



Coxheath Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 17th October 2019



Headteacher News

This term has been very busy and children have achieved many things. As always, all of the children continue to be such a credit to Coxheath Primary in whatever they do. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff for their hard work and care for the children at our school. The children are incredibly lucky to have such a dedicated, hardworking team working alongside them. Thank you too to all of you for your support throughout the term; the school community continues to be a real strength here at Coxheath Primary.

Well done to Rochester Class for their excellent assembly this week. I didn't personally get to see it but Mrs Evenden shared with me how wonderful it was. Well done to all of the children and thank you to Mrs Taylor and Mrs Webber for their hard work in bringing it all together.

I am delighted to inform you that we have now secured a new PTA who I know will be working hard over the coming months to raise valuable funds for the school. However, it is important that they have an army of volunteers to support them in the events they plan to organise throughout the year. As I have said previously, all of the children benefit greatly from the funds they raise and get a great deal of enjoyment from the events that are organised. Many of the resources that the children currently enjoy would not have been possible without the PTA and their incredible hard work and dedication.

Our first parent council meeting was held on Friday. This was an opportunity to discuss issues raised by class reps and focus on school improvement. The minutes of the meeting will be available via the website in the next couple of days. I will of course reflect on the issues raised and consider how we move forward to ensure that the children get the very best provision. You will not be surprised to hear that a significant amount of time was spent discussing parking. The walking bus scheme was also discussed. I know that prior to my arrival, there was a letter sent to gauge interest in the scheme. Sadly, there was only one response received showing any interest. This was discussed and it was agreed that despite the initial lack of interest it would be worth piloting the walking bus as this would hopefully encourage others to join.

It was also mentioned at the meeting that there are some parents smoking outside of the school gates by the path where the children walk past. I appreciate that this is not on school grounds but I am sure you will agree that it is not pleasant for children to walk through this. Please can I ask that you are mindful of where you smoke to avoid this from happening.

I would like to wish you all a restful holiday and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 28th October.

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Headteacher

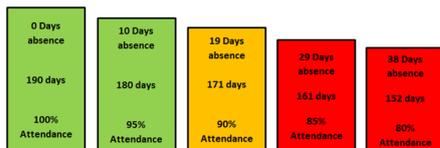
Good attendance means...



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.



Good Attendance ← Poor Attendance ← Very Poor Attendance
Best Chance of Success ← Serious Impact on Education

Dates



Please see dates below
Events for parents are identified in red.

Term 1

- 17 Oct - Kent 11+ Test Results emailed to parents from 4pm
- 17 Oct - Last day of term
- 18 Oct - Staff Training Day - school closed

Term 2

- 28 Oct - Children back to school
- 30 Oct - Parents Evening 4.30pm - 7.00pm
- 30 Oct - Individual School Photos with Van Cols
- 31 Oct - Deadline for secondary school online applications

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 - 15 Nov - Anti-bullying week
- 12 Nov - Allington Class Assembly KS1 Hall 9am - families invited
- 15 Nov - Children in Need - more info to follow
- 22 Nov - Safer internet day
- 16 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

Absence

Can we please remind parents that you must call the school office no later than 9am if your child is going to be absent from school, this will save us making any unnecessary calls to parents to find out why children are not in school.

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/>
We have a few items available to purchase in school at reduced prices. We have insulated lunch bags for just £1.00, woolly hats for £2 each as well as waterproof, fleece lined school jackets at £15 each. Sizes and availability are limited and only while stock lasts.

Weekly Attendance

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

School Target
97%

Whole School Attendance
96%

School Photos

Van Cols are coming to take individual photographs on Wednesday 30th October 2019. They will be in the KS1 Hall and will take family photos from 8.00 am until 8.20 am if parents would like to bring the children in early and queue outside the hall. No family photos will be taken after 8.20 am. Many thanks.

NITS

There have been a number of classes reporting cases of nits this term. Please could you take half term as an opportunity to check and treat your child's hair if necessary.

PSHE

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

During this week we will be doing lots of different activities to promote well-being and how children can help themselves to feel calm, happy and positive. The homework for the whole school on Friday 1st November will be for children to plan and prepare a healthy dish that they can bring into school on the Monday for themselves and the rest of their class to try. More details will be sent home on the 2nd but we thought you'd appreciate the advance notice.

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

PE is a compulsory part of the curriculum and so children should have their full PE kit in school every day so they can take part. Please send in a sweatshirt/jogging bottoms as part of their 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.

Parking

We would like to remind parents that there is no parking available on the school site. A number of vehicles have been seen tailgating blue badge holders into the car park, including vehicle registration **LK55 CRU**. Please do not enter the car park without permission. 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.

ALDI Stickers

Don't forget to keep bringing in the Sports stickers from Aldi! We almost have 150 stickers, but need the full 300 to be in with a chance to win £20000!!

House Points Total

Farleigh	399	Loose	604
Linton	339	Hunton	258

Applying for Secondary School places

A reminder that applications for children due to start secondary school in September 2020 will close on 31 October 2019. You can apply for up to 4 schools, putting them in order of preference. It's in your best interests to list 4 schools. Naming only one school does not guarantee your child a place at that school or give your child priority for a place over another child, neither does naming a school more than once. To apply to a school outside of Kent, name the school in your application along with your other preferences. Your application details will be passed on to the relevant local authority for processing.

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

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 then need to set your account up on a laptop/computer and once that's done you can download the app on your phone. Your SCOPAY account is also a much more convenient to book your parents' evening appointments. Please speak to the office if you need any help using this facility.

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

Stick on poppies, wristbands, zip pulls and other items will be on sale after half term on Reception. Proceeds will go to The Royal British Legion.

Samaritans Purse are running their Operation Christmas Child campaign again this year between 11th and 18th November. Further information and suggestions for what you can put in your box, along with drop off locations, can be found on their website <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Sama Karate are holding an activity camp during the half term break, 21st-25th October at Pembury School. There are over 50 activities to try including nerf wars, archery, team sports and more. For further details contact Southeast Kids Camps on 01444 461889 or visit their website <https://southeastkidscamps.co.uk/>