



Headteacher News

Despite the various challenges that we continue to face with bubble closures etc., I thought it was important to share with you some of the exciting projects that are running throughout the school that will continue to provide the very best opportunities and secure the very best provision.

At Coxheath we value the importance of reading and language development and want our children to become enthusiastic, engaged readers that develop a life-long love of books. We passionately believe that being able to read means that you can learn to do just about anything. Reading opens the doors to new skills and enables our children to access the whole curriculum.

We also believe in developing children's spoken language as this goes hand in hand with reading and developing children's general literacy skills. By teaching children to become more effective speakers and listeners, we empower them to have a better understanding of themselves, each other and the world around them.

We prioritise children's language development as soon as they start school. In the new year we will be introducing The Nuffield Early Language Intervention. This is to improve the spoken language ability of children in reception. It combines small group work with one-to-one sessions delivered by trained teaching assistants, targeting vocabulary, narrative skills, active listening and phonological awareness. We hope that this will help build the vital foundation blocks to be successful learners as they move throughout the school.

We are also introducing Switch-on Reading. This is an intensive 10-week literacy intervention. The purpose of Switch-on is to close the reading achievement gap for children working below age-expected levels.

Please continue to support the work of the school by reading with your child at home and developing their language at every opportunity.

Have a lovely weekend.

Giacomo Mazza

Headteacher

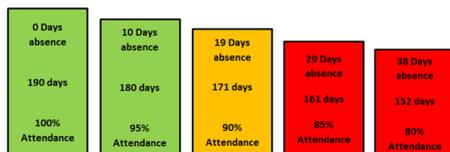
Good attendance means...



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.



Good Attendance ← Poor Attendance ← Very Poor Attendance
Best Chance of Success ← Serious Impact on Education

Dates

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



Academic Year 2020-2021

Term 2

- 16 Dec - Christmas lunch/jumper day. Details below.
- 16 Dec - PTFA Raffle draw (winners notified by email)
- 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 for Education guidelines.

Christmas Lunch

The children will be having their Christmas lunch on Wednesday 16th December when they can also wear a Christmas jumper if they wish.

No cash donation is required - it's just for fun!
Christmas lunch cannot be ordered on the day. If you have not already ordered your child a school lunch for Wednesday 16th December please make sure you send in a packed lunch on that day.



Sickness and Diarrhoea

If your child has sickness or diarrhoea they must not return to school for 48 hours after their last episode. For NHS advice on treatment for diarrhoea and vomiting, please visit the NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/diarrhoea-and-vomiting/>



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.



Absence

Please can we remind parents that you must call the school office no later than 9am if your child is going to be absent from school. Please ensure you state your child's name, class and reason for absence. This is incredibly important due to the current Covid-19 restrictions in place. There is an absence line available to leave a message should you wish to use it. Please 'press 1 for attendance' on the system options. Using this will save us making any unnecessary calls to parents to find out why children are not in school. Thank you

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. When parents and carers are late collecting, this means the children have to wait in the reception lobby. We cannot keep children within their year/family bubble if they are not collected from the classroom on time. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.



Weekly Attendance

Dover	94.95%	Leeds	95.09%
Hever	94.96%	Rye	90.20%
Allington	96.62%	Thurnham	94.00%
Walmer	87.99%	Bodiam	96.21%
Tonbridge	93.75%	Scotney	95.89%
Rochester	86.08%	Canterbury	96.77%
Herstmonceux	96.99%	Pevensey	88.33%

School Target
97%

Whole School Attendance
93.63%

Statutory Assessment Update

You may have seen in the news last week that the Government have made some amendments to the testing that happens in primary schools for this academic year.

- The Year 1 phonics check will still go ahead as planned in June. In Year 2 there is no formal requirement to administer the SATS tests. We will make a decision towards the end of the year as to whether we opt to give the children a test.
- The Year 4 multiplication check will remain optional for a further year. Last year, we took up the option to complete the check and will likely do so again this year.
- Year 6 SATS will still go ahead in May but with the removal of the grammar and punctuation test. This means they will sit the reading test on Monday 10th May, arithmetic and maths reasoning 1 on Tuesday 11th May and maths reasoning 2 on Wednesday 12th May. All year 6 children are required to be in school on those dates.

Mrs Webber
Assessment Lead

Water bottles

Please make sure your child has a clearly named water bottle in school every day. Thank you.

School dinners

Please book school dinners online through your ParentPay account whenever possible even if you receive free school meals. We are aware there is a cut off time on Sunday for booking meals for the week. Please do not worry if you cannot book after the cut off time, your child can still ask for a hot lunch on the day if required and your account balance will be updated weekly. Instructions for parents can be found here https://www.parentpay.com/DOCH/school-support/index.html?page_id=77.html

If you have any further issues please contact the school office and we will do our best to assist you. Thank you.

Free School Meals

If your circumstances have recently changed, you may be entitled to free school meals for your children. It is easy to check online via the following link <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>. Thank you.

House Points Total

Farleigh	238	Loose	174
Linton	231	Hunton	221

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 are now open. You can apply online at 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.

P.E Kit - Cold Weather

Although the weather has taken a bit of a turn, P.E is still going on as normal and we have many children without jumpers or tracksuit bottoms. We ask can you please ensure your child has suitable clothing for the cold weather, the jumper and tracksuit bottoms can be of any colour and doesn't need to match their house colours. Thank you. Mr Corcoran, Sports Coach

Learners of the Week

Congratulations to the children who received their achievement certificates in our virtual assembly this week. Well done to them for all their hard work and effort!



Dover	Coming soon	Leeds	Coming soon
Hever	Delilah	Rye	Alex
Allington	William C	Thurnham	Miles
Walmer	Heath	Bodiam	Katie K
Tonbridge	Pearl	Scotney	Lara
Rochester	Mia	Canterbury	Back soon
Herstmonceux	Holly	Pevensey	Finley

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 cas@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. Payments should be made via the Scopay system. If you have any outstanding debt, please settle this by the end of this week. Thank You.

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.

PTFA News!

Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets! There are now over 50 prizes up for grabs. The draw will be take place and prizes will be allocated automatically at 4pm on Wednesday 16th December! You can buy your tickets from <https://raffall.com/148205/enter-raffle-to-win-coxheath-ptfa-christmas-raffle-hosted-by-coxheath-primary-school> Thank you and good luck!

PTFA Committee

Please contact us at ptfa@coxheath.kent.sch.uk if you would consider taking on a role on the committee. Sadly unless committee roles are filled by parents the Christmas raffle will be the last PTFA event for a while.

Online Shopping

When you shop via the easy Fundraising page the PTA could receive a small donation every time you shop at no additional cost to you. Could you become our top fundraiser? It's easy to sign up using this link <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/coxheathptfa/?invite=ykroze&referral-campaign=s2s>