



Headteacher News

Well now it's December and the magical time of the year begins! The beautifully decorated trees are up and the children's sense of wonder and imagination is very special to see.

We have a number of things planned for the end of term and I would like to draw your attention to a few of the events. Year R are busy practising for their Nativity play which we are all looking forward to seeing. On Friday 13th December we are asking the children to wear Christmas Jumpers for a small donation. All donations will support Save the Children charity.

During the morning of Wednesday 18th December we have our Christmas services and then we have our Open Afternoon at 2pm for parents to look through books, chat with staff and tour the school. We hope you will be able to join us as it is always lovely for the school community to come together at this time of year.

We held our second Parent Council meeting this afternoon. As always, there were some very valuable discussions and ideas to help us reflect on how we continue to secure the very best provision for all of our children. The minutes will be available next week for you to look at on the school website. Please continue to communicate with the school if you have any concerns or where you think things are working well.

In order to ensure that the children have a settled start to the day, we ask all parents to make sure that their children arrive before 8:55am. We have had an increasing number of children arrive after this time recently and this impacts negatively on their learning. It also affects their confidence walking into their classrooms later than their friends and then potentially not understanding the start of the lesson.

I received a lovely letter from some grandparents this week who attended one our Learner of the Week assemblies. Staff really do appreciate when time is taken to acknowledge their hard work and effort.

Thank you for your continued support,

Giacomo Mazza

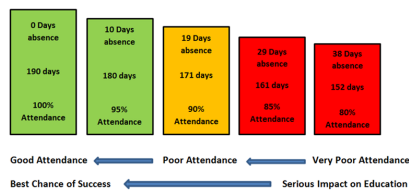
Good attendance means...



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 2

- 10 Dec - Year R Nativity to parents 9.30am
- 11 Dec - Year R Nativity to parents 2.00pm (no siblings)
- 13 Dec - Christmas Jumper Day! £1 donation - see below for information
- 13 Dec - PTA Christmas raffle draw & coffee morning 9am - KS1 Hall
- 17 Dec - Children's Christmas Lunch!
- 18 Dec - Christmas Services Holy Trinity Church - families invited
- 18 Dec - Open Afternoon - children can be signed out from 2.30pm
- 18 Dec - Last day of term - children back to school Tues 7th January 2020

Term 3

- 06 Jan - Staff training day - school closed
- 07 Jan - Children back to school
- 13 Jan - Uniform recycling shop - Meeting room 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
- 10 Mar - Bodiam class assembly KS2 Hall 9am - families invited
- 17 Mar - Walmer class assembly KS2 Hall 9am - families invited

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 13th December will be a non-uniform day. Children can come into school in their own clothes and are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper if they have one. All donations are going to Save the Children as part of their 'Christmas jumper day' appeal.



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 need to bring a copy of the appointment letter into the school office to be copied so this absence can be authorised as medical. Thank you.

Christmas Holiday Play Scheme Bookings

If you would like your child to attend our Holiday Play Scheme please visit the Loose Primary School website and make your booking for the sessions required. <http://www.loose-primary.kent.sch.uk/form/?pid=13&form=19> If your child has not attended our play scheme before, please could you also provide us with a Holiday Play scheme Registration form together with a Medical form. Both documents can be found on our website under the Online Office/Extended Services section, or pick them up from the reception desk.

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.

Weekly Attendance

Dover	95%	Leeds	96%
Hever	94%	Rye	96%
Allington	95%	Thurnham	95%
Bodiam	95%	Walmer	97%
Scotney	93%	Tonbridge	96%
Rochester	96%	Canterbury	93%
Herstmonceux	95%	Pevensey	96%

Whole School Target

97%

Whole School Attendance

95%

Christmas Postbox

Our Christmas post box is now in reception if children wish to send their school friends or teachers cards in this way. **Please make sure that all cards are addressed with the full name and Class of the intended recipient.**



Lost Property

Please ensure all items are clearly named so that they can be returned to the rightful owner should they be mislaid. We do not have room to store the increasing amount of lost property indefinitely. Any unnamed items will be recycled/discharged on a weekly basis.

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 If you require a paper application form or information booklet call 03000 412121 it can also be found at www.kent.gov.uk/primaryschoolleaflet

Message from the PE department

Please can ALL children have a named spare jumper / hoody as well as tracksuit bottoms in their PE bag at all times. If they wear tights to school they will also need socks in there too. There are still a great number of children without these items in school, and we do still go outside. Please can you also make sure your child has a water bottle in school at all times. Thank you for your assistance.

PTA News

Raffle tickets will be on sale under the covered area outside the school gate next week, on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th December from 2.45pm until 3.30pm. Thank you for your support.



The draw will take place on Friday 13th December at the PTA coffee morning in the KS1 hall from 9am. Everyone is welcome to join us, parents, grandparents, carers and friends. We hope to see you there!

House Points Total

Farleigh	609	Loose	623
Linton	343	Hunton	442

Christmas Services

Our Christmas services will take place at Holy Trinity Church, Heath Road, Coxheath on Wednesday 18th December. Services are at 9.30am and 10.15am. If you can assist with taking the children to and from church, please speak to the class teacher. Class groups are detailed below.

Group	1	2
Classes	Leeds	Dover
	Rye	Hever
	Allington	Thurnham
	Walmer	Bodiam
	Scotney	Tonbridge
	Rochester	Canterbury
	Pevensey	Herstmonceux
Time children leaving school	9.15am	10.00am

Request from Year R

We are looking for donations of unwanted decorations for our Christmas role play area. Please drop any donations off (no glass or fragile items please) to Dover & Leeds class. Many thanks, Early Years team.



Parking on the school site

A reminder that only Blue Badge holders are allowed to drive on to the school site to bring in and collect their children. If the Blue Badge holder is not in the vehicle, it must not be driven on to the school site. Those attending Breakfast Club can access the car park until 8.15am, please make sure you use the visitor parking spaces and not the staff parking.

Big Book Boost

For every online order of £10 or more, The Book People will donate £1 to your chosen school. Simply select Coxheath Primary School during checkout. You can also claim £5 off of orders over £40 using the code 382EXTRA40, please visit www.thebookpeople.co.uk to place your order.

The Sun - Books for Schools

We are 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.

Communities

For NHS advice on treatment for diarrhoea and vomiting, please visit the NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/diarrhoea-and-vomiting/>