



### Headteacher News

It is certainly that time of year where a variety of bugs are doing the rounds! NHS guidance strongly advise that children are kept away from school for 48 hours following their last episode of sickness. I understand that this can be inconvenient for working parents, but I ask that you please stick to this rule to prevent it from spreading. Please can I also ask that you remind the children of the importance of handwashing.

Reading remains our focus and is of the upmost importance to unlock the knowledge and skills required for our children to succeed. We really do appreciate your continuous support with reading at home and making valuable comments in the learning journals. We also look forward to you joining us, if you can, to enjoy some reading time with your children each Friday afternoon during 'Drop Everything and Read' sessions. Mrs Lonergan will shortly be sending a letter to all parents with all the details.

We are continuously looking for ways to develop our partnership with parents. Our next Parent Council will be taking place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Please contact your rep if you would like anything raised at the meeting. We are also keen to run parent workshops throughout the year to enable you to support your child with their development. I would be keen to hear your views of any workshops you feel would be beneficial to you, if the school were able to offer them. We have already delivered phonics and handwriting workshops but would like to extend this to other areas of the curriculum.

Can I remind you that Mr Webb will be holding an informal coffee afternoon on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 2:30pm with refreshments from 2:15pm**. He will spend a few minutes sharing more information with you about the vision for the Trust and how it is developing, including information specific to Coxheath and about his role.

The school has been kindly offered a piano. However, as we already have 2 in the school we do not need it. If you or someone you know is looking for a piano, then please contact the school ASAP and we will let them know that you are interested.

Have a great weekend.

*Giacomo Mazza*

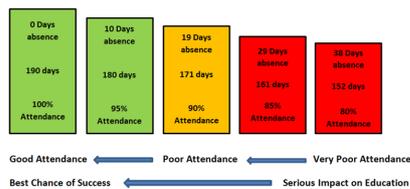
### Good attendance means...



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 below

Events for parents are identified in red.

### Term 2

- 03 Dec - Trust coffee afternoon - 2.30pm
- 06 Dec - Parent Council meeting 2.15pm
- 06 Dec - PTA Disco (details to follow)
- 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
- 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

### Trust Coffee Afternoon

A reminder that parents are invited to join Mr Webb for an informal coffee afternoon on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 2:30pm with refreshments from 2:15pm. He will spend a few minutes sharing more information with you about the vision for the Trust and how it is developing, including information specific to Coxheath and about his role. There will then be an opportunity for you to ask any questions about the Trust and a number of trustees and local governors will be available during the afternoon. We will use any feedback received to inform discussions with Members at the Trust's AGM in December so that your views are represented. We look forward to seeing you there.

### 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.

### 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.

## Weekly Attendance

Dover	95%	Leeds	89%
Hever	88%	Rye	97%
Allington	96%	Thurnham	86%
Bodiam	97%	Walmer	96%
Scotney	98%	Tonbridge	97%
Rochester	90%	Canterbury	90%
Herstmonceux	90%	Pevensey	93%

## Whole School Target

97%

## Whole School Attendance

93%

### 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/disposed of 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](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)

### 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. Our thanks to all parents who have supported office staff in this matter, your help is much appreciated.

### 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](http://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. If we manage to reach the target, we will be able to claim 106 Collins Big Cat books suitable for our children in Year R and Year 1. Please either send your tokens in with your child or drop them into the reception desk. Thank you.

### Dogs on Site

Please remember that only assistance dogs are allowed on the school site. No other dogs are allowed on site, including cute puppies or small dogs in arms. Thank you for your co-operation

### PTA News

It's almost disco time! Please be aware that as the children will be attending straight from school, tickets will not be issued. We will have a list of all children that have paid and they will be collected from class at the end of the school day. Don't forget to send them in to school with their party clothes should they wish to change during golden time.

For our Christmas raffle, we would like to be able to offer a selection of hampers as prizes, and we are asking for donations of non-perishable items. If any items could be dropped in to reception before 6th December, this would be very helpful. All donations are welcome! The draw will take place on Friday 13th December at our coffee morning, donations of cakes and mince pies can be bought in from Monday 9th and left at reception for the PTA.

Raffle tickets will be on sale under the covered area outside the school gate next week, on Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 5th December from 2.45pm until 3.30pm.

Thank you for your support.

## House Points Total

Farleigh	960	Loose	418
Linton	394	Hunton	626

### Thank You!!

We'd like to say thank you to Beginners 2 Runners for donating a small freezer for our first aid room in the KS1 building. It really will be put to good use! <https://beginners2runners.co.uk/>



A huge festive thank you to Mrs Hart who's arranged the delivery one of our wonderful real Christmas trees this year. It has been donated by Genco Construction Services Ltd.

Our other trees in the halls are from Kingswood Christmas Trees please visit the website [www.kingswoodchristmastrees.co.uk](http://www.kingswoodchristmastrees.co.uk) for details. We have some money off leaflets on reception (available while stocks last).

### 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.



### Design a Logo Competition

We (the house captains) are running a competition. We would like pupils to design a logo for their house. It should have something linked with the colour and name of the house ideally (Loose- Red, Hunton-Yellow, Linton- Green and Farleigh-Blue). The designs should not be any bigger than A4 and should have their name, house and class written on the back. The entries should be passed to the class teachers who will send them for collection in the office. Every pupil who submits an entry will get a house point for their team and then winning and runner up entries will get 10 and 5 house points. **The last date for entries to come in is Wednesday 4th December.** The House Captains

### Material Request

I would like to ask if anyone has any large pieces of plain fabric in good condition that they wouldn't mind donating to the school for the displays please. Ideally they need to be one colour all over but it doesn't matter what type of fabric it is for example it could be cotton, lace, taffeta, chiffon etc. The addition of fabric to the boards really helps to add extra interest and ties all the colours of the work together but it's expensive to buy so any donations would be gratefully received! Many thanks, Becky Planck, Resident Artist.

### 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.

## Communities

**Nearly New Sale Kent - Saturday 30th November, 2pm – 4pm** at Cornwallis Academy, Hubbards Lane, ME17 4HX. Come along and grab some bargains for Christmas! We have 1000's of great quality toys, baby & children's items, all indoors and sorted into ages (up to 16 years), gender & categories for a stress free shopping experience. FREE Parking. Entry £1 for adults, children are free.

### FREE Exhibition on now at Maidstone Museum

Maidstone: United in Football not only tells the story of the remarkable history of football in the town, it also paints a vivid picture of how the game has been bringing people of diverse backgrounds together for well over a century. Open until 18th January 2020, Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 5pm. Maidstone Museum. Free Admission. Info at <https://museum.maidstone.gov.uk/>

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