



Coxheath Primary School Newsletter

Friday 31st January 2020



Headteacher News

We are fast approaching the end of another busy term and there continues to be so many exciting learning opportunities for children to enjoy. I am sure that you have seen via our twitter feed that only this week we have had delivery of worms and crickets for children to study as part of their science lessons. So many amazing things continue to be going on for our children. Visitors often praise the quality of learning and our environments, along with the polite and fantastic attitudes of all our children.

This year a special commemoration will be held to mark 75 years since VE day. Here at Coxheath Primary we will be holding a number of events to mark this occasion including a tea party on Thursday 7th May. We are going to create a memories book and would like to invite all parents to contribute to this. We are looking for stories about your relatives who fought in WW2 (which regiment they were in, where they fought, pictures of them in their uniform and any pictures of them in later life with your children). We would also like to include any memories of those who lived during the war (as a child or as an adult). These memories could be about rationing, having a gas mask, hearing the doodlebugs flying overhead etc. Again we would love to include any photos of them during this period or any photos of Coxheath during this time. Please email your memories to office@coxheath.kent.sch.uk for the attention of Mrs Taylor. Thank you for your support.

I know that sometimes children need urgent appointments, or parents/carers are given very little choice about the times for hospital appointments. However, most appointments are routine such as dental checkups and non-urgent GP appointments. A lot of school time is missed due to routine medical appointments that could be arranged for a different time. I understand that it can be hard to get appointments, but I encourage parents/carers to make appointments outside of school time, or at least at the very beginning or end of the school day so children miss the least amount of learning time.

Well done to the children in Tonbridge class for their excellent performance in the class assembly this week. It is wonderful to see them sharing what they have learnt in school with such enthusiasm. Thank you to Miss Janman for all her hard work and dedication.

Thank you to all of the parents that took part in our parent survey. The information you have provided will allow us to secure further improvements. I will feedback the outcome of the survey and the next steps via the Parent Council minutes that are available on the school website. Our next Parent Council meeting is on Friday 7th February at 2:15pm.

Have a great weekend

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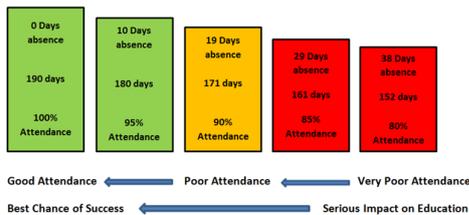
Good attendance means...



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 3

- 07 Feb - Parent Council meeting 2.15pm
- 11 Feb - Parents Evening 4.30pm - 7.00pm
- 12 Feb - Parents Evening 3.45pm - 6.00pm
- 14 Feb - Staff training day - school closed.

Term 4

- 24 Feb - Children back to school
- 02 Mar - Secondary school offer day
- 05 Mar - World Book Day
- 10 Mar - Bodiam class assembly KS2 Hall 9am - families invited
- 13 Mar - Sports Relief
- 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
- 20 Mar - Class photographs being taken during the school day
- 31 Mar - Afternoon Big Read
- 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
- 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
- 30 Jun - Reserve Sports Day
- 01 July - New Year R children in to visit
- 07 July - New Year R children in to visit

RYE CLASS ASSEMBLY

The date for the Rye Class assembly will take place on Tuesday 12th May 2020 not the 28th April, apologies for the incorrect date in our previous newsletter.

Parent Council

Our next parent council meeting is taking place on Friday 7th February. If you would like any issues to be raised please speak to your class representative.

Primary School Admissions - Year R September 2020

Admissions have given parents extra time to submit on-line and paper admissions. They have extended it to 10th February for Year R places for September 2020.

Absence

Please can we remind parents that you must call the school office no later than 9am if your child is going to be absent from school. There is an absence line available to leave a message should you wish to use it. Please 'press 1 for attendance' on the system options. Using this will save us making any unnecessary calls to parents to find out why children are not in school. Thank you.

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. All forms are available online <http://www.coxheath.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Forms&pid=53>
Please bring ALL medication to the office.

Weekly Attendance

Dover	97%	Leeds	93%
Hever	97%	Rye	98%
Allington	99%	Thurnham	96%
Walmer	98%	Bodiam	94%
Tonbridge	97%	Scotney	98%
Rochester	91%	Canterbury	91%
Herstmonceux	98%	Pevensy	95%

Whole School Target
97%

Whole School Attendance
96%

Young Voices Choir

Last Friday, the Young Voices choir travelled to the 02 arena to sing with 7500 children in a fantastic concert. After months of early morning rehearsals we were ready for the big day. We arrived at the 02 and went to find our seats. We found we had been seated in the hospitality suite which meant we had our own storage area, luxurious seats and most importantly posh toilets with no queues. We sang and danced all afternoon during the rehearsals and made sure we were ready for the concert and knew which parts of the songs split into rounds we were singing. Then, we had our tea and the excitement began to grow as the parents started to arrive. At 7 pm the lights went down and the concert started. We loved every minute of performing with Urban Strides, Tony Hadley and The Shires and of course showcasing our own singing and dance moves. I would like to thank Mrs Billinge, Mrs Goodey and Mrs Wyper for all their hard work and the parents for all their support. The children were fantastic ambassadors for Coxheath Primary and they were a pleasure to take to the concert.
Mrs Taylor



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.



PE Lessons

Can all children please have a pair of black shorts in their PE kit for Gymnastics sessions. Children should have a full PE kit in school at all times.

Head Lice

We are having problems with head lice in school at the moment. Can you please check your child's hair carefully today and then regularly over the next few days and treat if you find any lice. Could you please also ensure that long hair (boys and girls) is always tied back. We ask all children to keep long tied back during the school day to try to stop the spread of the lice. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



Parking on the school site

Please do not tailgate anyone into the school car park to drop off or pick up, even if you are running late! We do not have the space for any other vehicles than those with permission and just 2 spaces for blue badge holders. If the blue badge holder is not in the vehicle you should not use the car park, please leave the spaces for those who really need them. When entering or leaving the car park, please drive with consideration. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Parking

Earlier this week a **Black Ford Fiesta FL13 YCK** parked on the pavement forcing parents and children to walk in the road to get past. Please consider the safety of all pedestrians when parking. Thank you for your cooperation and consideration.

Uniform Recycling shop

Our recycled uniform price list is now displayed on the PTA noticeboard. We also have some brand new uniform items in stock. T-shirts in house colours Red/Yellow/Blue Green in ages 3-4, 9-11 and 12-13 in stock at £4.00 each. Waterproof, reversible fleece lined coats in a range of sizes for just £10.00 each. Insulated lunch bags in Red, Green & Blue for just £1.00 each. All of these items are available to purchase via the office.

House Points Total

Farleigh	467	Loose	779
Linton	310	Hunton	556

Holiday Play Scheme

Bookings for the February half term Holiday Play Scheme are now open. Please click on the link below.

<http://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/form/?pid=13&form=19>

Beginning and End of Day

Just a reminder that 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.

Breakfast Club

We have an increasing number of children arriving at breakfast club without booking. We understand that sometimes circumstances mean pre-booking is not always possible. Please be assured that we will try not to turn any child away, however all sessions do need to be paid for either in advance or on the day. If payments remain outstanding we may have to refuse to accept your child on the day. Each session costs £3.00 and can be paid for in cash or via our online payment system SCOPAY. Many thanks.

Salvation Army

We will continue to collect any unwanted gifts or non-perishable food to donate to the Salvation Army. They have been kind enough to support some of our families in need and we would like to continue to help them in return throughout the year. Donations can be dropped into the school reception at any time. Many thanks.

Coats For Kids

Coats for Kids is a small local charity that can provide warm coats for families that are in need but are unable to get them for whatever reason. We will be collecting donations of any outgrown/unwanted coats and passing them on so that families in need can have a warm coat, especially in this cold weather.



If you would like to use this service, please speak to Mrs Vella or email coatsforkidskent@outlook.com to request a coat.

Thank you to those of you who have already donated coats!

Medical/Dental Appointments

Please do not make medical, dental or eye appointments during the school day if possible. 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.

Spare PE Kit

We would appreciate donations of any clean PE kit as spares for the older children. We especially need larger trainers in adult sizes up to size 9 please!

Recycling for School funds

The school is now registered with the [Recycle4Charity](http://www.recycle4charity.co.uk) scheme. If you have a printer at home, please drop your used and unwanted inkjet cartridges into Mrs Flitton on reception. For each cartridge which can be reused we will be paid £1.00 which will go to school funds for the children!



Communities

Coxheath & Farleigh Junior FC - If your child is interested in playing football, Coxheath and Farleigh FC have rising stars sessions for children from the age of 4. All are welcome, sessions take place on Saturdays. Our Under 11's team are also looking for additional players to join their team. Children aged 10-11 are welcome to try out, there is an age limit so they must turn 11 after 31/08/2019 (Current Year 6) If you would like more information please contact the Club Secretary by email to mcolwell1959@aol.com

Bower Grove Parent Support - For information on upcoming support session please visit www.bower-grove.kent.sch.uk and select **Parent Support**. Full details are also on our parent notice board.

Seekers, a group for children in school years 3-7 who want to know more about Christianity meets term time Thursdays after school until 5pm in Holy Trinity Church. For more information contact Becky on 07949 656865