



Headteacher News

Well now it's December and the magical time of the year begins. A huge thank you to Kingswood Christmas Trees for their incredible generosity as they have kindly donated a tree to decorate both our halls. They are a family run business that have been providing trees to Kent and beyond for the last 60 years. I am sure you will join me in thanking them for their very kind offer.

We have a number of things planned for the end of term and we would like to draw your attention to a few of the events. Year R are busy practising for their nativity play which we are all looking forward to seeing. We are hopeful that we continue to experience low numbers of Covid within the school and government guidance allows school events with large gatherings to go ahead. We would encourage all parents attending this event to do an LFT prior to coming and to wear a mask when in the school. A small price to pay to watch the magic of a nativity!

Unfortunately, we have taken the decision to postpone our open afternoon on the last day of term. Following the restrictions last year, we are all very much looking forward to a Christmas that we can spend with families. Inviting 432 plus parents into school would undoubtedly increase the risk of transmitting Covid and this could result in both staff and parents having to self-isolate over the festive period. We will look at holding an open afternoon in the New Year.

I must finish this week's newsletter by thanking Connor, our new Headteacher for the day. He did a wonderful job and his new rule of an extra 15 minutes play for everyone went down well with all pupils in the school! I think I may be out of a job! I thoroughly enjoyed swapping roles with him and am now heading home for a rest. Teachers really do make you work hard!!!!

Have a great weekend.

Giacomo Mazza
Headteacher

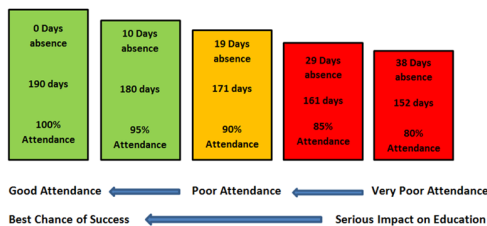
Good attendance means...



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.



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

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
15 Dec - Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
17 Dec - Christingle Services Holy Trinity Church
9.30 & 10.30 services (Yr 6 parents only to attend)
17 Dec - Last day of term (Usual finish times KS1 3.10pm
KS2 3.15pm)

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
14 Jan - Young Voices at the O2

Wednesday 15th December - Christmas Dinner Day

If you would like your child to have a Christmas dinner please book and pay in the usual way on Parentpay by Friday 3rd December. Even if you do not pay for school dinners you must book in advance by Friday 3rd December so the kitchen are aware of numbers.



We will also be giving the children the opportunity to wear a Christmas jumper on this day if they would like to... no monetary contribution is required this is just for some festive fun!!!! If you do not have Christmas jumpers then own clothes can be worn.

Christingle Service

This year, we are excited to have the opportunity to proceed with our annual Christingle Service at Holy Trinity Church on Friday 17th December 2021. Sadly, due to the current situation regarding COVID 19, we have had to restrict the number of parents that can attend and so we will be inviting parents of year 6 children **only**. We may also have to make last minute amendments to these arrangements if the number of cases within our school increase. We know that this news may come as a disappointment, but we hope that over the coming years, all parents will have the opportunity to experience our Christingle service. Please do feel free to send in donations of any amount for our supporting charity The Children's Society who are providing candles and ribbon for the Occasion.

(<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/what-we-do>)

Cold Weather

We still have children coming into school without coats, 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.

Extended Services

If you use our Breakfast or After School Club, please settle any outstanding balances in full no later than 10th December 2021. If payment is not received by this date, then unfortunately, from January 2022 we will be unable to accommodate any future bookings. If you have any issues or concerns, then please contact extended services by email at casc@coxheath.kent.sch.uk



Weekly Attendance

Dover	94.33	Leeds	90.54
Hever	93.57	Rye	93.57
Allington	91.44	Thurnham	93.33
Walmer	99.06	Bodiam	94.97
Tonbridge	95.45	Scotney	89.61
Rochester	92.81	Canterbury	94.69
Herstmonceux	96.38	Pevensey	95.89

School Target
97%

Whole School Attendance
94.01%



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



Kingswood Christmas Trees

We would like to thank Kingswood Christmas Trees for the fabulous trees they donated to the school. Please visit the Kingswood Christmas Tree Farm they have a wonderful selection of Christmas Trees, decorations and Santas Grotto & reindeer.
www.kingswoodchristmastrees.co.uk

School Uniform

Due to the 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.

House Points Total

Farleigh	392	Loose	613
Linton	351	Hunton	339

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.



Hever	Harper-Rose	Rye	Lacey-Mae
Allington	Emily	Thurnham	Ayva
Walmer	Mason	Bodiam	Aidan
Tonbridge	Katie	Scotney	Heath
Rochester	Amy	Canterbury	Nancy
Pevensey	Reuben	Herstmonceux	Lexie

Library Visits

Due to current Covid guidelines all library visits have been cancelled until the New Year.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who have helped out so far and look forward to your continued support in the New Year.

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

Football & Netball Training

With the impact of the cold weather, we would ask that if your child takes part in Football and Netball training matches, they have layers on accordingly. We don't allow for coats to be worn during training for safety reasons but please feel free to pack your child an extra jumper/sports jumper or base layer (skins) to keep them warm during training sessions and matches.

We thank you for your support on this,
Mr Corcoran & Mrs Cheeseman

Please see link below if you are interested or know somebody who may be interested in a Midday Supervisor role at Loose Primary School

<https://www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=94467>

Please can all parents/carers please continue to use the one-way system when on the school grounds. Entering the school from the left-hand gate as you face the school and leaving from the right gate.