



Headteacher News

It's been another busy week with many more exciting learning opportunities. Our key stage 2 teachers also returned to the classroom this week and were busy learning as they prepared to deliver the next science unit. I am confident the children will be coming home shortly, talking enthusiastically about the fun experiments that they will be taking part in this term.

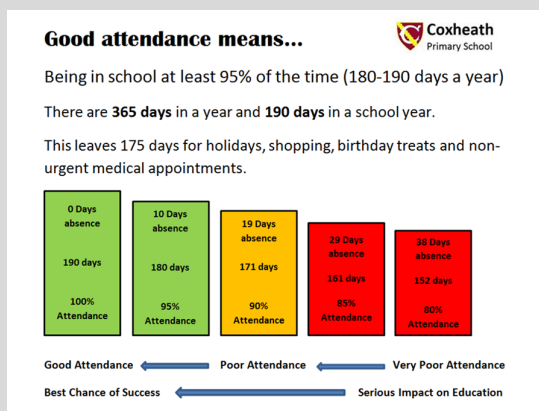
We had our second drop everything and read session this afternoon. It was a lovely opportunity for family members to come into school and spend some quality time reading with the children. Reading continues to be a priority for the school and we hope that events such as these, highlight to the children the importance of reading and provides them with an opportunity to read for pleasure. I appreciate that it can be difficult for working parents to attend events during school time but we welcome other family members to attend.

I am aware that during the Christmas holiday the school fire alarm was sounding, which understandably was frustrating to the houses in the vicinity. Unlike our burglar alarm, which is linked to an outside security provider, the fire alarm is not linked so relies on a member of the public to inform the school. We will be adding the phone number of our site manager to the school sign outside the school and also to our website. This number will allow a member of the school staff to be notified if the fire alarm sounds so we are able to deal with it promptly.

You will shortly be receiving an online parent survey to complete. Please can I ask that you spend a couple of minutes completing the survey. Your views on matters regarding your child's education are incredibly important to us. We may not always get things right but I can assure you that we are always looking for ways to improve, to ensure that your child has access to the very best education.

Have a lovely weekend.

Giacomo Mazza



Dates



Please see dates and times below
Events for parents are identified in red.

Term 3

- 24 Jan - Young Voices trip to the O2 arena
- 28 Jan - Tonbridge Class Assembly KS2 Hall 9am - families invited
- 07 Feb - Parent Council meeting.
- 11 Feb - Parents Evening 4.40pm - 7.00pm
- 12 Feb - Parents Evening 3.30pm - 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
- 31 Mar - Afternoon Big Read
- 01 Apr - Easter Services - Holy Trinity Church - families welcome
- 01 Apr - Open Afternoon.
- 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)
- 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

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

Parents Evening booking system.

Our online booking system for the upcoming parents evening went live on Monday 13th January 2020 at 6.00pm. 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 Fliiton on Reception.

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

Weekly Attendance

Dover	98.15%	Leeds	99.63%
Hever	88.52%	Rye	96.30%
Allington	95.52%	Thurnham	95.19%
Bodiam	90.63%	Walmer	90.56%
Scotney	96.88%	Tonbridge	97.22%
Rochester	85.99%	Canterbury	95.11%
Herstmonceux	97.69%	Pevensey	92.44%

Whole School Target

97%

Whole School Attendance

94.27%

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 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 crossword 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/>



School Uniform

Correct school uniform is part of our schools expectations. Please remember all children need to have their hair tied up for school, not just for PE. This is for health and safety concerns and will hopefully help stop the spread of head lice. Footwear must be suitable for school, please make sure children are wearing black shoes and no boots or trainers. Thank you.

Extreme Reading

Don't forget to send in your entry for the extreme reading challenge. Photos can be sent into school with your child or emailed into the office.

Year R Art

Every child in Dover & Leeds class needs an empty plastic water bottle of approximately 500ml for an art project. The bottles need to be in school ready for Monday. If you have any to spare please do bring them in. Many thanks. The Early Years Team

KS2 Science

For this terms science topic all children in KS2 (Years 3-6) will need to bring a 2 litre empty water bottle into school. You can bring them in at any time, they need to be in school by Monday 20th January. Many thanks.

Year 5 Project

Year 5 are in need of clean, plain coloured T-shirts for a bag making project. Donations of any suitable items can be dropped into the Year 5 classrooms or to the school office. Thank you.

Parking

Please be considerate of our neighbours when parking. We know that the ongoing roadworks in the surrounding area continue to cause disruption. Thank you for your cooperation and consideration.

Beginning and End of Day

Just a reminder that children should not be playing on the playgrounds, field or play equipment at the beginning or end of day. Please also make sure your child is supervised at all times before and after school. Thank you.

House Points Total

Farleigh	486	Loose	454
Linton	363	Hunton	1121

Free School Meal Applications

If your circumstances have changed over the recent Christmas break it may be worth checking whether or not you are entitled to Free School Meals. You can check if you are eligible via this link <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>. You can also speak to Mrs Vella or Mrs Rout in the school office if you would like us to check on your behalf.

Salvation Army

Now that we have returned after the Christmas break we will be collecting any unwanted gifts or non-perishable food to donate to the Salvation Army. They have been kind enough to donate to some of our families in need over Christmas and we would like to continue to support them throughout the year. Donations can be dropped into the school reception at any time. Many thanks.

Be safe be seen

Thank you to Mrs Amos at Funeralcare in Coxheath for arranging delivery of the 'Be safe be seen' badges that have been given out to the children.

The Sun - Books for Schools

We are still collecting the 'Books for Schools' tokens which are being printed in The Sun newspaper. Please either send your tokens in with your child or drop them into the reception desk. Thank you.

Use of mobile phones

We ask that you do not use your mobile phone whilst on the school site for safeguarding purposes. Thank you.

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.

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 size 5 and larger.

Uniform Recycling shop

Our uniform recycling shop has proved to be popular yet again and we are planning to run one per term if possible.

Thank you to Mrs Bamping for donating 2 hanging rails to the school for us to use.

We also have a few remaining 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 from the office.

Medical/Dental Appointments

We would remind parents that, where possible, they 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. Office staff will 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.

Communities

The next Messy Church at Linton will be on Saturday 18th January from 3pm until 5pm. All are welcome. Please ring Becky on 0794 964 6865 if you will be coming along!

Bower Grove Parent Support - For information on upcoming support session please visit www.bower-grove.kent.sch.uk and select **Parent Support**.