



Headteacher News

This week 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. We are incredibly lucky to work with such wonderful young people.

We are very much looking forward to our Christmas Fayre tomorrow. Santa's helpers will be busy getting the grotto ready for his big visit tomorrow. We would love to see as many people as possible supporting the event. The money raised will go directly back into the school funds to benefit your children. A huge thank you to Tracey Dunne and the PTA for organising the event. I know many hours of their own time have gone into getting it ready and we all appreciate the huge amount of hard work and effort that has gone into this.

Over the past couple of weeks, I have noticed that there is a considerable amount of children arriving late to school. This impacts significantly on their learning as not only do they miss the work set for them arriving at school, they often miss the main teaching input and it disrupts the lesson that has started. The teacher is not able to reteach that lesson and as a result, some children arriving late will not be able to get the most from the learning opportunities that are provided for them.

Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year. 10 minutes late to school each day = 33 hours lost in one year. Arriving 15 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year. Over the coming weeks, we will be sending letters home to parents of those children, as you may not be aware how many times your child has been registered as late. The letter does make it clear that if children continue to be late after the register closes, we will record this as an unauthorised absence that can then lead to a penalty notice.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible tomorrow and possibly enjoying some of the chocolate from our chocolate tombola stall that has been so kindly donated.

Giacomo Mazza
Headteacher

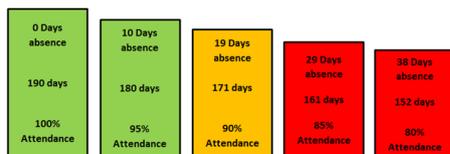
Good attendance means...



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.
PTA events are identified in purple.



Academic Year 2021-2022

Term 2

- 13 Nov - PTA Christmas Bazaar
- 16 Nov - Bodiam Class Assembly – KS2 Hall 9am
- 19 Nov - Children In Need (wear own clothes for minimum £1 donation)
- 30 Nov - Walmer Class Assembly
- 07 Dec - Year R Nativity to parents and siblings - 9:30am
- 08 Dec - Year R Nativity to KS2
- 09 Dec - Year R Nativity to parents (no siblings) - 2:00pm
- 10 Dec - Year 1-Paddington Dress Up Day
- 17 Dec - Christmas Services at Holy Trinity
- 17 Dec - Open Afternoon - 2:30pm
- 17 Dec - Last day of term

Term 3 - 2022

- 04 Jan - Staff development day (children not in school)
- 05 Jan - First day of term for children
- 18 Jan - Thurnham Class Assembly
- 21 Jan - Young Voices at the O2

School Uniform

We are in the process of changing our school uniform supplier to Simmonds. We believe this will be more convenient for parents to have a local supplier. Simmonds have a very well stocked shop at Notcutts Garden Centre with free parking and the opportunity to go and look at and try on uniform before buying. Uniform can also be purchased online from the Simmonds website with free delivery to home address. It was raised at Parent Council about siblings still wearing uniform that has been passed down from brothers and sisters. Mr Mazza assured that this is not a problem and any current uniform from Goodies can still be worn. Simmonds will be able to provide information for families close to the launch date which will be pre Christmas.

Due to the upcoming change in uniform supplier, we now have a limited amount available to buy from the school office.

Please be aware that all of these items are only available in limited sizes, while stocks last.

If you would like to purchase any items, please speak to the school office and we will check availability. If the item you require is available, payment can then be made via your SCOPay account, and the items can be collected from reception once payment is received.

Items available include:

- V Neck Sweatshirt £10.25
- Cardigan £10.65
- Ties £4.45
- PE Tshirt £4.00
- Sun hat £1.50
- Woolly Hat £3.50
- Reversible Jacket £5.00

Once this stock has been sold the office will no longer carry any items of uniform in stock, all future purchases will need to be made through Simmonds.

The Kent and Medway Immunisation Team is coming to school next week – don't forget to do the [online consent form](#) if you haven't already.

Visit www.kentcht.nhs.uk/imms for more information. You can also phone the team 0300 123 5205, text 07401320923 or use their [web chat](#) if you have any questions about your child's immunisations.





Weekly Attendance

Dover	96.62	Leeds	93.67
Hever	95.00	Rye	98.57
Allington	98.67	Thurnham	99.67
Walmer	97.50	Bodiam	98.13
Tonbridge	94.16	Scotney	97.42
Rochester	95.63	Canterbury	98.86
Herstmonceux	96.43	Pevensey	85.85

School Target
97%

Whole School Attendance
96.70%

Parent Workshops

As a school we work closely with the Kent Emotional Wellbeing Team who are currently offering online Parent Workshops aimed at primary school children and Year 7. The following workshops are available :

Wednesday 17th November 12.30 -2pm - Supporting your child with worries and fears.

Tuesday 23rd November 6.30 - 7.30pm - Understanding Your Child's Behaviour.

The workshops are held via Microsoft teams, you do not need an account to join you only need access to the Internet. If you would like to join any of the workshops, please contact the office who will make arrangements for the meeting links to be sent.

Thankyou Mrs Cheeseman

The Scholartastic Book fair will be running in school from Monday 22nd November - Thursday 25th November. There will be an unbeatable range of the latest and best children's books starting from £5. Please bring along cash for payments. The fair will be held after school in the meeting room. This could be a great stocking filler!!! Please could we ask all adults to wear a face mask. Many thanks.



Contract Dining-Roast Dinner

Some children have been asking what the roast meat on Wednesdays will be as the new menu states roast of the day, we can confirm:

Week One: Roast Chicken

Week Two: Gammon

Week Three: Turkey

Year 1 - Dress Up Day

To mark the end of our term learning all about London and Paddington Bear, we would love the children to have a Paddington Dress Up Day. The children can come to school dressed as a bear or wearing the colours red, white and blue. The dress up day will be held on Friday 10th December 2021.

We can't wait to see the children dressed up and we will make sure we put lots of pictures on Twitter! Thank you for your support with this. The Year One Team



House Points Total

Farleigh	246	Loose	371
Linton	335	Hunton	299

Hever	Eva	Rye	Rey
Allington	Darcy	Thurnham	Emma
Walmer	Johnny-Joe	Bodiam	Sophia
Tonbridge	Marion	Scotney	Lexi-Jade
Rochester	Jake	Canterbury	Elliot
Pevensey	Oakley	Herstmonceux	William

Learners of the Week

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



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 essential for P.E lessons too. Many thanks.

Year 3-Religious Celebrations

We would love to celebrate the different faiths within our school community. Therefore, please do send in a photo of a religious event or festival that your child has participated in so that we can create a colourful display of different religious celebrations. Some examples are photos of: Eid, Diwali, Christenings, Passover, weddings etc . Please avoid sending in original copies. A photocopy or digital file sent to office@coxheath.kent.sch.uk would be much appreciated. We would like to receive these by Friday 26th November. Many thanks, Ms Spence-Year 3 Team.

Please come along to the Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 13th November 2 to 5pm.

Lots to enjoy, Santa's Grotto, Mince pies and Mulled Wine. Face painting, Tombolas and lots more..... We look forward to seeing you!



Admission to Primary Schools 2022 Do you have a child born between 1 Sept 2017 and 31 Aug 2018? apply for a place online at: www.kent.gov.uk/ola before 17 January 2022. Email the team at primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk Full information booklet can also be viewed online at: www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Parking Concerns

We have had several complaints regarding a Silver car registration GV58 AHY who parks right across local resident's drives for over 30 minutes on a regular basis. Please could we ask all parents to be considerate when dropping off and picking up from school and not to block driveways. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.