



### Headteacher News

We really value the importance of reading and provide opportunities for all children to read across the curriculum throughout the day. Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day make better progress than children who do not read regularly. We ensure that all children take home a book according to their reading ability and we really value the importance of a 'Bedtime Story' book, which is read to the children as part of their evening routine. This can be a special time when a story is shared and fantastic reading habits can be developed. Please speak to your class teacher or any of the senior leadership team if you require books to support developing this routine.

At Coxheath Primary School we are fully committed to supporting all aspects of children's development and mental health. In December 2017 the Government published a green paper and next steps around 'Transforming Children and Young People's Mental Health Provision'. One of its proposals was to fund the creation of Mental Health Support Teams (MHST) in a range of education settings, to provide extra capacity for early intervention and ongoing help. This year we have been successful in being selected as a host school to support the training of Emotional Wellbeing Practitioners. Their main function is to work with children with mild to moderate emotional wellbeing/mental health difficulties and support families to deliver early interventions. This will be a fantastic addition to the work that the staff are currently doing within the school. I will update you when I have more information to share.

The School Council regularly meet to discuss and resolve matters important to the children. I am passionate that children have the opportunity to drive school improvement. Recently, they have worked with Mr. Flisher to look at ways of spending the sports funding to secure sustainable developments in PE. Like many of us, the children in school have also been affected by the recent bushfires in Australia and the devastating impact on both human and animal life. They decided that they would like to raise funds to support this and took their idea to the School Council. As a result they are busy planning a cake sale and crossword/word search competition to raise money. The School Council are also working on a project to develop a sensory garden to provide a quiet space for children during break/lunchtimes and to create an area where children can enjoy reading as the better weather approaches!

Have a great weekend!

*Giacomo Mazza*

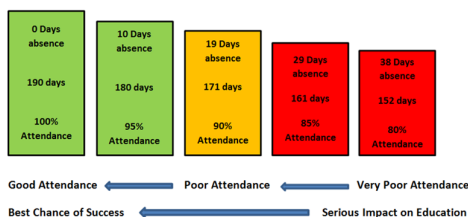
### Good attendance means...



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

- 28 Jan - Tonbridge Class Assembly KS2 Hall 9am - families invited
- 07 Feb - Parent Council meeting.
- 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
- 28 Apr - Rye class assembly KS2 Hall 9am - families invited
- 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)
- 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

#### DATE CHANGE - SCOTNEY CLASS ASSEMBLY

Please note that the date for the Scotney Class assembly has now been changed to 5th May 2020.

#### 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.

#### Trust Vacancies

Should you wish to check for available positions throughout the schools within the Coppice Primary Partnership or apply for any role you can do this via the adverts on Kent Teach at [www.kent-teach.com](http://www.kent-teach.com)

#### 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	93%	Leeds	97%
Hever	94%	Rye	85%
Allington	96%	Thurnham	96%
Walmer	97%	Bodiam	97%
Tonbridge	98%	Scotney	97%
Rochester	93%	Canterbury	90%
Herstmonceux	100.00%	Pevensey	96.00%

### Whole School Target

97%

### Whole School Attendance

95%

#### Parent Survey

We value any feedback that parents give and wonder if you could spend a few moments completing our online parent survey via this link <http://www.leadershipmatters.org.uk/lms/test/?uid=94dae2127e9cd81b34ab7c9639211f2f>  
The survey is available until Wednesday 29th January.

#### PE Lessons

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

#### Parents Evening booking system.

Our online booking system for the upcoming parents evening is now available. You will need to log in to your SCOPAY account via a web browser, this will then allow you to book appointments for all children currently attending Coxheath Primary School. You will need to click on the 'Parents Evening' tab. If you have 2 or more children within the school you may need to scroll across the page to see all available time slots for all children.

Unfortunately you cannot book parents evening appointments via the SCOPAY App. Should you have any further queries, please speak to Mrs Flitton on Reception.

#### Message from the School Council

The school council have considered Australia's bush fires and thought we should help raise money for them. Our idea is to bring round a crossword/word search puzzle which your child can buy. It is 50p for each puzzle. KS1 will have an easier puzzle than KS2 and you can help your child complete them. Once the puzzle is complete you can hand them in to the front desk. Each completed puzzle will be entered into a prize draw, the 2 winners will each get a £10 Amazon voucher. Thank you for your support. The school council.



#### Elmer's Big Heart of Kent Parade

Coxheath Primary School will be taking part in Elmer's Big Heart of Kent Parade 2020. Our Elmer has been sponsored by Westerhill Homes and details of the parade can be found online at <https://elmermaidstone.co.uk/>



#### 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! **Black SUV GJ69 LRR** please refrain from using the car park. We do not have the space for any other vehicles than those with permission. When entering or leaving the car park, please drive slowly. A child was very nearly hit by a car in our car park this week. The offending driver did not have permission to be in the car park and was driving too fast. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

#### 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.

## House Points Total

Farleigh	599	Loose	366
Linton	333	Hunton	453

#### 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.

#### The Sun - Books for Schools

Please keep handing in the 'Books for Schools' tokens which were printed in The Sun newspaper. You can either send your last tokens in with your child or drop them into the reception desk. Thank you.



#### 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](mailto:coatsforkidskent@outlook.com) to request a coat.



#### 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 and 9-11 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.

#### 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. Office staff will need to take a copy so that the absence can be authorised as medical. Please make sure the class teacher is aware of the appointment and collection time so that children can be ready. 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!



#### 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](mailto:mcolwell1959@aol.com)

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

**Step up to the plate on CBBC** are auditioning for the next series. If you have a child in Years 5-9 that would be interested in becoming a contestant please speak to Mrs Flitton on reception for an application form. A poster with further details can be found on the parent noticeboard.