



Coxheath Primary School Newsletter

Friday 11th October 2019



Headteacher News

I can hardly believe that we are at the end of our first term. Our new Year R children have settled so well and it is delightful to see how their confidence has grown. All the children have worked incredibly hard this term and I continue to be so impressed by their behaviour and positive attitudes to learning. Thank you for your ongoing support and working so hard.

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who brought in harvest donations this week. The donations will go to provide comfort and support for the homeless and give them the opportunity for a brighter future. The children performed brilliantly this morning during our church visit. Thank you to all the visitors for joining us.

Canterbury Assembly

Well done to all the children in Canterbury class for their fantastic assembly this week. It is wonderful to see the children confidently displaying their learning on healthy eating and food groups. Thank you to Mrs Billinge for her hard work throughout this term to ensure that the children in Canterbury class have the best possible learning opportunities.

Safety Procedures

This week we had both fire and lockdown practice. All schools must have 'lockdown procedures' in place to ensure the safety of everyone in school. As part of our safety procedures, these must be practised along with fire drills. There is a wide variety of scenarios which may trigger a lockdown such as a warning being received of a risk locally, a stray dog, air pollution, extreme weather or an intruder. The children responded incredibly well to both practices with a mature, sensible attitude.

Punctuality

In order to ensure that the children have a settled start to the day we would ask all parents to make sure that their children arrive before 8:50am. Over the term I have noticed we have had an increasing number of children arrive after this time and this impacts negatively on their learning.

Enjoy your weekend

Giacomo Mazza

Headteacher

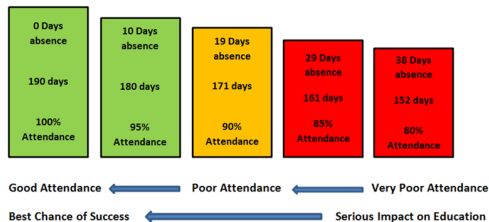
Good attendance means...



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 1

- 14 Oct - Empiribox workshop for KS2 parents 2pm
- 15 Oct - Rochester Class Assembly KS2 Hall - families invited
- 16 Oct - Apple sale £1 a bag - KS2 playground after school
- 17 Oct - Year R Bear Show - KS1 Hall 9.10am
- 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
- 14 Nov - Tours for prospective Year R parents
- 15 Nov - Children in Need - more info to follow
- 22 Nov - Safer internet day

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
- 22 Jan - Scotney Class Assembly KS2 Hall 9am - families invited
- 24 Jan - O2 Young Voices
- 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	96%	Bodiam	99%
Leeds	98%	Tonbridge	94%
Hever	97%	Scotney	93%
Rye	98%	Rochester	98%
Allington	94%	Canterbury	92%
Thurnham	97%	Herstmonceux	96%
Walmer	98%	Pevensey	92%

School Target
97%

Whole School Attendance
96%

A visit from Perform

We were very pleased to receive a visit from Perform on Monday 7th October. The children had a wonderful time exploring the theme of Castles, Knights and Princesses and using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills. To complement the workshop, there is a free educational app for iPhones and iPads based around the theme of Castles, Knights and Princesses. It contains fun games, creative tasks and videos of the themed songs and dances. Click [here](#) to download it free from the Apple store or [here](#) to find out more about the Castles, Knights and Princesses theme. Perform run regular weekly classes in the local area and they are offering a special introductory discount to all parents of Coxheath Primary School if they come along for a free trial session before Monday 28th October. To claim your discount, just call Perform on 020 7255 9120 quoting COXH281019 or book online at perform.org.uk.

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. Children may want to consider bringing a sweatshirt and jogging bottoms now that the weather is getting a little cooler 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, please do not tailgate other vehicles into the car park. The disabled parking is for blue badge holders only.

Parents dropping off to breakfast club should use the visitor parking bays, please do not park in the staff or disabled parking bays.

A black VW **GJ58 FVO**, a silver/grey van **RF10 RVC** and vehicle registration **GF11 OCK** have all been seen blocking the barrier to drop children off and turning in the entrance, which is incredibly dangerous when other vehicles are trying to enter and exit the car park. Please do not park in front of the barrier or use the entrance for turning at any time. A silver Ford **GN68 MTF** tailgated a blue badge holder into the car park for drop off, please do not enter the car park without permission. 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

School Dinners

A hot school dinner for KS2 children costs £2.25 per day. You can pay online via the Caterlink website <https://caterlinktd.co.uk/school/kent-county-council/> If you need a reminder of your Student ID, please contact the school office. Many Thanks.

Swattenden Lost Property

We still have a few unclaimed items of lost property from Swattenden. Please feel free to come and check the box next week. Any unclaimed items will be recycled

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!!

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.

House Points Total

Farleigh	554	Loose	751
Linton	347	Hunton	586

Primary School Admissions

Online applications for primary school admissions in September 2020 intake 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 please also 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.

SCOPAY

SCOPAY is now available as an App for smartphones, it is a much more convenient way to pay for school trips, events, breakfast club and 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.

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.

KS1 - End of school day

At picking up time, please could you wait on the playground for your children to be sent out by the class teacher. There are a few reasons for this: It keeps the path clear for pushchairs picking up from Year R. It is easier for the teachers to see parents when you are a little more spread out. Also the children find it very distracting at the end of the school day when parents are right outside the window. The grass under the tree will become more and more muddy as the Autumn term progresses. Thank you for your cooperation, Mrs Harrison

Library visits

Please do contact the office if you'd like to volunteer to help with library trips which take place on various days (please see the table below for further details).

Time	Monday	Thursday	Friday
09.30-10.20			Rye (Fortnightly)
13.30-14.00	Tonbridge	Leeds	Dover
14.00-14.30		Thurnham (Fortnightly)	Hever & Bodiam (Fortnightly)
14.30 - 15.00	Walmer		

Gardening club

Mrs Hadley & Mrs Taylor are asking for donations of gardening tools suitable for children to use in gardening club, hand trowels etc. Thank You for the items that have already donated.

Communities

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/>

Extreme Robots 2019 Live Show is coming to Maidstone on 19th & 20th October. Further details can be found and tickets booked on their website www.extremerobots.co.uk

Mrs Flitton on Reception is collecting used Inkjet cartridges which are then recycled to benefit the local charity Breast Cancer Kent. Please hand any you would like to donate in to reception. She has raised over £150.00 so far and would like to raise much more! Further information on this scheme can be found at www.recycle4charity.co.uk Thank You!