of the following items - all will be gratefully received so please have a final look at home this weekend:

- Filled (clean!) jam jars with wrapped sweets and small toys (no nuts nor nut products please)
- Empty, clean jam jars
- Children's books in good condition
- Second hand uniform in good condition

- Toys and Games in good, clean, working condition

The link to purchasing Summer raffle tickets is below. There are some wonderful prizes to win and proceeds from the raffle go directly to the school. Please share this link with friends and family. New prizes recently added include tickets to see Romesh Ranganathan live and theatre tickets to a performance at the Rose Theatre.

<https://raffall.com/339471/enter-raffle-to-win-coombe-hill-summer-raffle-hosted-by-coombehillschools>

### Forest School sessions

We are so fortunate to have a wonderful Forest School area and a wildlife pond in the school grounds. Once a term every class spends a morning there with our Forest School teacher learning about the natural environment. The events organised by CHIPTA, and by you in supporting the events, facilitate these wonderful learning resources for your children. Some pictures below of Dragonfly class children enjoying their pond dipping session this week.



### Adventure playground after school - **CLOSED Monday 26, Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 June**

The Adventure playground will be closed to parents and children after school on the above dates as we will be welcoming new parents to the school on those dates for transition events. Thank you for your co-operation.

We would like to remind you not to give the access code for the blue gate to any Junior school siblings. It is unsafe for Junior school children to access the gate by themselves - we are experiencing some issues with this. Please meet your child at the Junior School and escort them round to the adventure playground if you are using it with them, thank you. If anyone asks you for the gate code please tell them to contact the School Office, please do not give the code to anyone outside our community.

### Year 1 trip to Kew Gardens

Year 1 families have received details of the trip to Kew Gardens on Monday 26 June. Please make payment on Parentpay by 4pm on Monday 19 June. We need parent volunteers to assist on this trip, please contact your child's teacher or your class rep if you are able to and this is requested. You must have a DBS check in place to help on this trip, please do not volunteer unless you have a check through the school. Thank you.

### Whole class photos

On Wednesday 21st June we have full class photos being taken. Please ensure your child is wearing their school uniform & looking smart! If it is their PE that day, you may wish to provide named trainers for them to change into afterwards.



## Spark! Book Award Ceremony

Yesterday, we all watched the online Spark!Book Award Ceremony to find out which book won the Picture Book Category. There were 4 fabulous books in the shortlist and over 150 schools all over the country voted for their favourite book. And the winner was ..... The [Morrisroe](#) and Ella Okstad. If you want to home, follow this link and look out for some of our children books and voting with their golden coins.



voted for their favourite Drama Lama by [Rachel](#) watch the ceremony at [2022-23 Spark! Aw...](#) giving reviews of the

Some of our children watching the Spark! Book Awards live.



## Coombe Connections Club

### New bookings

If you would like to request a NEW booking for our Breakfast and After School provision, Coombe Connections Club, for the first half of the Autumn term 2023, our Booking Request Form will be available on the school Connections Club webpage from 22/06/23. The deadline for the submission of new applications is 02/07/23.

We work on a 'first come, first served' basis and availability is limited, particularly mid week.

A form is required ONLY FOR NEW BOOKINGS and we have two versions, one for children who currently attend Coombe Hill Infants' and one for new Reception children starting in September.

### Existing Bookings

A Booking Request Form is NOT required for existing bookings.

If you need to request a change or to cancel your booking, you MUST CONTACT CONNECTIONS NO LATER THAN 27/06/23 on [connectionsclub@chi.rbksch.org](mailto:connectionsclub@chi.rbksch.org)

If we don't hear from you, your existing booking will be continued from the end of this current term into the first half of the Autumn term including those currently in Year 2 moving to Year 3 in the Junior School.

Link to the Connections webpage:-

[www.coombehillinfants.com/page/?title=Coombe+Connections&pid=110](http://www.coombehillinfants.com/page/?title=Coombe+Connections&pid=110)

## Orienteering event

Four children from year 2 were chosen to represent Coombe Hill Infants at the annual cluster orienteering event, held this year at Corpus Christi. They used their map reading skills, maths knowledge, physical agility and problem solving skills to complete a number of activities. We felt really proud of their resilience, kindness to others and teamwork throughout the whole event. Well done! You are all excellent ambassadors for the school.



### **Mini London Marathon - World Record attempt**

This week we received a certificate from the TCS Mini London Marathon congratulating our children for taking part in the world record for attempting to record the most pledges for an exercise campaign in one month. The world record wasn't broken on this occasion even though there were 110,000 pledges. We are very proud of all the children for taking part.

### **Parent Questionnaire**

Please continue to send us your responses to the parent questionnaire, your feedback is so important to us, thank you.

<https://forms.gle/QrENEJ9p2nPa9UWu9>

### **Lost Property and labelling items**

Please continue to clearly label all of your child's belongings (with surname as well please) so that they can be returned quickly if they are lost. Please check the lost property bin for any missing items. All unnamed items are being added to our growing second hand uniform stock that will be sold at the Summer Fair and to our new Reception children.

### **Pupil Premium Grant and Food Bank vouchers**

Please get in touch with us if your financial circumstances have changed since your child/children joined the school and you think you may now be entitled to the Pupil Premium Grant. Families entitled to this grant are eligible for free school trips, a termly after school club and other funded benefits including supermarket vouchers for the school holidays to cover the cost of the lunchtime meals that your child would normally receive in school. Please complete the attached link and your status will be re-assessed <https://forms.gle/yrUZKUVsunMns7yc9>. You can complete this form at any time if you would like us to re-check your status and we will let you know if you qualify for the grant. We are also an agency for Foodbank Vouchers and we are able to issue these directly to you. Please contact the School Office or catch myself or Mrs Jakob at the gate if you need this support - all conversations are treated in the strictest confidence.

### **Keeping safe in the heat - for people with asthma**

NHS South West London have asked if the following information below could be shared with families and carers in our community. Hospital services are currently very busy due to extreme heat, pollen and pollution levels. If you, or your child, has asthma or other respiratory conditions find out more about how to keep safe:

<https://www.southwestlondon.icb.nhs.uk/news/nhs-issues-heatwave-warning-for-older-people-and-people-with-asthma/>

We have also been asked to share information on how to "Beat the Heat". Please see the poster at the end of this newsletter.

### **"Love the Ball" Summer Camp - at Christchurch Junior School, New Malden**

Please find to follow a flyer giving details of Love the Ball's Summer camp. In a change to the usual camp, this will not be held at Coombe Hill this summer holiday (it has moved to Christchurch Junior School) however the same coaches that your children are familiar with will be running the camp.



**Important dates until the end of term**

Finally, please find to follow a summary of the upcoming events until the end of term, we have a busy few weeks to enjoy!

Date	Event	Details
<b>Tuesday 20 June 6.30pm</b>	Welcome Meeting for families with children starting Reception in September	Please come to the Hall for a presentation and to meet our Reception team
<b>Wednesday 21 June during the school day</b>	Whole class photographs	Please send your child into school in full school uniform even if it is their PE day (please send named trainers too if you wish)
<b>Thursday 22 June during the school day</b>	The Nature Collection with Susanna Ramsey - a travelling Natural History museum	During the day all children will visit the collection in school and learn about British wildlife from a collection of natural history finds
<b>Friday 23 June</b>	Donations for the Summer Fair for a non-uniform day	Donations of chocolates and bottles for the tombolas will be warmly received as well as cakes for the cake stall
<b>Saturday 24 June 12 – 3.30pm</b>	Summer Fair 2023	Please lend your support in advance and on the day and donate items to the fair. Requests for donations have been sent out.
<b>Monday 26 June all day</b>	Year 1 trip to Kew Gardens	Please pay for your child's place on Parentpay by Monday 19 June
<b>Tuesday 27 June from 9.15am</b>	Sports Day	After dropping your children off, please make your way to the field, bringing a picnic rug with you. There is little shade for parents on the field.
<b>Tuesday 4 July all day</b>	Year 2 trip to RHS Wisley Gardens	An educational visit to RHS Wisley for year 2, the children will travel by coach. More details to follow soon.
<b>Tuesday 4 July from 9.30 – 11.30am</b>	Kingston Schools Country Dancing festival for Year 1 children who have attended Country Dancing club	Parents with children attending, please return your consent forms to the office
<b>Wednesday 5 July morning</b>	Transition morning	The children will visit their new teachers and classrooms for next year
<b>Wednesday 12 July from 9.15am</b>	Summer Concert 2023	All welcome to attend. Please make your way to the adventure playground after

		dropping your children off, bringing a picnic rug or something to sit on with you.
<b>Friday 14 July from 4 – 5pm</b>	CHIPTA Theatre event “Wagon of Dreams”	To be held at school on the field. More details and ticket information to follow.
<b>Tuesday 18 July 6 - 8pm</b>	Year 2 Leavers evening event on the field	A special evening for our year 2 children as they prepare to leave us - activities and an evening picnic. Further details to follow.
<b>Friday 21 July 9am</b>	Year 2 Leavers Assembly	Year 2 parents are all warmly invited to attend
<b>Friday 21 July finish from 2pm</b>	End of the Summer Term	School finishes one hour earlier than usual

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.*

Coombe Hill Schools'

# SUMMER fair

**Adults £1. Children and  
Volunteers Free**

**Saturday  
June 24th  
12 - 3.30pm**

**BBQ, Refreshments, Bouncy Castle,  
Swimming Pool, Face Painting, Games,  
Crafts, Tombolas and much more!**

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# Coffee Morning

BE PART OF THE COOMBE  
HILL SCHOOLS' FAMILY

EVERYBODY WELCOME

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**THURSDAY 22nd  
JUNE 23**



**9.00am**

Come for an informal chat  
**INFANTS' SCHOOL STAFF ROOM**

Enter through reception







# Walk & Talk

## UPCOMING DATES:

Thursday 29th June 23  
Friday 7th July 23

An informal walk to get to know each other. Everyone welcome, including younger children and dogs!

**TIME:** 9.00 outside the school  
OR  
9.25 at Ladderstile gate

**PLACE:** Richmond Park  
The group meets outside the school. We will walk through the private road to go to the park. If anyone wants to meet slightly later be at Ladderstile gate by 9.25. We will walk on by 9.30.

Any question please email [chiptadiversity@gmail.com](mailto:chiptadiversity@gmail.com)

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# Beat the heat

## Plan ahead



Check the weather  
forecast and the news



Plan ahead to  
avoid the heat



Schedule activities to  
cooler times of the day

## Keep yourself cool



Drink plenty of fluids and  
avoid excess alcohol



Wear sunscreen, a  
hat, and sunglasses



Cool your skin with water  
and slow down

## Find somewhere cool



Close blinds and curtains  
during the day



Go indoors or outdoors,  
whichever feels cooler



Avoid closed spaces  
like stationary cars

## Be safe



Be on the lookout  
for signs of heat  
related illness



Look after yourself  
and check in with  
others



Stay safe when  
swimming



Get help. Call  
NHS 111 or in an  
emergency 999

For more information go to: [gov.uk/ukhsa/beat-the-heat](https://gov.uk/ukhsa/beat-the-heat)