



Coxheath Primary School Newsletter

Friday 28th February 2020



Headteacher News

Welcome back and I hope that you all had an enjoyable half term break. It is incredible to think that we are already half way through the school year. I asked the children this week to look at their books to celebrate the incredible progress they have made so far. With continued hard work I have no doubt they will continue to achieve many great things!

Attendance

Whole school attendance for last term was 95%. The school is aiming for a target of 97%. We place great importance on good attendance and punctuality. We know that a child's attendance has a direct impact on their learning. Those children who are regularly absent from school and regularly late do not achieve their potential and do fall behind in class.

Parent survey results

Thank you for completing the online parent survey. The results are available on our website for you to look over. I was delighted to see that over 90% of parents report that their child feels safe and are happy at school. As well as identifying what is working well, we use the survey results as an opportunity for us to identify what we can do better. Sixteen percent of parents felt that they did not receive valuable information about their child's progress. I am keen to explore this further and would appreciate any specific feedback relating to this. If you would like to make further comments relating to this, please could I ask that you email me via the school office. Alternatively, please pass your comments to your parent council representative. Similarly, I would welcome your specific feedback in relation to the question on the way in which school deals with bullying.

Emergency procedures

This term, in addition to a fire drill, there will also be a lockdown practice. A lockdown procedure is a standard health and safety procedure, similar to a fire drill. It is simply to ensure children are familiar with the routines in the unlikely event the school would need to be in lockdown. Please see the separate information sheet that I have provided, which explains in further detail how we practice as well as instructions for parents in the event of a lockdown.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

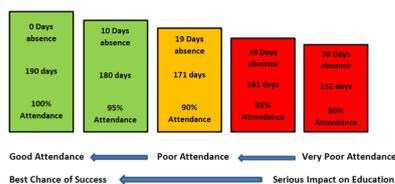
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Good attendance means...

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

- 02 Mar - Drop Everything and Read - KS1 - 2.45pm
- 02 Mar - Uniform Recycling shop 3pm - Meeting room
- 02 Mar - Secondary school offer day
- 05 Mar - World Book Day - details overleaf
- 10 Mar - Bodiam class assembly KS2 Hall 9am - families invited
- 13 Mar - Sports Relief
- 13 Mar - PTA Quiz night KS2 hall - details overleaf
- 16 Mar - Phonics meeting for parents - 2.15-2.45pm
- 17 Mar - Walmer class assembly KS2 Hall 9am - families invited
- 17 Mar - KS1 SATs meeting - 2.15-2.45pm
- 18 Mar - Beep Beep Day - Year R
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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

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 <http://www.coxheath.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Governance&pid=73> You can hand the form into either school office or as an attachment to an email to office@coppiceprimarypartnership.kent.sch.uk

Medical/Dental Appointments

Please do not make medical, dental or eye appointments during the school day. We understand hospital appointments are different. If you have an appointment during the school day you will need to bring a copy of the appointment letter or other evidence into the school office. If your child will be late to school due to an appointment but still requires a hot school lunch, please let the office know so that a lunch can be ordered. Thank you.

Weekly Attendance

Dover	96%	Leeds	98%
Hever	97%	Rye	97%
Allington	99%	Thurnham	97%
Walmer	96%	Bodiam	91%
Tonbridge	98%	Scotney	97%
Rochester	97%	Canterbury	90%
Herstmonceux	99%	Pevensey	93%

Whole School Target
97%

Whole School Attendance
96%

Drop Everything and Read

Our drop everything and read sessions will start again on Monday 2nd March for KS1 at 2.45pm, they will be alternating weeks with KS2. Hopefully you will be able to join us.

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 and class clearly written on it as the office does not hold much change.

Nuts in school

Please do not send nuts into school in any form as we have children with severe allergies. This includes cereal bars containing nuts, as well as peanut butter and Nutella in sandwiches. Thank you.



Request from Early Years

Year R would be very grateful for any donations of dried goods for use in our exciting Wizard Workshop role play area this term. Lentils, rice, pasta, grain, cereal are all great and packs do not need to be new or sealed. Please ensure that none of the items contains nuts. Many thanks for your support, Team EYFS.

School coats & lost property

If you have one of the Coxheath Primary School coats can you please check that the one your child has is their own? We have had a number of these which are clearly named on the label inside the pocket which have gone astray. Please ensure that all items are clearly named so that they can be returned to your child should they be mislaid.

PE Lessons

All children need to have a full PE kit in school at all times.

Please ensure they have a pair of black shorts in their PE kit for Gymnastics sessions, and an extra layer for outdoor PE (jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt). Children with pierced ears will need to remove their earrings for PE and only small studs should be worn to school, no hooped earrings please.

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, these are available to buy from the school office. We would also like to remind you that longer hair should be tied back at all times and hair bows should be small and in school colours.

Little Street school vouchers

We are collecting the Little Street school vouchers. If you visit with your children and are given a voucher please send them in to school. Thank you.

PTA Quiz Night is on Friday 13th March! 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. Thank you for your support.

House Points Total

Farleigh	713	Loose	824
Linton	413	Hunton	708



World Book Day

The school will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. In order for as many children to take part in this, we will be giving you two options this year.

Option 1 - dress up as your favourite character from a book.

Option 2 - dress up as an interesting word and have the vocabulary come alive from our books! Please ensure that the word your child is dressed as is displayed clearly on their costume. For ideas, Google 'vocabulary parade'. We look forward to seeing their outfits!

Mrs Lonergan - Literacy leader

Medicines in School

Please be aware that we can only administer medicines in school that are issued on prescription, they must also have the correct parental permission paperwork so that we can administer the medicine. There are 2 forms which must be completed and they are available online at <http://www.coxheath.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Forms&pid=53> Please bring ALL paperwork and medication to the school office.

Beginning and End of Day

Children should not be playing on the playgrounds, field, play equipment or climbing trees at the beginning or end of day. Please keep classroom doors clear and make sure your child is supervised at all times before and after school. Thank you.

Extended services - Breakfast & After School Club

To book a place for your child, or to cancel a booking, please email extended services at casc@coxheath.kent.sch.uk before 4pm. 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. If you have any queries please contact Mrs Wyper on the above email address. Many thanks.

Thank You to Mrs Eatwell for donating a cherry tree to the school. This will help enrich our outdoor learning areas.



Community News

The SCERTS Model - Parent/Carer training session is taking place on Wednesday 11th March 2020 6-8pm at Five Acre Wood School. SCERTS is an educational model for children and older individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and their families. The cost of this event is £20 per person. If you would like to attend, please confirm your attendance by emailing hstewart@five-acre.kent.sch.uk or by calling 01622 743925. Further information can be found on the Parent noticeboard, or ask at reception for details.

Suzie Wenham (Parent Governor) is running this year's Virgin Money London Marathon on Sunday 26th of April raising money for SANDS, the Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Charity. In the UK, an average of 14 babies a day are stillborn or die within 4 weeks of birth. As you can imagine this has a devastating effect on the families and the support provided by SANDS is invaluable for bereaved families such as ourselves. SANDS also work tirelessly with bereaved parents, world-leading researchers and clinicians to understand the reasons why babies die with the aim to reduce the number of families experiencing this life altering tragedy. If you can spare a donation please feel free to do so through <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/SuzieWenham>

Thank you and wish me luck on the playground - I'm going to need it!

Free Trial Session and £40 discount at Perform

Popular children's drama and dance school Perform is offering a free trial session and a special introductory discount of £40 for pupils of Coxheath Primary School if they sign up by Saturday 9th May. Parents should quote COXH090520 to claim the free session by booking at perform.ork.uk/try or calling 020 7255 9120.

The Royal Engineers Museum have a bomb disposal themed day on March 7th as this year is 80 years since the formation of the first bomb disposal units during the Second World War. There'll be search dog displays, live robot demonstrations and chances for children to search for 'mines' with real detectors so it should be a very fun and interactive day out. For more information see www.re-museum.co.uk