



### Headteacher News

We hope everyone had a good Autumn break. Despite being in another lockdown and the many challenges that people are currently facing, at school there are many exciting learning opportunities to look forward to. The school council had a socially distanced meeting today and I know the eco council are hard at work trying to think of ways we can reduce waste and protect our environment. Allington class were excited about the arrival of their chicks. It is lovely to see them get opportunities for practical hands on science to make learning exciting and fun.

Thank you to everyone for the way you continue to support the school and respect the decision we are having to make to keep everyone safe. An example of this was the way most parents arrived this morning wearing a mask.

We are looking at the staggered times but ask that whilst we sort this, children who are waiting to go into class, remain with you and not play on the equipment or with children from another bubble. We are working hard to keep bubbles separate during the day and allowing the children from different classes/bubbles to play together at the start and end of the school day compromises their safety.

We are soon to receive the film that was recently completed, to show the what life is like at Coxheath. I understand that you may be feeling distanced from the school at the moment with all the restrictions but this will hopefully let you see that school is still a great place with lots of learning, fun and laughter!

Please do pick up the phone or drop the school an email if you need to talk to any member of staff.

Have a relaxing weekend and once again try and enjoy the slower pace of life!

*Giacomo Mazza*

Headteacher

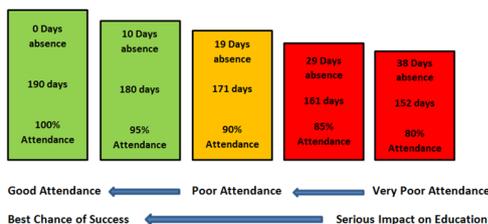
### Good attendance means...



Being in school at least 95% of the time (180-190 days a year)

There are 365 days in a year and 190 days in a school year.

This leaves 175 days for holidays, shopping, birthday treats and non-urgent medical appointments.



### Dates

Please see dates and times below  
Events for parents are identified in red.



#### Academic Year 2020-2021

##### Term 2

19 Nov - Flu Immunisations - whole school  
18 Dec - Last day of term

##### Term 3

04 Jan - Staff development day. Children not in school.  
05 Jan - First day of term  
14 Jan - Deadline for Primary Admissions applications for Year R 2021

All dates are subject to change depending on Government and Department of Education guidelines.

#### Childrens Safety

Please Note: Children are not allowed to play on any of the outdoor equipment, climbing frames, playgrounds or outdoor resources at any time before or after school. This is to avoid cross contamination of bubbles.  
Thank You. Mrs Evenden

#### Collecting children from school

For safety reasons we would like to remind parents of the importance of collecting children on time. We have a number of children who are regularly not collected on time. When parents and carers are late collecting, this means the children have to wait in the reception lobby. We cannot guarantee to keep children within their year bubble if they are not collected from the classroom on time. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

#### School dinners

From next week you should be able to book school dinners online through your ParentPay account. Even if you do not currently pay for school meals, please book any meals required in advance as doing this enables the kitchen to ensure they have enough food ordered and prepared as needed. If you have not yet activated your ParentPay account please do so as soon as possible. Instructions on how to book can be found here [https://www.parentpay.com/DOCH/school-support/index.html?page\\_id=9265.html](https://www.parentpay.com/DOCH/school-support/index.html?page_id=9265.html)  
Thank you.

#### Absence

Please call the school office no later than 9am if your child is going to be absent from school for any reason.

#### Returning to school after absence

If your child has been off school for any reason, they should come to the school office front door for a temperature check on their return to school. Thank you.

#### Parent Council

The minutes from the last parent council meeting which was held at the end of term 1 are now available on the school website. If you have any suggestions or feedback for school improvements to be raised at our next meeting on Thursday 17th December please contact your class representative.

We are also looking for a new class representative for Pevensey class. Please contact the office if you would like to take on this role.

#### Bags in school

During this lockdown period we would ask children not to bring large bags and rucksacks into school. Small bags with essential items only to be brought in please. Please make sure a water bottle is brought in every day, children can refill them throughout the day if needed. Thank you.



### Weekly Attendance

Dover	97.60%	Leeds	96.40%
Hever	100%	Rye	93.67%
Allington	98.63%	Thurnham	97.93%
Walmer	94.19%	Bodiam	97.99%
Tonbridge	94.84%	Scotney	92.50%
Rochester	96.13%	Canterbury	96.88%
Herstmonceux	99.13%	Pevensey	91.15%

**School Target**  
97%

**Whole School Attendance**  
96.22%

#### IMPORTANT - Nut Allergies in School

We would like to remind all parents that we are a nut free school. There are a number of children at the school who suffer from severe nut allergies, which in some cases could be fatal. Please do not send in food items that contain nuts in your child's packed lunch. This includes snacks, cereal bars, Nutella, Kinder Bueno bars and peanut butter in sandwiches. Please check the ingredients list if you are unsure. Many thanks for your help.

#### Your PTFA News!

Thank you to everyone who entered the pumpkin carving competition. We are delighted to give 8 winners a Bee Saver Kit from Friends of the Earth.

We are now organising our Christmas raffle. If you are a business who can offer a prize please contact Mrs Foreman on [ptfa@coxheath.kent.sch.uk](mailto:ptfa@coxheath.kent.sch.uk).

#### PTFA Committee

We urgently need a committee in order to continue to running a PTFA for the benefit of all of the children in the school. Positions needing to be filled as a minimum are Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary. Without these vital roles being filled, sadly we will be unable to run any further events. Please contact us at [ptfa@coxheath.kent.sch.uk](mailto:ptfa@coxheath.kent.sch.uk) if you would consider taking on one of these roles.

Thank you to everyone who has offered to help in other ways- it really is appreciated.

#### Do you shop on online?

If you are going to be doing your Christmas shopping online, why not do it via Easy Fundraising? <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/coxheathptfa/> There are 100's of online retailers you can shop with to help raise additional funds for the PTA with minimal effort!

Please join our Facebook group, search for 'Coxheath Primary School PTA' to stay up to date with our fundraising efforts and online events. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1984639145196712/?ref=share>

#### Children in Need

We will be selling Children in Need Pudsey Bear wristbands on the gate next week for £1.00 each. Please bring change as money will go into a collection box and change is not available. Thank you.

### House Points Total

Farleigh	115	Loose	71
Linton	94	Hunton	127

#### Primary Admissions for 2021

If you have a child born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017, primary admission applications for your child to join Year R 2021 opened online on November 5th 2020. You can apply online at [kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions) and applications must be submitted before 15th January 2021. National offer day is 16th April 2021 and offers are sent by email after 4pm.

#### Parking on the school site

A reminder that only Blue Badge holders are allowed to drive on to the school site to bring in and collect their children. If the Blue Badge holder is not in the vehicle, it must not be driven on to the school site. Please do not tailgate other cars into the car park to drop children off, Please do not drop off or park on the yellow hatchings by the pedestrian crossing for the safety of all children, also please do not walk across the car park at any time. Please use the paths and the one way system at all times - this is for everyone's safety. Thank you.

#### Cold Weather

Please make sure that your child has a coat in school every day. We like to be outdoors as much as possible regardless of the weather conditions. An extra layer such as jogging bottoms and sweatshirt is useful for P.E lessons too. Many thanks.

#### Extended Services

All places for Breakfast and After School club must be booked in advance to ensure the correct social distancing measures are in place. If you do not book your child in we may have to refuse entry. Please email [caso@coxheath.kent.sch.uk](mailto:caso@coxheath.kent.sch.uk) by 1pm to book your child in for the following day, or at any time if you need any additional information.

#### Medicines in school

We can only administer medicines in school that are issued on prescription, they must have the dispensing label detailing the child's name and dosing instructions. We cannot give any medications without correct parental permission paperwork and pharmacy labelling. Forms are available online <http://www.coxheath.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Forms&pid=53> Please bring all medicines to the school office.

#### Eco tip of the week!

During lockdown why not try to buy from local businesses? Even if shopping online rather than automatically opting for big companies such as Amazon, maybe you could try to find a local alternative. Local businesses will really appreciate your support in these strange times - and they're usually much more friendly and helpful! Mrs Mercanton.

#### Poppy Appeal

Thank you so much to all of you who have already donated so generously to the British Legion Poppy appeal. This year the British Legion have created a poster which they are encouraging us to download and display in our windows to show that despite the current pandemic we are still remembering together. Here at Coxheath Primary we would love to see how you have supported and remembered and would be really grateful if you could tweet or send in any photos of how you marked the occasion. To download the poster please follow the link: <https://www.poppypshop.org.uk/products/download-a-remembrance-poppy>



In school on Wednesday, we will all be remembering through a virtual assembly, which links the sacrifices made then and those who continue to make sacrifices today to help care for us during Covid. We will all then observe a one-minute silence at 11am.

Thank you once again for your support and generosity and we look forward to seeing your photos.  
Branwen Taylor, History subject leader.