



Headteacher News

This week the school has marked the very special occasion of Remembrance. The children approached the subject with great maturity, empathy and had a true understanding of its significance. We are incredibly lucky to work with such wonderful young people.

Social Media

At Coxheath School we are very proud and fortunate to have a dedicated and supportive school community. We expect our school community to respect our school ethos and set a good example of their own behaviour on and around the school site. We are committed to resolving difficulties in a constructive manner, through an open and positive dialogue. However, we understand that everyday misunderstandings can cause frustrations and we will not always get things right.

Where issues arise or misconceptions take place, please contact your child's teacher or a senior leader, who will be more than happy to meet with you to discuss and resolve the issue. Please can I ask that concerns or negative messages are not shared via social media sites. This does not allow the concern to be addressed and causes unnecessary upset for the adults involved.

Allington class assembly

Well done to Allington class this week for their fantastic class assembly. The hall was filled with smiles and their energetic entrance was a joy to watch. Thank you to Mr Flisher and Mrs Walsh for their continued hard work in ensuring the children get the very best provision.

Coffee afternoon

Please see the letter from Mr Webb that was sent today inviting parents to join him for an informal coffee afternoon **Tuesday 3rd December from 2:15pm**. He will spend a few minutes sharing information with you about the vision for the Trust and how it is developing, including information specific to Coxheath. There will then be an opportunity for you to ask any questions about the Trust. Your feedback will be used to inform discussions with Members at the Trust's AGM in December so that your views are represented.

TA recruitment

We are looking for enthusiastic, creative and inspiring people to join our school at what is a very exciting time. We wish to appoint a number of Teaching Assistants to work as part of our team. If this is something you would be keen to explore further, please visit the Kent-Teach website.

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Headteacher

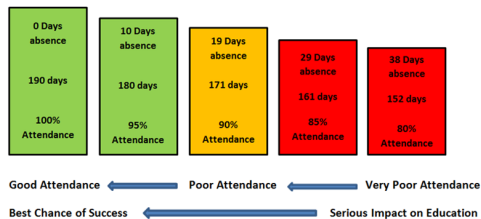
Good attendance means...



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

18-22 Nov - Road Safety Week
22 Nov - Safer internet day
25-28 Nov - Travelling books in school
26 Nov - Thurnham Class Assembly KS1 Hall 9am - families invited
27 Nov - Cake and biscuit sale (see below for details)

03 Dec - Trust coffee afternoon - 2.15pm
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 2.30pm-3.30pm
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
21 Jan - Scotney Class Assembly KS2 Hall 9am - families invited
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

Children in Need

Proceeds from the sale of the incredibly popular Pudsey pin badges and wristbands along with donations for our non uniform day today raised over £500 for Children in Need! Thank you for all your donations.



Children's Christmas Lunch

If your child would like to have a Christmas themed lunch on Tuesday 17th December, please complete and return the order slip which was sent out earlier this week. Copies are available from the school office. **Please note: if your child usually has school dinners/free school meals you will still need to complete the order form. Please return all forms by Friday 29th November.** Thank you.



Cake and Biscuit Sale

On Wednesday 27th November, Year 5 will be running a cake and biscuit sale during the day. They are running this so that the money raised can go towards projects in class. Cakes will cost 50p and biscuits (to ice and decorate with sweets) £1. Children will need to bring some change with them to school that day. Everyone will be able to buy one cake and biscuit and then any spare will be on sale after school. Many thanks, Year 5 teacher

After School Club - Job Vacancy

Our After School Club is expanding and we have a vacancy for an energetic and lively After School Club Assistant to join our team. This is a part time role across 3 days, term time only. There is an opportunity to work additional hours during the holidays at the Coppice Primary Partnership Holiday Play Scheme which is run at Loose Primary School. For further information please see the website <https://www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=75998>

Weekly Attendance

Dover	98%	Leeds	99%
Hever	97%	Rye	98%
Allington	99%	Thurnham	96%
Bodiam	95%	Walmer	98%
Scotney	95%	Tonbridge	94%
Rochester	99%	Canterbury	94%
Herstmonceux	99%	Pevensey	90%

Whole School Target

97%

Whole School Attendance

96.5%

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.

Messages for Children

If you need to get a message to the class teacher regarding a change in pick up arrangements, please make sure you call the office before midday to ensure the message reaches the classroom in good time. Thank you.

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.



Uniform Recycling Shop

Our first sale will take place on Monday 25th November at school pick up time in the meeting room, allowing parents to buy good quality, second hand uniform at very reasonable prices. There will also be remaining stocks of new items available at reduced prices.

Nuts in school

Please do not send nuts into school in any form as we have children with severe allergies. This includes cereal bars containing nuts, as well as peanut butter and Nutella in sandwiches. Thank you.



Allergies and intolerances

If your child has any food allergies or intolerances can you please let the office know as the school and kitchen need to be made aware.

School Dinners

A hot school dinner for KS2 children costs £2.25 per day. You can pay online via the Caterlink website <https://caterlinkltd.co.uk/school/kent-county-council/>. Please note that school dinners cannot be paid for through the school payment system SCOPAY. Payment envelopes are available from reception. Many thanks.

★ PTA News ★

The PTA will yet again be holding a fantastic Christmas raffle! We would like to be able to offer a selection of festive hampers as prizes, and we are asking for donations of non-perishable items. If any donations of cakes, mince pies and wine etc. for our coffee morning raffle could be dropped in to reception on 6th December, this would be very helpful. All donations are welcome! Thank you for your support.

House Points Total

Farleigh	397	Loose	534
Linton	255	Hunton	339

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.

Primary School Admissions

Online applications for primary school admissions in September 2020 opened on 5th November 2019 and 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

Walking Bus

We are currently applying to open up to 4 routes for our walking bus scheme. Each route is dependent on having 2 helpers to walk with the children as a minimum requirement, preferably 3 if possible. If you can help to get this scheme up and running or need to know about the routes please contact the school office for details.

Cold Weather

Please make sure that your child has a coat in school every day. We like to be outdoors as much as possible regardless of the weather conditions. An extra layer such as jogging bottoms and sweatshirt is useful for P.E lessons too. Many thanks.

SCOPAY

Our online payment system. SCOPAY is now available as an App for smartphones. It is a much more convenient way to pay for school trips, events, breakfast club, after school club (but not Caterlink school dinners). If you do not already have a SCOPAY account then please contact the school office for a username and code. You will then need to set your account up on a laptop/computer and once that's done you can download the app on your phone.

Communities

Coxheath Pre-School Christmas Fair & Grotto is taking place on Sunday 17th November at Coxheath Village Hall. 2pm-5pm with games, competitions, a raffle and a chance to start your Christmas shopping. Entry is £1 for adults, 50p for children.

The Old Post Office Coffee House Marden and **Forty Seven Gift shop** are presenting a festive open evening on 23rd of November from 6pm till 8pm, where all are welcome. Complimentary mulled wine, sausage rolls and mince pies, shall be available while browsing at the bespoke gift shop 47 and enjoying the view of Marden at night at the Cafe. Find us on High Street in Marden TN12 9DP, or for more information visit our Facebook page @coffeehousemarden. Looking forward to your company.

Messy Church

St Nicholas Church at Linton will be holding their next Messy Church session this Saturday 16th November, 3-5pm. Everyone welcome. For more information contact Becky on 07949 646865. Email becky.thecat@btopenworld.com or find the on Facebook 'Linton Kent Messy Church'.