

# Coombe Road School Newsletter

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## School News

### School Meals

Please note that the cost of a school meal will be £2.10 from September. Also available:  
Flavoured milk 60p, Fruit juice cuplet 35p

Uniform On line ordering is possible through – <http://www.schoolwearforless.com/schools/CoombeRoadPrimaryBN24ED>

Nut Allergy Please can I remind you that at any time in school we have a number of pupils who have serious nut allergy and contact with nuts in anyway – even the smell – can have a very serious reaction.  
Please can you not send in any nut based food in packed lunches.

A very warm welcome back to you all. I hope you all had a safe and happy summer break – though yesterday felt more like winter.

A special welcome to those numerous new pupils and families who are starting at our school this week. I am very confident that you will all be made to feel welcome by all our pupils, parents and staff. In particular, we welcome our very youngest pupils who will be starting in reception class – these are our four year olds; this can be a nervous time for parents and pupils but you are in the safe hands of Ms Hardman and Ms Read. As always all parents are welcome to make an appointment to see me at any time if there are any issues that you would like to discuss.

This term I will be re-introducing coffee mornings for parents. To begin with there will be a coffee morning on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 8.45 in the cookery room. In the past these have been really useful opportunities for me to get to know parents and find out views about the school. I hope you can pop along for a hot drink and a biscuit; if the mornings prove to be successful then there is no reason why they can not become a regular occurrence. I look forward to seeing you on Thursday. Our group for parents and little ones, 'Baby Club' will open again on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September. All parents with any pre-school age children (babies to 4 year olds) are warmly invited to come along and have some play-space and a cup of tea.

We have new staff I would like to welcome – Mr Gyurkovits who is our new Year 5 and 6 co-ordinator, Mr Wood who will be teaching in Year 6 and Ms Farrell who will be teaching in Year 3. They are all wonderful additions to our school and I wish them every success here.

### The Year Ahead

Last year was very successful in many ways around the school and this year we want to move the school on again. In particular we are focussing on developing community activities that will be enjoyable and productive for pupils and families; these activities will help us build to major events to mark our centenary next year (2012) and the Olympics (we are an ambassador school for the South East). I was so grateful for the involvement of so many parents last year in a range of groups and I know lots of you have tremendous ideas; I will be using September to meet with as many parents as possible so that we can put together a diary of events to take us through to next summer. Where do we start?

- Our parents' association is known as the Friends Of Coombe Road and **the AGM is on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September** at 7.00 in the main hall. This group organises social events for the school and helps raise funds to support school initiatives. Please come along with your ideas and energy – this really is a great way to get to know other families.
- There will be a creative Saturday morning workshop on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September – 10.00 – 12.00**; these workshops have been very popular. More details to follow.

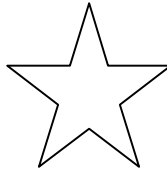
### New Reading Programme

We are introducing a new reading programme from 19<sup>th</sup> September. It really is very exciting and motivational for pupils. I will be sending home lots of information about how the programme will operate (it replaces the Oxford Reading Tree). Two meetings have been arranged to brief parents - **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 8.45 and at 2.15**. More details will be sent home this week and if you require more meetings or meetings in the evening then these will be arranged – please let me know. In the first instance the programme will be introduced to pupils in Year 3 and over.

Thank you  
Mr O'Sullivan

**Happy Birthday this week to:**

Maisie Saunders 6G  
Amy Walker 6W  
Jack Funnell 4A/F  
Jacob Prout 5B



Remember what OfSTED said last year!

**“A calm and positive learning environment exists throughout the school.”**  
**“Behaviour, both in lessons and around the school, is good and pupils work and play well together.”**

**“Pupils are keen to do well and are enthusiastic about learning.”**

**“Pupils achievement is good.”**

**“Pupils’ learning and progress are good.”**  
**(OfSTED visit report February 2011)**

This year we will go from strength to strength – but we can only do this by working together.

**Key Dates**

17th October 3.15 – 5.30 Parents’ Evening

20<sup>th</sup> October 3.15 – 5.30 Parents’ Evening

21st October Last school day before start of half term holiday- Holiday 24<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> October

31<sup>st</sup> October Staff training day

1<sup>st</sup> November Pupils return to school

16<sup>th</sup> December Last day of term -Start of Christmas holidays

3<sup>rd</sup> January Pupils return to school

10<sup>th</sup> February Last day of school before start of half term holiday- Holiday 13<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> February

20<sup>th</sup> February Staff training day

21<sup>st</sup> February Pupils return

26<sup>th</sup> March 3.15 – 5.30 Parents’ Evening

29<sup>th</sup> March 3.15 – 5.30 Parents’ Evening

30<sup>th</sup> March Last day of term start of Spring holiday

16<sup>th</sup> April Pupils return to school

7<sup>th</sup> May Bank Holiday

31<sup>st</sup> May Last day before start of half term holiday- Holiday 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> June

1<sup>st</sup> June Staff training day

11<sup>th</sup> June Pupils back to school

16<sup>th</sup> July Olympic torch in Brighton

17<sup>th</sup> July 3.15 Open afternoon

19<sup>th</sup> July Last day at school before start of pupils’ summer holiday

20<sup>th</sup> July Staff training day

5<sup>th</sup> September 2012 – children return to school