



CRS CHAT

Summer (1) 2019

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Spectacular Summer (1)

Well done to all our Year 6 children who have sat their exams (SATs) this term. They remained calm and tried their very best with support from the wonderful staff here at Coombe Road.

Well done also to Year 2 who took the KS1 SATs in their stride and worked hard to achieve their best potential. Results will be published on end-of-year reports.

We are proud of all our children and their achievements, academic or otherwise. Our children will always be so much more than a test and we will always make sure they know how special they are at Coombe Road Primary.

Mrs Phillips 1



Half Term
27/05-31/05

Return to School
Mon 3rd June

CRS CHAT NEWSLETTER
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Welcome

MR COLLINGBORN

I joined Coombe Road as part of a professional placement for my PGCE from the University of Sussex. It's been a joy working with Sunflower Class, and I've been delighted by their continued enthusiasm in all their learning in the run up to their KS1 SATs – which they have handled fantastically (especially when there're biscuits involved).

What's impressed me most, however, is their feigned enthusiasm when it comes to my terrible jokes and boring tales of Swindon Town FC.

All at Coombe Road have been so welcoming and friendly and I am lucky to have had this experience as part of my training year. I wish all staff and students the best, and I will certainly miss each and every one of you.



MISS PARKINSON

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time working with the vibrant and lively Buttercup Class. As one of my interests is languages, we have been learning how to greet one another and say 'good afternoon' in several different languages. My highlight has definitely been choreographing their dance routine for the summer Dance Festival this July 2019. Seeing all their efforts and smiling faces as we mimic animals has been a giggle for us all. I thank Coombe Road School for being so welcoming and supportive in the final stage of my PGCE teacher training, which I am completing with the University of Sussex, and am immensely grateful. I hope you all have an enjoyable and restful half-term!



MISS ROBINSON

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time working at Coombe Road Primary School and have had the joy of working in the Year 3 Emerald Class. I have had a brilliant time getting to know the wonderful and vibrant children in this class and other pupils in the wider school. In addition to this, the staff have all been so welcoming and friendly. Even though this placement has been relatively short I have wanted the children to get to know me as much as they could and so I particularly enjoyed teaching the children about the Island of Jersey which is where I grew up. I would like to thank everyone for making my time at Coombe Road Primary School so enjoyable!

MR CONSTANTINOU

Mr. Constantinou has been working with Sky Class.



COOMBE ROAD PTA

Many thanks to those of you who support the PTA, which is organised through our wonderful Business Manager, Jean.

Thanks to the PTA, our children benefit from a range of things which the school alone is unable to provide (as budgets are tightened further).

We have the PTA to thank for our beautiful outside classroom. They have also paid towards school trips (so that you, as parents/carers, do not have to contribute).

At present, funds from the PTA are also being used to make the playgrounds prettier. Their next project is to create a sensory needs space for our children.

If you would like to get involved, please message them through their Facebook page (Coombe Road PTA).

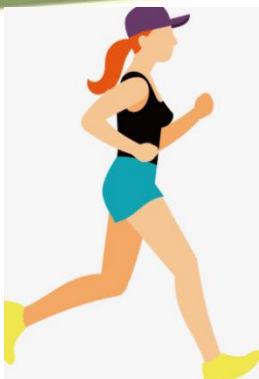
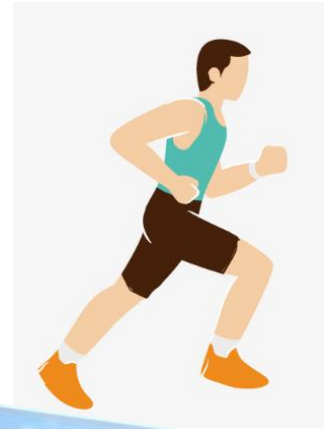
We are very grateful for all the hard work they do –

THANK YOU PTA!



Athlete Visit

Holly Turner visited Coombe Road and encouraged our budding athletes.



Emerald Class

Emerald Class have been doing a spot of gardening as part of their summer topic, 'Up the Beanstalk'



Reminder: School Uniform and Changing for PE

Years 5 and 6 can come to school
in their sports kit ON A PE DAY.

**ALL OTHER DAYS, YOUR CHILD
SHOULD BE IN UNIFORM.**

Uniform is available through our website – click on E-Office/Starting at Coombe Road/School Uniform.

Our uniform is a navy jumper/cardigan with a white/blue polo shirt and grey/black bottoms. Sensible shoes/trainers should be worn. If navy is not available, blue will do! Please ensure your child is in uniform and wearing their House Badge.



HOMework REMINDER

Homework Grids for each year group can be found on the website

www.coomberoad.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Children are also expected to read regularly and learn the spellings on the back of their reading card.

Times Tables books have been handed out to every child from Year 2-Year 6 and these should also be practised regularly. If these books are lost, there is a replacement cost of £1.

As school budgets are diminishing, we also request that you instill our message to look after school property. If reading books are lost or damaged, we will also request a donation to replace them.



e Safety



This seems to be an on-going message to many parents and carers.

Please be aware of what your child is accessing online – and monitor this very carefully.

Please do not allow your children to play age-inappropriate games or message/play against people they do not know.

Please do not allow them on Whats App, Instagram or Facebook.

When incidents occur via social media because you have allowed your child access, there is very little we can do. It is your responsibility as parents/carers to ensure that you keep your child safe at home and give the same e-safety messages as we do here at school.

Further information can be accessed through our school website.

Anxiety

Top Tips for Parents

If you feel that your child is constantly anxious and doesn't seem to improve with your support, it's important to make an appointment to see your GP. However, there are some things you can do to support your child:

1. **Avoid the temptation to rescue** Every time you help your child to avoid a situation that makes them anxious or step in to 'rescue' them, you inadvertently send the message that there is something to be worried about and/or that s/he can't handle the situation on their own.
2. **Help them to recognise and make sense of physical symptoms** Quite often young people don't realise that their fast heartbeat, quick breathing or that feeling in their stomach is anxiety. They may sometimes describe being anxious as having a 'stomach-ache'. These feelings can be worrying in themselves, so helping your child to recognise them and reassuring them that they will pass can be helpful.
3. **Make the most of drive time!** Just 5 minutes with your child each day where you don't give them any instructions or advice but allow them to 'take the lead' can boost their wellbeing and enable them to open up conversations. Children will often talk about tricky things when you can't make eye contact – like when you're driving!
4. **Encourage sleep!** Don't discuss worries at night. Teach kids that they can 'put their worries down' for a while by getting them to write them on bits of paper and put them in a box. You can then talk through them later.
5. **Family time** Being anxious can be lonely. Plan things to do as a family and encourage them to focus on the moment they're in.

Top Tips for Young People

1. **Go through it!** It's normal to have anxious feelings from time to time, but quite often if you can push through, your confidence in yourself to manage difficult situations will grow. Every time you avoid a situation, your anxiety will grow.
2. **Recognise anxiety's 'voice' so you don't take it seriously** A lot of people name the voice in their head that pops up with all the unhelpful thoughts. Giving it a funny name can help you to challenge it. This is what they do in Harry Potter when they make the Boggart look ridiculous!
3. **Challenge the 'what ifs'** Sometimes that 'voice' has a 'what if...' answer for everything! But remember, thoughts are not real so reality check them. How many people has it happened to? What would you do if it did happen?
4. **Sleep!** You are more anxious when you're tired, but when you're anxious you can't sleep! Try just resting and trust your body to get the sleep it needs. No screens an hour before bed, close eyes and decide on a happy 'twilight-dream' to focus on.
5. **Activities** Being anxious can be lonely, so make sure you are focused on the future. Try doing things you enjoy with family/friends and focus on the moment you're in.

SCHOOL POLICY REMINDERS

Walking Home



If you give permission for your child to walk home without adult supervision, you must put this in writing. A form is available from Lumina (our Office Manager).

All our children are taught the 'Return to School Rule' which we ask you to reinforce at home. If a child feels anxious, unsafe or uncomfortable when walking home, they must return to school where we will then contact you.

If a child normally meets an adult at a meeting point and the adult is not where they expect them to be, we also ask that they return to school. PLEASE do not take a child home yourselves if you see them waiting (even if you are good friends with that parent/carer). Please inform the school first and we can ensure that this is arranged appropriately with the adult who has parental responsibility. Many thanks for your understanding with this important aspect of safeguarding.

Reinforce the Return to School Rule

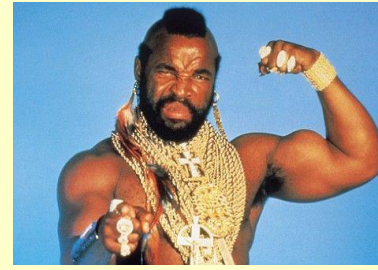
Mobile Phones

If your child requires a mobile phone (e.g. if they walk home unsupervised), it will need to be kept in the Office with Lumina. Please give it to the Office in the morning and your child can collect it at the end of the day. Your child will need to sign their phone in and out. If they do not put it in the office, we accept no responsibility for any loss.



SCHOOL POLICY REMINDERS

Only small stud earrings and watches are allowed at school. This is for Health and Safety reasons. If you send your child to school in hooped earrings, necklaces or bracelets there is a risk of tearing when in the playground/carrying out physical activity.



Jewellery



Please keep your Parent Pay account topped up so that the account does not go into debt. If debts go unpaid, you will be requested to provide a packed lunch for your child until the debt is cleared.

Please remember to sign up to School Ping to receive important information, letters and dates. Password is available from the Main Office. If you do not sign up, you may not be aware of everything going on in our school community.



PASSPORTS £5 FEE

We will ask for a donation of £5 for any passport countersigning.



Important

www.coomberoad.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Check our website regularly so that you are aware of upcoming events. Please be aware that, due to the nature of busy school life, dates may change suddenly. The dates on our school site will be the most up-to-date and we request that you do not rely on other sources.

COMMENTS:

If you have any comments or suggestions, please email admin@coomberoad.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Building Works

The temporary fencing is still in place in the top and middle playgrounds due to work being halted at Easter. The structural engineer has assessed the work but it is unlikely this can be done in the half term (too little time). We will therefore need to put up with the temporary fencing until after the summer holidays. We look forward to getting our playground back, and looking tidy, in the new academic year. Please continue to remind your children they should not be going into this area at drop-off and pick-up times.

IMPORTANT DATES

Please continue to check our school website for upcoming events (especially as the dates sometimes need to change last minute, due to the nature of busy school life).

TUES, 4 TH JUNE –	CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS
MON, 24 TH JUNE –	KS2 SPORTS DAY (ON MOULSECOOMB PLAYING FIELD – MEET US THERE AT 09:45)
WED, 26 TH JUNE –	EYFS/KS1 SPORTS DAY (ON MIDDLE PLAYGROUND AT COOMBE RD AT 1:30PM)
MON, 15 TH JULY –	CYCLE SPORTS DAYS
THURS, 18 TH JULY –	MEET THE NEW TEACHER
MON, 22 ND JULY –	CRS DANCE FESTIVAL & SUMMER FAIR
WED, 24 TH JULY –	LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY
WED, 24 TH JULY –	LAST DAY OF TERM



Attendance News

We cannot authorise holidays in term time unless there are **EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES**. If you take your child out of school, you are at risk of being fined by the Local Authority (starting at £60 per parent/carer per child). Please do book your holidays out of term time.

175 non school days a year					
175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments					
365 days in each year	190 School days in each year	10 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence Half a term missed	38 days absence
	180 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education	47 days absence
	100%	95%	90%	85%	80%
	143 days of education	75%	SERIOUS CONCERN Not fair on your child Court action		
GOOD Best chance of success Gets your child off to a flying start		WORRYING Less chance of success Makes it harder to progress			

Under the terms of the Education Act 1996, it is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure that their child attends school regularly and punctually. Failure to do so may lead to legal proceedings being taken against you by the Local Authority.














Current Attendance: 95.4%



National Figure = 96%

Current Attendance Champions

Class	Champion Score	  
Red Class	95.0%	
Buttercup Class	94.4%	
Sunflower Class	94.5%	
Emerald Class	96.3%	
Sky Class	96.6%	
Indigo Class	95.8%	
Amethyst Class	95.6%	
Violet Class	95.6%	

Answers to frequently asked questions:

- Medical evidence is required if a child is absent for 3+ days.
- If we have not heard from you and your child is absent for 3+ days, we will contact FDfF (Social Services) as part of our Safeguarding procedure.
- Holidays will not be authorised in term time unless there are absolutely exceptional circumstances.
 - Cost of holidays is not an exceptional circumstance.
- Fixed Penalty Notices are issued by the Council once referred by the school.
 - Money goes directly to the Council (not the school).

AUTUMN TERM

First Day of Autumn Term	Tuesday, 4 th September
Half Term (2 weeks) (children return to school on Monday, 5 th November)	Monday, 22 nd October – Friday, 2 nd November
Last Day of Autumn Term	Wednesday, 19 th December

SPRING TERM

First Day of Spring Term	Monday, 7 th January
Half Term (1 week) (children return to school on Monday, 25 th February)	Monday, 18 th February – Friday, 22 nd February
Last Day of Spring Term	Tuesday, 9 th April

SUMMER TERM

First Day of Summer Term	Tuesday, 23 rd April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday, 6 th May
Half Term (1 week) (children return to school on Monday, 3 rd June)	Monday, 27 th May – Friday, 31 st May
Last Day of Summer Term	Wednesday, 24 th July

INSET Days (5 days in every academic year have to be set aside for staff training):

To try and help parents, we have attached our staff training days to existing holidays. The school will be closed on the following days for INSET:

- Monday, 3rd September 2018
- Thursday, 3rd January 2019
- Friday, 4th January 2019
- Thursday, 25th July 2019
- Friday, 26th July 2019

Coombe Road Primary School

Term Dates 2019-2020



AUTUMN TERM

First Day of Autumn Term	Thursday, 5 th September (INSET Wed 4 th)
Half Term (1 week) (children return to school on Tuesday, 5 th November)	Monday, 28 th October – Friday, 1 st November (INSET Mon 4 th)
Last Day of Autumn Term	Friday, 20 th December
Christmas Holiday	Monday, 23 rd December – Friday 3 rd January

SPRING TERM

First Day of Spring Term	Monday, 6 th January
Half Term (1 week) (children return to school on Monday, 24 th February)	Monday, 17 th February – Friday, 21 st February
Last Day of Spring Term	Friday, 3 rd April
Easter Holiday	Monday, 6 th April – Friday, 17 th April

SUMMER TERM

First Day of Summer Term	Monday 20 th April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday, 4 th May
Half Term (1 week) (children return to school on Monday, 1 st June)	Monday, 25 th May – Friday, 29 th May
Last Day of Summer Term	Friday, 17 th July (INSET Mon 20 th , Tues 21 st and Wed 22 nd)

INSET Days (5 days in every academic year have to be set aside for staff training):

To try and help parents, we have attached our staff training days to existing holidays. The school will be closed on the following days for INSET:

- Wednesday, 4th September 2019
- Monday, 4th November 2019
- Monday, 20th July 2020
- Tuesday, 21st July 2020
- Wednesday, 22nd July 2020

**WE UNDERSTAND HOW EXPENSIVE
HOLIDAYS ARE DURING TERM TIME
(WHICH CANNOT BE AUTHORISED) AND
HOPE THESE DAYS WILL ENABLE YOU TO
FIND A MORE COST—EFFECTIVE ONE
(OUT OF TERM TIME)**

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Wyevale garden centres



Little Diggers

Half Term Craft Events

Join us for brilliant kids' activities!

27th - 31st May



All events must be pre-booked online at wyevalegardencentres.co.uk/events

Service dates and times vary by location. Please check website for full details. Tickets are subject to change and cancellations. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. All activities are suitable for children aged 5+.

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Half Term Craft Events



Craft sessions just £2.50

Make a Bird Home **Monday 27th May**

Decorate a cosy bird box
for your garden birds.

Create a Bird Buddy **Tuesday 28th May**

Decorate and plant your own
bird pot for your home.

Grow Your Own Mini Garden **Wednesday 29th May**

Plant your own mini garden
with giant flowers, bee hives
and wild friends.

Flower Power Pot **Thursday 30th May**

Plant your own flower and
decorate a pot and plant marker.

Feed The Birds **Friday 31st May**

Make and decorate your own feeder
to entice more birds into your garden.

All craft sessions last for
20 minutes and include
an activity sheet.

Don't forget
to add a
kids' meal!

All events must be pre-booked online at
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Session dates and times vary by centre, so please check online or in your local centre for more details.
Events are subject to change and cancellation. Children must be supervised by an adult at all times.
All activities are suitable for children aged 3+.

 **Wyevalle garden centres**