



Headteacher News

It has been wonderful to see how the school has marked the very special occasion of Remembrance. The children approached the subject with great maturity, empathy and had a true understanding of its significance. This has been expressed through art, poetry and thought provoking discussions. We would like to especially thank parents for the projects they completed at home. We continue to look at our curriculum to ensure it is engaging, inspiring and relevant. We do encourage the children to be aware of current affairs and the world around them so programmes such as Newsround are great starting points for discussion.

Thank you for your ongoing feedback regarding arrangements that we have in place to keep everyone safe during this time. We have made some further changes to our drop off in response to your feedback. To minimise parents having to wait on the playground when they have a younger sibling, we have agreed to allow parents to drop off younger siblings at the same time as their older brothers or sisters. Please can I ask that all other parents stick rigidly to the staggered time you have been allocated. We are aware that it is not a perfect system but it is the best we can do taking into consideration all guidance and our legal responsibilities.

I am aware that many of the end of term events such as our open afternoon will not be able to go ahead this year. The really good news is that our Reception children will be going ahead with their nativity. Let's face it, Christmas would not be the same without it. We are currently discussing how this will be shared with our parents as we will not be able to invite parents in to watch it. I will update you nearer the time.

Once again I want to wish you a happy weekend where you can hopefully spend some quality time together as a family.

Giacomo Mazza

Headteacher

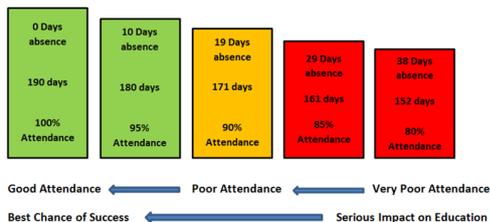
Good attendance means...



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

- 16 Nov - Odd Sock Day for Anti-bullying week
- 16 - 20 Nov - Anti-bullying week.
- 19 Nov - Flu Immunisations - whole school
- 27 Nov - Non uniform day - donation for PTFA funds.
- 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

You should now 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. Please be aware there is a cut off time, so please do not worry if you cannot book for the next day. 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

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

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	97.97%	Leeds	96.73%
Hever	98.96%	Rye	97.31%
Allington	97.29%	Thurnham	98.36%
Walmer	96.47%	Bodiam	97.20%
Tonbridge	98.17%	Scotney	95.17%
Rochester	95.75%	Canterbury	96.63%
Herstmonceux	97.69%	Pevensey	90.99%

School Target
97%

Whole School Attendance
96.76%

ODD SOCKS DAY for Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week is next week, Monday 16th November to Friday 20th November. To mark the beginning of Anti-bullying week we would like to ask you to dress your child in odd socks (as bright as possible!!!) on Monday. In every class during the week we will be raising awareness about bullying and the children will be involved in discussions and various activities around this extremely important issue! Many thanks for your continued support. We are not asking for any donations on this day.



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!

Non Uniform Day

On Friday 27th November we will be having a non uniform day! Please send in a minimum £1 contribution per child and there will be a raffle on the day in each class. All proceeds will go to the PTFA.

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 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 100s 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>

House Points Total

Farleigh	352	Loose	315
Linton	385	Hunton	379

Parking outside school

Please refrain from parking across resident driveways at any time. 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, we have seen a few parents do this and it does not set a good example for the children. Please use the paths and the one way system at all times - this is for everyone's safety. Thank you.

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 and applications must be submitted before 15th January 2021. National offer day is 16th April 2021 and offers are sent by email after 4pm.

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.

Learners of the Week

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



Dover	Coming soon	Leeds	Coming soon
Hever	Ollie	Rye	Jenna
Allington	Bella	Thurnham	Elizabeth
Walmer	Lili	Bodiam	Edward
Tonbridge	Aiden	Scotney	Bertie
Rochester	Noah	Canterbury	Beau
Herstmonceux	Rosey	Pevensey	Ruby

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 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.

Wear it Pink

Thank you to everyone that took part in the class sweet raffles organised by Mrs Crittenden and Mrs Keddy. This raised £550, which took our overall total to an incredible £925 for Breast Cancer Now. Thank you for your support.

Eco tips of the week from our Eco- Council members

- * Turn off the tap when you brush your teeth, it can save a lot of water! Alice, Thurnham Class
- * Go litter picking when you go out on a walk to help reduce the amount of litter around. Elliot & Erin, Scotney Class.

