



Headteacher News

We had a fantastic time during World Book Day and it was wonderful to see all the amazing, creative costumes. World Book Day is a registered charity on a mission to give every child and young person a book of their own. It's also a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) it's a celebration of reading. In fact, it's the biggest celebration of its kind, designated by UNESCO as a worldwide celebration of books and reading, and is marked in over 100 countries all over the world.

Please continue to support our whole school priority on reading by ensuring children have opportunities to listen to stories and read regularly at home. An international study has found that children whose parents frequently read with them in primary school are still showing the benefit when they are 15. Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like support or recommendations of books that your child may enjoy.

We seem to have a number of children arriving late to school. This can make them anxious at the beginning of the day and impacts negatively on their learning. In order to ensure that the children have a settled start to the day we would ask all parents to make sure that their children arrive before 8:50am ready to start the school day.

I would ask all parents to remain extremely vigilant regarding children's use of online resources. We often have reports of children being targeted online through social media sites and online gaming. It is of the utmost importance that you check all security settings and reinforce with your children how to stay safe online. There are a number of resources and links on our website and we will continue to send out further information on Twitter.

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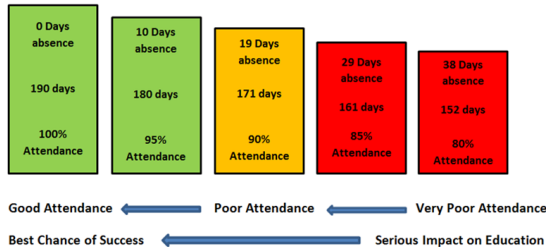
Good attendance means...



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.

Term 4

- 09 Mar - Drop Everything and Read for KS2 - 2.45pm
- 10 Mar - Bodiam class assembly KS2 Hall 9am - families invited
- 13 Mar - Sports Relief - details overleaf
- 13 Mar - PTA Quiz night KS2 hall - details overleaf
- 16 Mar -- Drop Everything and Read for KS1 - 2.45pm
- 17 Mar - Walmer class assembly KS2 Hall 9am - families invited
- 17 Mar - SATs meeting for KS1 - 2.15-2.45pm
- 18 Mar - Beep Beep Day - Year R
- 19 Mar - SATs meeting for KS2 - 2.15-2.45pm
- 23 Mar - Year 1 Trip to Wingham Wildlife Park
- 23 Mar - Drop Everything and Read for KS2 - 2.45pm
- 25 Mar - Class photographs being taken during the school day
- 31 Mar - Afternoon Big Read
- 31 Mar - PTA Easter Egg hunt on the field 3.30pm
- 01 Apr - Easter Services - Holy Trinity Church - families welcome
- 01 Apr - Open Afternoon. Children can be signed out from 2pm
- 01 Apr - Last Day of Term

Term 5

- 16 Apr - Children back to school
- 17 Apr - Magistrates talk to Year 6
- 21 Apr - Phonics meeting for parents KS1 Hall - 2.45pm*
- 27-30 Apr - Anthony Glenn Workshop for Year 5
- 05 May - Scotney class assembly KS2 Hall 9am - families invited
- 08 May - Bank Holiday
- 11-14 May - KS2 SATs week (Year 6)
- 12 May - Rye class assembly KS2 Hall 9am - families invited
- 14 May - Year R trip to Rare Breeds Centre
- 15 May - Year 6 trip to Whitstable
- 18 May - Year 6 Swattenden trip meeting 3.30pm - Pevensey class
- 19 May - Hever class assembly KS2 Hall 9am - families invited
- 21 May - Afternoon Big Read
- 22 May - Last Day of Term

Term 6

- 01 Jun - Staff training day - school closed
- 02 Jun - Children back to school
- 09-12 Jun - Year 6 to Swattenden
- 15 Jun - Multicultural week
- 16 June - Year 4 trip to Museum of London Docklands
- 23 Jun - Sports Day
- 27 Jun - PTA Summer Fayre
- 30 Jun - Reserve Sports Day
- 01 July - New Year R children in to visit
- 07 July - New Year R children in to visit

*Please note the change of date for the Phonics meeting for parents to 21st April.

Vacancy for a Co-opted Local Governor for Coppice Primary Partnership Trust

The Trust currently has a vacancy for a Co-opted Governor at Loose Primary School with specific business / finance knowledge to be appointed to the Local Governing Body (LGB).

The person we are seeking would ideally have a professional background in finance or experience of managing a substantial budget and would be willing to support the work of the schools. Previous experience of governorship would be valued but not necessarily required, the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the schools and be prepared to play an active part in the LGB's work. In order to support Governors in their role, training can be provided at no cost to the individual. LGB's meet 6 times a year and the commitment would include three monitoring visits to meet with school leaders.

Applications close at 9.30am on Monday 23rd March 2020, the application form can be found online at ([link to go in here](#)). You can hand the form into either school office or as an attachment to an email to office@coppiceprimarypartnership.kent.sch.uk

Weekly Attendance

Dover	98.33%	Leeds	96.00%
Hever	89.67%	Rye	99.33%
Allington	96.67%	Thurnham	92.33%
Walmer	96.25%	Bodiam	88.13%
Tonbridge	95.94%	Scotney	98.13%
Rochester	98.75%	Canterbury	87.50%
Herstmonceux	99.17%	Pevensey	96.00%

Whole School Target
97%

Whole School Attendance
95.16%

Head Lice

Please be advised that we have a lot of parents reporting that their children have head lice and it is reoccurring. It is uncomfortable for the children and should be dealt with as soon as it becomes noticeable that your child has them. Some parents are advising that the medication is not working for their children's hair, please refer to the useful guide below to see how to deal with the problem. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits> We have a few nit combs at reception if you would like one. Please make sure that all hair of shoulder length or longer is tied up for safety and to prevent the spread of head lice.

Parking Issues

As a school we have no control over how the public park. We would urge anyone that sees parking that causes danger and hazard towards others to phone 101 and report it immediately. If people are parking on yellow lines or causing further hazards due to or around this we would urge you to phone Maidstone Borough Council and request to speak with Parking Enforcement, Maidstone Borough Council's main number is: 01622 602000. Thank you.

Drop Everything and Read

It has been wonderful to see so many of you joining us for our reading sessions. We would ask that you do not bring younger siblings along if at all possible as they can be a distraction to others. Many thanks.

Year R - Beep Beep Day

On Wednesday 18th March the children in Leeds and Dover class will be using the website <http://www.brake.org.uk/beepbeepday> to look at the linked activities and cover road safety.

Payments for trips etc.

The SCOPAY App is a much more convenient way to pay for school trips, swimming sessions, events, and extended services. If paying by cash, please send the exact money in a sealed envelope with your child's name, class and details of the trip clearly written on it as the office does not hold change. Caterlink payment envelopes (for school meals) are available from the reception desk.

Pokemon/Match Attax Cards

If your child chooses to bring any card collection into school, please ensure the folder/tin is clearly named. We have a number of card collections in the office which are not named and cannot be easily returned to their rightful owner.

Community News

The Women's Engineering Society invite you and your families to a free interactive exhibition to learn more about the world of engineering. The exhibition will be at the Brunel Museum in London (SE16 4LF) and will run from 11am - 4.30pm on Saturday 21st March. More information can be found on their website www.wes.org.uk/100violets

Premier Football School are once again running a Maidstone based football course at Cornwallis Academy this Easter from Monday 6th - Thursday 9th April for boys and girls aged 4 - 12 of all abilities. The times are 10.00am - 3.30pm. During the course we run a kids World Cup tournament with trophies for every child to take home. We also offer lots fun competitions, such as run penalty shoot-outs with prizes. PFS are offering parents the opportunity to pay just £39 for this four-day course by entering discount code **PFSEASTER2020** when booking on our website. To book, please visit www.premierfootballschool.co.uk or call 07821 573837.

House Points Total

Farleigh	569	Loose	290
Linton	442	Hunton	474

Easter Church Services

Our Easter Church services will take place at Holy Trinity Church, Heath Road, Coxheath on Wednesday 1st April. Services are at 9.30am and 10.15am. If you can assist with taking the children to and from church, please speak to the class teacher. Class groups are detailed below.



Group	1	2
Classes	Dover	Leeds
	Hever	Rye
	Thurnham	Allington
	Bodiam	Walmer
	Tonbridge	Scotney
	Canterbury	Rochester
	Herstmonceux	Pevensey
Time children leaving school	9.15am	10.00am

Sport Relief

On 13th March we will be organising activities during the school day. We are asking children and staff to dress up in sports gear, as a sport or as a sports person they aspire to. Donations in aid of Sport Relief for dressing up please.



Extended services - Breakfast & After School Club

Due to increasing popularity booking is essential to guarantee a place. Breakfast Club sessions costs £3 per session, After School Club costs £9.50 per session. All sessions must be paid in advance or your child will not be able to attend. To book a place for your child, or to cancel a booking, please email extended services at casc@coxheath.kent.sch.uk.

If you have any queries please contact Mrs Wyper on the above email address. Many thanks.

Coronavirus update

We would like to reassure parents that schools are receiving regular updates from the government about the situation in the UK about the Coronavirus and following any advice given to us. We have put the link below for the latest communication. Here at school we do remind children about the importance of washing their hands. We like to ask you to reiterate this at home and show them how to wash their hands thoroughly. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19+>

The Department for Education Coronavirus helpline is available to answer any questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact them as follows: Phone 08000468687. Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk Opening hours: 8am - 6pm (Monday - Friday)

School Uniform

Our school uniform is available to buy online from Gooddies, their website is <https://gooddies.co.uk/> We only hold school ties in stock. Enquiries about items available from our uniform recycling shop can be made through Mrs Flitton on reception.

PTA - Upcoming Events

13th March - Quiz Night!

Join us in the KS2 hall for a 7.30pm start. Maximum of 6 people per team, and the cost is £3 per person. Please send in your entry form and money by Thursday 12th March.

17th & 18th March - The PTA will be selling Mothers Day gifts in school for the children to buy. Gifts will be no more than £3 each. More information to follow.

31st March - Easter Egg hunt on the field 3.30pm

27th June - Summer Fayre

If you can help with any of these events, please contact the PTA reps.