



# Coxheath Primary School Newsletter

## Friday 10th January 2020



### Headteacher News

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

We are settling into the new term and as usual the children are pleased to be back with their friends. It has been lovely to hear many stories from the children about their Christmas holidays and it sounds like everyone had a great time. We're now looking forward to another busy term.

Once again, there will be many exciting learning opportunities for the children this term. The NSPCC will be visiting the school to deliver their 'Speak out Stay Safe' assemblies and workshops later this term. Both the assemblies and workshops aim to equip a generation of children with the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse and neglect.

In our assembly this week we discussed the value of perseverance and not giving up when things get difficult. Many of us make New Year's Resolutions in January but we can make resolutions at any time of the year. For our children, we encourage them constantly to try their best, to not give up when they find things difficult and to welcome challenges. We teach them strategies to help them when they get stuck and to persevere when things get tough! In a world full of challenges both in school and out of school, the value of Perseverance is one which will enable our children to take the opportunities presented to them and make the most of them!

Although no bad weather is predicted in the near future, please assume that the school will remain open for all children who are able to get here during snow or other severe weather conditions. In the very unlikely event that we need to close (e.g. no heating) you will be advised personally by text message. We will also put a message on the school website, Twitter and on the Kent Closures <https://kentclosures.co.uk/>. Please do not ring the school to check unless this is essential as it may block lines and will take up valuable staff time. If there is significant snowfall, we would certainly welcome any adults willing to help clear paths before school starts. If this is something you could do, please can you let the office know so we can phone you if needed. Please also ensure that your child has suitable outdoor-wear if the weather turns very cold.

Have a wonderful weekend

*Giacomo Mazza*

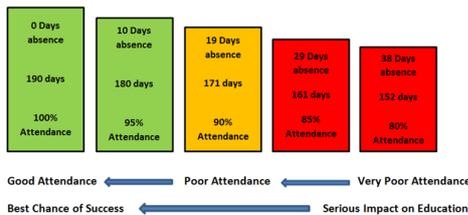
### Good attendance means...



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

- 13 Jan - Uniform recycling shop - Reception area 3pm
- 24 Jan - Young Voices trip to the O2 arena
- 28 Jan - Tonbridge Class Assembly KS2 Hall 9am - families invited
- 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)
- 22 May - Last Day of Term

#### Term 6

- 01 Jun - Staff training day - school closed
- 02 Jun - Children back to school

#### DATE CHANGE - SCOTNEY CLASS ASSEMBLY

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

#### Parents Evening booking system.

Our online booking system for the upcoming parents evening will open 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 Flitton on Reception.

#### Trust Vacancies

As the Coppice Primary Partnership grows, we are developing a central business team to secure the very best for all children and to allow educational staff to focus on teaching and learning. With this in mind, we are currently advertising for a Finance Manager, a HR Manager and a Trust Administrator / PA. Should you wish to find out more about the posts please email [office@coppiceprimarypartnership.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@coppiceprimarypartnership.kent.sch.uk) or call on 01622 743549.

We also have a vacancy for an after school club assistant at Coxheath Primary School. Should you wish to apply for any role you can do this via the adverts on Kent Teach at [www.kent-teach.com](http://www.kent-teach.com)

#### Primary School Admissions

Online applications for primary school admissions in September 2020 will close on 15th January 2020. Full information and online applications are available at [kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions) If you require a paper application form or information booklet call 03000 412121 it can also be found at [www.kent.gov.uk/primaryschoolleaflet](http://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryschoolleaflet)

## Weekly Attendance

Dover	100%	Leeds	94%
Hever	94%	Rye	97%
Allington	100%	Thurnham	93%
Bodiam	99%	Walmer	94%
Scotney	98%	Tonbridge	98%
Rochester	94%	Canterbury	93%
Herstmonceux	97%	Pevensey	96%

### Whole School Target

97%

### Whole School Attendance

96%

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### Year R Art

Could all children in Dover & Leeds class bring in an empty plastic water bottle of approximately 500ml for an art project. The bottles need to be in school by Friday 17th January. Many thanks. The Early Years Team

#### 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.

#### Coming into school.

The school gates open at 8.40am and children should go straight into their classrooms. All children should be in school before 8.50am. Children arriving late (after gates have closed), must come in through the office to be signed in. We have had an increasing number of children arrive after this time this week which impacts negatively on their learning. It can also affect their confidence if they walk into their classroom later than their friends.

#### School Office – delivery of forgotten items

Please do not drop off forgotten items for the office staff to deliver to your child after the start of the school day. Children should be encouraged to take responsibility for their own things. Please note that if non-essential items are left with office staff during the day, we cannot guarantee that these will be delivered. This will depend on pressure of work in the office on the day. Clearly we will ensure that essential items, such as lunch boxes and glasses, are delivered to the child at a time when learning will not be disrupted. Our thanks to all parents who have supported office staff in this matter, your help is much appreciated.

#### 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.

## House Points Total

Farleigh	351	Loose	482
Linton	265	Hunton	352

#### Cornwallis Academy - Numeracy & Literacy Master Classes.

Cornwallis are offering Master Classes every Tuesday from 3.45pm - 4.30pm. The aim of these is to further your child's Numeracy and Literacy skills, as well as preparing them for their SAT's and Secondary School life.

Only 20 places are available each week for each class. There is no charge for these sessions and they are open to all children in Years 5 & 6.

Booking will open at 8.00am every Wednesday for the following Tuesday's classes. Places are allocated on a first come, first served basis. To book a place please go to [www.cornwallisacademy.com/master-classes](http://www.cornwallisacademy.com/master-classes)

#### 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. Many thanks.

#### 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.

#### Uniform Recycling Shop

Donations of good quality clean uniform items can be dropped into reception at anytime. Cardigans and jumpers are always in high demand! Thank you to Mrs Durham who has given up her own time to sort through the donations and organise these sales. Our next sale is on Monday 13th January from 3pm in the Reception area.

#### Spare PE Kit

We would appreciate donations of any clean spare PE kit as spares for the older children. We especially need larger trainers in adult size 5 and larger. Thank you.

#### Walking Bus - Update!

Unfortunately we have had no volunteers come forward for our 4 proposed routes from the following locations: -

- Village Hall - 'Park & Stride'
- Murdoch Close (via Park Way - Westway)
- Coxheath Scout Hall
- Whitebeam Drive (via Pembroke Rd - Hanover Rd)

If you can help on any of these routes please get in touch by email to [office@coxheath.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@coxheath.kent.sch.uk) Without helpers this scheme cannot go ahead.

#### 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!

**Beginners2Runners** has another 0-5k in 10 weeks group this year. It from 6pm on Sundays at Coxheath Primary School. Search for **Beginners2runners Coxheath** on Facebook for further information.

**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**.