



Headteacher News

I hope everyone had a good autumn break. This term has many exciting learning opportunities to look forward to. Please look on our website to find out what your child will be learning this term. Of course we cannot forget our upcoming Christmas Nativity and end of term church services.

New Parent Tours

I look forward to welcoming prospective parents next week for our Open Day tours at 9:30am and 1:30pm on Wednesday 6th and Friday 8th November. There is an opportunity for you to see learning in action and the quality of provision being offered in all year groups. We are very proud of our school and its learning environment. If you have a child starting school next September and would like to come along for a tour, please contact the school office.

PTA

The PTA held their first meeting this week. I would like to thank those of you who attended for the first time. The support the school receives from the PTA is invaluable and truly enables the school to deliver many exciting learning experiences.

Attendance

One of our key focus areas this term is attendance. We are aiming to reduce the number of children arriving late and to improve overall attendance. Thank you for all your efforts in helping to work towards our target. Your child's punctuality is important. Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year.

Arriving 30 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 19 days a year.

If your child is absent from school for any reason you must inform the school. There were several children absent this week and before half term, with no reason provided.

Please ensure you try to make medical appointments outside of school time. Any made during the school day must be supported with a letter detailing the appointment.

Walking Bus

We are in the process of setting up a walking bus scheme. I understand that there was a limited response from parents when first informed of the scheme. I hope that when the walking bus starts interest will build. I am sure that anything that can be done to ease the pressure in the roads around the school will be welcomed by the whole community.

Please can I remind parents to stick to the paths around the car park. There was an incident this week where a parent cut across the car park and a reversing car narrowly missed them. Keeping everyone safe is our main priority.

Have a lovely weekend.

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Headteacher

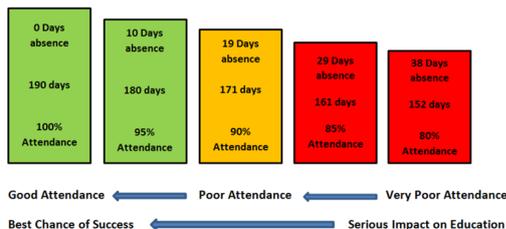
Good attendance means...



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

04 Nov - Parents Evening 3.45pm - 6.15pm

04 - 08 Nov - Wellbeing week

05 Nov - September 2020 Year R Intake - Online applications open 9am

06 Nov - Tours for prospective Year R parents

08 Nov - Tours for prospective Year R parents

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

12 Nov - Allington Class Assembly KS1 Hall 9am - families invited

15 Nov - Children in Need - details to follow

22 Nov - Safer internet day

26 Nov - Thurnham Class Assembly KS1 Hall 9am - families invited

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

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.

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>

School Uniform

School uniform can be ordered online at <https://gooddies.co.uk/> Sorry but we do not hold uniform in stock, except for ties.

We have a few remaining stock items available to purchase in school at reduced prices. Insulated lunch bags are £1.00 each in a choice of 3 colours. Burgundy woolly hats are £3 each.

We also have waterproof, fleece lined school jackets at £15 each. Sizes of these are limited and only while stock lasts.

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	97%	Bodiam	94%
Leeds	99%	Tonbridge	95%
Hever	95%	Scotney	96%
Rye	93%	Rochester	100%
Allington	93%	Canterbury	92%
Thurnham	98%	Herstmonceux	96%
Walmer	98%	Pevensey	97%

School Target
97%

Whole School Attendance
96%

Cold Weather

As the weather is getting colder (and wetter) please make sure that all children have a coat in school every day. We like to be outdoors as much as possible regardless of the weather conditions. Many thanks.

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.

PSHE

Well-being Week - W/C Monday 4th November:

We are really looking forward to all the activities planned for our well being week next week. We would just like to clarify arrangements for the food tasting on Monday. We would encourage each child to bring in a healthy snack that they have made and prepared at home but that only they will be eating. They will share information with their class about what they have made and how they made it, but **only your child will eat the snack sent in**. The school is a **nut free** school and so any snack brought in must not have any nuts in it as part of the ingredients. Thank you so much for your help and co-operation with this and we look forward to seeing lots of different home made healthy snacks in school on Monday.

On **Friday 8th November** we would love to promote how pets and animals can have a positive impact on well-being. If you are able to bring a small, caged pet into school from 2:30-3pm on this day, please speak to your child's class teacher. We would ask that no snakes or spiders come in please as we have many children who are scared of them. Please ensure that you have a secure cage for your pet to be comfortable and safe in during the visit.

PE Kit

Please send in a sweatshirt/jogging bottoms as part of the PE kit. Now that the weather is getting a little cooler, an extra layer would be useful as we will still be going outside for some lessons.

Uniform Recycling Shop

After many requests, we are looking to set up a uniform recycling shop. This will enable parents to buy good quality, second hand uniform at very reasonable prices. Mrs Durham has kindly agreed to help run this after school on a few Monday afternoons, however she does need extra help. If you could assist with the running of this please let Mrs Flitton on reception know.

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 cooperation.

Parking

Vehicle registration **YN10 MLY** tailgated a car into the car park this week. Nobody should be driving into the school unless it has been authorised. Please do not park in front of the barrier or use the entrance for turning at any time. Thank you for your co-operation.

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.

House Points Total

Farleigh	425	Loose	417
Linton	270	Hunton	222

Primary School Admissions

Online applications for primary school admissions in September 2020 open 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

Poppy Appeal

A reminder that we are selling poppies and other poppy merchandise in school. Items will be on sale until 11th November for a donation to The Royal British Legion. Year 6 children will be selling poppies in the afternoons next week, any additional merchandise such as snap bands and reflectors will need to be purchased either before or after school from the school reception desk.

Children In Need Merchandise

We will be selling Silver and Gold pin badges as well as Pudsey bear wristbands in school from Monday 11th - Friday 15th November. All of these items are just £1.00 each. Pevensey class will be selling these items during the school day. 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 in Reception before and after school. Proceeds will be donated to Children in Need.

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 would love the chance to win £20000 for our school!!

Breakfast club

Due to increasing numbers, if you require your child to attend breakfast club, please book in by email to the office office@coxheath.kent.sch.uk by 4pm the previous day to enable us to staff it accordingly.

If the space is booked and not required you will also need to cancel by this time so the space may be available to others, otherwise you will be charged for the session.

Please be advised that if you arrive at breakfast club and it is full we will have to decline you a space so please book early to avoid disappointment.

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. 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/> If you need a reminder of your Student ID, please contact the school office. Please note that school dinners cannot be paid for through the school payment system. Many thanks.

Communities

Hunton & Linton Pre-school are holding a table top sale on Sunday 17th November. From 9am - 11am at Hunton Village Hall. For further information or to book a table please contact huntonpreschool@hotmail.com

Space 2 Be Me are a charity that support families with children who have additional needs. They offer drop-in sessions which are an opportunity for parents to meet other parents and talk to their family support workers in a relaxed environment. Further details can be found on their website.

Kent and Sussex Air Ambulance.

One of our lunchtime supervisors is collecting the empty crisp packets from children who have a packed lunch to recycle and raise funds for this fantastic charity. Thank you to everyone that has recycled their rubbish so far!