



COOMBE HILL INFANTS' SCHOOL

Friday 23 June 2023

**Next week is the last week that the school clubs will run,
all clubs finish for the term at the end of next week
(Connections continues as usual)**

**Adventure playground after school
CLOSED NEXT WEEK on Mon 26, Tues 27 and Wed 28 June**

Dear Families,

This week we have been thinking about being resilient, supported by Tigger. We have had a big focus on trying to avoid distractions. We have also been thinking about our Rights, particularly *Article 28 and the Right to access Education*. Children should be able to learn without distraction. Please talk to your children about this, they find it very interesting. Please also talk to them about the need to try to listen well. Next week the focus will be on being Resourceful, supported by Owl. For your children this means finding the best way to learn, adapting things if they aren't working and solving problems.

The final term is rushing by and we are now working hard on the transition plans for September. On Wednesday we will let you know which class your child will be in next year and which teacher they will be with. Please let us know if your child has any worries, we encourage your children to share their worries with us and it is important that we acknowledge them.

Unusually we are saying goodbye to several members of staff this year. Ms Robertson is relocating, Mrs Pratelli is going to work at her children's school, Mrs Thomson is leaving to work in a Nursery school and Mrs O'Leary will be retiring. We will also say goodbye to Miss Semeria, who will not return immediately after her maternity leave and Mrs Young, our amazing Forest School teacher. They have all given so much to our school and made a difference to many lives. We wish them all well. We are so fortunate that we have recruited some fantastic new teachers and we are currently advertising for support staff. The advert will be on Eteach next week.

On Tuesday we welcomed our new Reception parents. It was lovely to meet our new families and also to see so many familiar faces. We will now include you all in the weekly email to give you a flavour of the things going on at school and to share relevant information. We look forward to seeing you at the parent / teacher meetings next week and to meeting your children at the Stay & Play sessions on Thursday 6 July.

Roof works

Our school building is now over 50 years old and requires some updating. The roof is in a particularly bad state and RBK have approved plans to replace it. Hopefully this work will begin at the end of term. It will take several months and will inevitably cause some disruption. They will replace two classroom roofs at a time. We will need to move children into different rooms as the work proceeds. We will of course prioritise the safety of all and ensure that the disruption to the children is minimised as much as possible. We will keep you informed of any updates.

Sports day

We are looking forward to our Sports Day on Tuesday 27th June. Fortunately we are now able to have the event on Wednesday 28th if the weather is awful, so fingers crossed! We will inform you of any changes by 8.00am by email on Tuesday morning. Please make your way down to the field after drop off. Please bring chairs or picnic blankets as you will be on the grass. Please apply sunscreen to your children in the morning and they will need a sun hat and a full, named water bottle. For safeguarding reasons we request that you use the toilet facilities at the back of the studio in the year 1 playground and not the toilets in the pool area. The event will start with a procession at around 9.15am and will end with the year 2 children running a mini marathon at 11.30am. If you need to leave before the end please walk up to the blue exit gate outside the School Office. We look forward to seeing you all there, it is a lovely event and we encourage everyone to be involved, including parents and toddlers.

Summer Fair

Tomorrow is our Summer fair, it is always a highlight in our PTA calendar. Thank you to Sophie and the team for working so hard. The weather is looking good and it is great that so many of you have volunteered to help, we could not do it without you. Unfortunately I am unable to attend due to a family event, however Mrs Jakob and the team will be there and I look forward to hearing all about it.

Summer raffle

The link to purchasing Summer raffle tickets is below, there are some wonderful prizes to win (please click on the link to see the full prize list). Proceeds from the raffle go directly to the school. Please share this link with friends and family, **the raffle closes on Sunday 23 June at midday.**

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

The Nature Collection visit

It was such a treat on Thursday to have Susanna Ramsey visit our school with her unique collection of natural history finds: skulls, feathers, skeletons, wings, antlers, skins and insect specimens (all responsibly sourced). All classes had the opportunity to explore her collection and ask questions. It was an inspiration to the children, a practical extension to the curriculum and helped them to celebrate the wildlife that we see everyday in our gardens and parks.



Swimming Gala

We were delighted to host the Borough schools' swim gala this week in our swimming pool. Some of our Year 2 children participated, representing our school, and we were so proud of them. Thank you for your continuing support in volunteering to help with school swimming sessions.



Year 1 trip to Kew Gardens

Year 1 are looking forward to their visit to Kew Gardens on Monday. Please make sure that your children are all in their classrooms by 8.45am on Monday so that they can be registered promptly and to prepare for the trip. Thank you to those of you who have volunteered to help, please come to the School Office by 9.30am. The children should wear their school uniform with trainers (no sandals please), have a packed lunch, named water bottle and sun hat for the trip. Please apply suncream before school. Lunches should be in a backpack as the children will be carrying these, please **do not** send any lunch items that contain nuts nor nut products as we have children with severe nut allergies in the year group. We are looking forward to a lovely day out.

Adventure playground after school

Unfortunately some of the children have been throwing stones into neighbouring gardens, some stones are in crisp packets, sweet bags etc and there has been a near miss with a very young child almost being hurt. We have spoken to the children but do need you to remind them that this is not acceptable. Please could you also be vigilant about taking all litter home with you if you are using the playground, please check that your children are giving it to you to take home. Thank you.

The Adventure playground will be closed to parents and children after school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week as we will be welcoming our new parents to the school on those dates for transition events. Please leave the school site as soon as you have collected your child on these days, thank you for your cooperation.

Blue Gate safety

We would like to remind you not to allow your children to run ahead of you to the school gate as they can easily slip through if an adult is coming through the other side, straight into the car park. Please do not allow your children to reach and press the exit button, they should not be in this area unaccompanied by a parent.

Parent Questionnaire

Please continue to send us your responses to the parent questionnaire, your feedback is so important to us, thank you. The class whose parents send us the most responses will have an extra playtime as a thank you.

<https://forms.gle/OrENEJ9p2nPa9UWu9>

CHIPTA and CHIPTA event - The Wagon of Dreams “A New Adventure” - Coming Soon!

Coombe Hill Infants and Junior schools PTAs have organised a lovely outdoor theatre event incorporating puppets and original live music performed by the Jellyfish Theatre on the field after school on Friday 14 July (4.00pm and 5.30pm shows) - the theme is of an exciting ocean adventure featuring mermaids and fantastical sea creatures. Tickets are £6 and will be available from Friday 30th June on Parentpay, we expect this event to be very popular. Please see the poster at the end of this message for more details.

CHIPTA Celebrating Diversity group walks

The CHIPTA Celebrating Diversity group have “Walk and Talk” sessions planned through Richmond Park on Thursday 29 June and Friday 7 July, meeting at the school at 9am or at Ladderstile Gate at 9.25am. Everyone is welcome to join, including younger siblings and dogs.

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

A summary of the upcoming events until the end of term, we have a busy few weeks left until the term ends.

Date	Event	Details
Saturday 24 June 12 – 3.30pm	Summer Fair 2023	Please lend your support tomorrow and enjoy the Fair
Monday 26 June all day	Year 1 trip to Kew Gardens	
Tuesday 27 June	Sports Day	After dropping your children

from 9.15am		off, please make your way to the field, bringing a picnic rug with you. There is very little shade for parents on the field.
Wednesday 28 June from 9.15am	NEW DATE Reserve Sports Day	If we were unable to hold Sports Day yesterday, and the weather is good, we will hold Sports Day today instead.
Tuesday 4 July all day	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.
Tuesday 4 July from 9.30 – 11.30am	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
Thursday 6 July morning	DATE CHANGE Transition morning	The children will visit their new teachers and classrooms for next year
Wednesday 12 July from 9.15am	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.
Friday 14 July from 4 – 5pm	CHIPTA Theatre event “Wagon of Dreams”	To be held at school on the field. More details and ticket information to follow.
Tuesday 18 July 6 - 8pm	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.
Friday 21 July 9am	Year 2 Leavers Assembly	Year 2 parents are all warmly invited to attend
Friday 21 July finish from 2pm	End of the Summer Term	School finishes one hour earlier than usual

Wishing you an enjoyable 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.



Jellyfish Theatre
presents

The Wagon of Dreams

A New Adventure



Coombe Hill schools PTA Friends and Family!
Bring a picnic and join us on the field for
"outdoor summer puppet theatre for kids at its finest"

Friday 14 July 2023
Shows at 4.00pm and 5.30pm
Tickets £6 on Parent Pay

*All children must be accompanied by an adult -
Supervision is required at all times.*



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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

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ACADEMY
EST. 2013



Join us
at
**Christchurch
Junior
School**

**We
are 10!
Celebrate
with us!**

Week 1:
July 24th - 28th
Week 2:
**31st July - 4th
August**

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Security
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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