



Headteacher News

I have had the pleasure of welcoming a large number of families to our school this week as they consider schools for their children. I would especially like to say a special thank you to our Year 6 children who led very informative tours. All of our visitors were incredibly impressed with how the children conducted themselves. I am extremely proud of our school and all of our children.

Wellbeing week

We continue to look at our curriculum to ensure it is engaging, inspiring and relevant. This week the children have experienced lots of exciting learning opportunities as part of our wellbeing week. I would like to thank Cornwallis Academy and Katie Geddes for giving up their time this week for their fitness and dance workshops. Improving and maintaining positive mental health and general wellbeing of staff and children continues to be a huge priority for the school; this is an area we will continue to focus on as we move through the year.

Road crossing patrol

I would just like to inform you that due to personal circumstances our road crossing patrol will not be available over the next few weeks. Unfortunately, there will be no replacement and I ask that you are more vigilant when driving and extra care is taken when crossing. I will inform you of a return date once it has been confirmed.

Parking

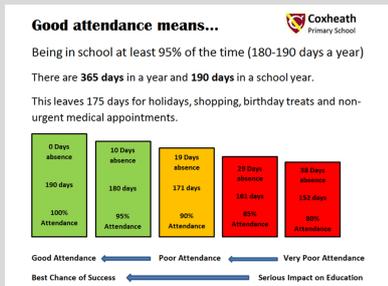
This week I met with the Parish Council to discuss our ongoing issue with parking and road safety. We are working in partnership with the Parish Council to find possible solutions and address some of the issues raised by parents. There were several suggestions made during the meeting and once these have been investigated further I will inform the Parent Council of the outcome. This will then be shared via the Parent Council minutes available on our website.

There was also an incident this week where a parent was abusive to a member of our staff for parking on the school site. I am sure that I don't have to say that any abusive and threatening behaviour will not be tolerated and will result in a ban on attending the school site. Our staff work incredibly hard to keep our children safe and this should be respected whether you agree with the decision or not. Unless you have a disabled badge, parents are not allowed to use the school car park after 8:15am. This is also the case if you are running late and want to come into the car park to drop your child off. We have a limited number of spaces for staff to park and allowing parents to park on site when the car park is full will only result in cars getting damaged.

Have a good weekend.

Giacomo Mazza

Headteacher



Dates



Please see dates below

Events for parents are identified in red.

Term 2

- 11 Nov - Flu Vaccinations Years R-6
- 11 Nov - CIN merchandise on sale in school
- 11 - 15 Nov - Anti-bullying week
- 12 Nov - Odd socks day - see below for details
- 12 Nov - Allington Class Assembly KS1 Hall 9am - families invited
- 15 Nov - Non Uniform Day - Anti bullying week. Donations to school funds.
- 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 over for details)

06 Dec - Parent Council meeting 2.15pm

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

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

Anti-bullying week

12th November - Odd Socks Day

Children are to wear school uniform but also wear odd socks to promote the idea that we're all different but all accepted.

15th November - Non uniform day

Children to wear own clothes. Donations to school funds.

Uniform

It is wonderful when our children take pride in their appearance. Please can we remind you that we only allow small, school coloured bows as hair accessories and only stud earrings and watches for jewellery. Your child should be able to remove their own earrings for PE sessions and it is sometimes a good idea to provide a box to keep them safely during the lesson if you wish to so they don't get lost. Of course we do not expect children to come to school with temporary tattoos or nail varnish. Please see here for our uniform expectations as a reminder <http://www.coxheath.kent.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1883&type=pdf> Thank you for your co-operation.

Supporting your children's learning

We have a number of useful resources on our school website to inform parents about the curriculum and what is taught in school. There are also many resources that you can use to help support your children at home. Please visit the website via the following link to find out more. <https://www.coxheath.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Teaching+%26amp%3B+Learning&pid=85>

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.

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 Kent-Teach website <https://www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=75998>

Weekly Attendance

Dover	96%	Leeds	96%
Hever	94%	Rye	97%
Allington	94%	Thurnham	96%
Bodiam	88%	Walmer	100%
Scotney	95%	Tonbridge	99%
Rochester	99%	Canterbury	97%
Herstmonceux	92%	Pevensey	98%

Whole School Target

97%

Whole School Attendance

96%

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.

School Photos

It has been reported that some parents were disappointed with their child's photograph. We have therefore arranged for the photographer to return to school on Monday 18th November. If you would like your child's photograph retaken, please inform the school office.

Medicines in school

Should your child need to have medication in school please ensure that it comes into school via the office and not handed to the class teacher. All medication must have a pharmacy label stating the child's name and dosage, and it must be in date. It is a legal requirement and without the correct paperwork or labelling we will not be able to administer medication if needed. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Uniform Recycling Shop

After many requests, we are pleased to offer a uniform recycling shop. Our first sale will take place on Monday 25th November at school pick up time in the meeting room. Here you can buy good quality, second hand uniform at very reasonable prices. If you could assist with the running of this please speak to Mrs Flitton on reception.

IMPORTANT - PARKING

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. Breakfast Club parents can still use the car park to drop off until 8.15am, please make sure you use the visitor parking spaces and not the staff parking. Vehicle registration numbers **LV61 ZCF** and **GJ69 URR** tailgated cars into the car park to drop children off. Silver Mercedes **LS62 UGR** continues to park in the yellow box in front of our school gates, a white Mitsubishi **WP57 KNA** has also been blocking the entrance. Please do not do this. Thank you.

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.

SCOPAY

As we are hoping to become a cashless school, we hope more and more people will sign up for, and use 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.

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.

House Points Total

Farleigh	294	Loose	323
Linton	252	Hunton	328

Cornwallis Academy's Numeracy & Literacy Master Classes

Cornwallis Academy will be starting Numeracy and Literacy Master Classes for Year 5 and 6 students on Tuesday 12th November, they will alternate each week between Numeracy and Literacy with the first session being Numeracy. Each session will be from 3:45pm-4:30pm. The aim of the Numeracy and Literacy Master Classes is to further your child's Numeracy and Literacy skills, as well as preparing them for their SATs and Secondary School life. Only 20 places are available each week for each class. Booking will open at 8:00am every Wednesday for the following Tuesday's classes. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Visit www.cornwallisacademy.com/master-classes to access the Master Class booking form and session availability.

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

Children in Need Merchandise

Pevensey class will be selling Pudsey pin badges (silver or gold) and wristbands during the school day next week. These cost £1.00 each. Should you wish to send money in with your child, it is advisable to put the money in a named envelope for safekeeping. Items will also be available to purchase from the school reception desk before and after school. Proceeds will be donated to Children in Need.



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 teachers

Walking Bus

We are currently applying to open 4 routes for our walking bus scheme. Each route needs 2 helpers to walk with the children as a minimum requirement. If you can help to get this scheme up and running please contact the school office.

ALDI Stickers

Don't forget to keep bringing in the Sports stickers from Aldi! We have almost filled 1 poster and would love the chance to win £20000 for our school!!

Breakfast club

It is wonderful that so many children are enjoying our breakfast club, however this does mean that spaces are becoming increasingly limited. If you have booked breakfast club and your child does not attend, you will be charged for the session. Please email the office office@coxheath.kent.sch.uk by 4pm the previous day for bookings, and as soon as possible with any cancellations to enable us to offer any additional places available to those that need them.

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.

Communities

Space 2 Talk

Are you a parent or carer of a child with a disability or additional need? This is an opportunity to meet other parents and chat with a family support worker on hand to provide a listening ear over coffee. No formal diagnosis is required to be able to access this service. We can provide support and advice on: emotions and behaviour concerns, health, education, transport and social care issues. Our Maidstone sessions this term are: Thursday 31st October (12:00 – 14:00), Monday 11th November (09:30-11:30), Wednesday 27th November (12:00 – 14:00), Thursday 12th December (09:30-11:30) at Howard De Walden Centre, Bluett Street, Maidstone, ME14 2UG. Please visit our website for all the dates for our drop ins, and for more information on the family support service, as well as all our upcoming events, clubs and workshops. www.space2beme.org.uk Email support@space2beme.org.uk or call 01622 764566

Messy Church

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

PTA News

The PTA needs your support as we will yet again be holding our fabulous Christmas raffle! We would like to be able to offer a fantastic hamper of Christmas goodies as a star prize, so if you would like to donate any non-perishable seasonal items for this we would be grateful, there seem to be plenty in the shops already! Anything suitable for our 'bucket of booze' as a prize would also be appreciated. Do you have your own business or work for a company that could donate a prize? All donations are welcome! Thank you for your support.