



Headteacher News

Our Year R Christmas performances are always very special events and I am delighted that this year, our year R parents were able to watch it. The children were so excited about performing for you and their enthusiasm and enjoyment was matched by the quality of performance they gave. Well done to all the Year R children, we were so proud of them all. A huge thank you to the dedicated Year R team who worked so hard to enable the children to perform so successfully and provide wonderful experiences during their first year at school.

I knew it wouldn't be long before I mentioned the 'C' word in the newsletter – and I don't mean Christmas. As we approach the end of the term, we are once again seeing a rise in Covid cases throughout the school. This year, more than ever, we are all looking forward to a Christmas where we can spend time with family and friends. The threat of Covid-19 still hangs over us and it is incredible to think that this will still be the case as we head into 2022! We are doing everything we can in school to ensure we minimise the risk of infection spreading. However, we have guidelines to adhere to and the very fact that children can attend school after being in contact with a positive case, will mean there is a very high chance that the virus will spread. We can only hope that we can see the back of it in 2022!

I hope that as you have entered the school you have seen our beautiful new wall scape that welcomes you as you approach the key stage 2 playground. I have to say a huge thank you to our very talented resident artist, Mrs Planck, who designed and painted this beautiful piece of artwork. It sends out positive messages for all our children to believe that anything is possible if you work hard, and is a wonderful reminder that everyone's potential is limitless - a belief that we all know Mr Webb held so close to his heart.

Have a great weekend.

Giacomo Mazza
Headteacher

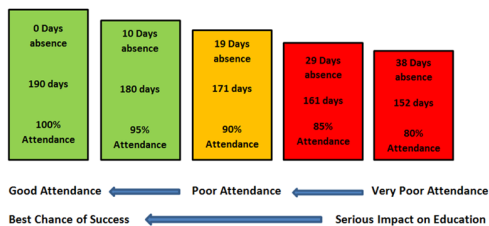
Good attendance means...



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

15 Dec - Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
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

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.



The Wiggly Nativity

The Year R team would like to send a huge thank you to the Year R parents for coming along to the children's production of The Wiggly Nativity and all the help that was given with learning songs and lines and providing the fabulous costumes. The children had a wonderful time and we are very proud of them.



Christingle Service-Cancelled

Sadly, due to a rise in the number of cases of COVID within our school community, we have taken the difficult decision to cancel our Christingle service on Friday 17th December at Holy Trinity church. We want to ensure that families within the school and the local community stay safe throughout the festive season and are able to enjoy their scheduled plans this year. We will still celebrate the festive spirit within school and will hopefully, be able to hold a Christingle service next year.



Weekly Attendance

Dover	94.37	Leeds	93.14
Hever	97.50	Rye	98.93
Allington	93.62	Thurnham	95.24
Walmer	85.54	Bodiam	89.35
Tonbridge	95.82	Scotney	89.49
Rochester	92.68	Canterbury	92.50
Herstmonceux	95.79	Pevensy	92.25

School Target

97%

Whole School Attendance

93.46%

School Uniform

Newnham Court Garden Centre are now fully stocked with school uniform. We would like to remind you they are open 7 days a week with free parking for shopping.



Online Family Learning Courses January/February 2022

Community Learning and Skills are offering family learning online courses starting in January and February 2022. All courses are enrolled via the Kent Adult Education website. Please see below:
www.kenttrainingandapprenticeships.co.uk
www.communitylearningandskills.com

Spellings

Spellings for all year groups are now on the school website in the Teaching and Learning section under literacy. The page can be found here :
<http://www.coxheath.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Spelling&pid=905>

Cool Milk Important information - Milk Price Increase

We wish to make you aware that from 01/01/22 onwards, Cool Milk will increase the price of a portion of milk for children aged 5 or over.

Under-5 children will continue to receive milk free-of-charge. This means that Cool Milk will adjust the prices for over-5 milk from 23p to 24p per child per day.



No Smoking

Please can we ask that parents do not smoke on or directly outside the school premises.

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

House Points Total

Farleigh	Back in the New Year	Loose	Back in the New Year
Linton	Back in the New Year	Hunton	Back in the New Year

Learner of the Week

Will be back 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

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.

Holiday Play Scheme

Unfortunately, we have decided not to operate our HPS this Christmas due to increasing Covid cases in our school community. Keeping our staff, children and extended families safe over the Christmas period is our priority. We will still operate on Tuesday 4th January 2022. Bookings are still being taken for this day. If you would like to book your child in for this day, then please email holiday.playscheme@loose-primary.kent.sch.uk
I would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Best wishes, *Malandra Cornell*

PTA News

Unfortunately our treasurer has had to step down due to work commitments. Please consider volunteering as a member of the PTA Committee. If we do not have a treasurer then legally we are not able to run. If you are interested in this position or would like to join the committee please contact the school office.

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.

Lost Property

Please can we ask all parents to check at home for items such as hats and gloves that don't belong to them and return to school as soon as possible. Lost property will be outside reception next Friday 17th December. At the end of day anything that is not claimed will be put in the Salvation Army Charity bin in the car park.