



Headteacher News

Swattenden

An exciting but tiring few days was had by all at Swattenden. There are a number of photos on Twitter to prove this. The children took part in all activities with real enthusiasm and they were all a real credit to the school. We would like to thank all members of staff who gave up a considerable amount of their own time to ensure that the children had such a brilliant experience. I hope everyone has a restful weekend.

School Council

Our new school councillors met for their first meeting and have already begun to discuss which charities they will be supporting this year. We really appreciate and are grateful for the work this hard-working team do throughout the year. Each school councillor acts as the voice of their class and through them every child at Coxheath is able to make their voice heard, make changes and make valuable contributions to school development.

Curriculum – can you help?

Teachers have spent time devising an exciting and engaging curriculum. The children are incredibly fortunate to have such rich experiences. If you feel that you are able to support our curriculum in any way and have any skills or talents such as music, drama and dance then please do let us know. We are keen to develop the creative arts as a school so children can have unique experiences.

Parent Council

We look forward to welcoming our new parent representatives to the Parent Council meeting next week. Please do contact them if there is anything you would like to be discussed.

Have a wonderful weekend

Giacomo Mazza

Headteacher

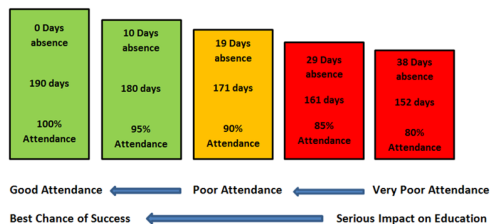
Good attendance means...



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

- 08 Oct - Canterbury Class Assembly KS2 Hall 9am - families invited
- 10 Oct - Alien Dress up day - Hever & Rye Class only
- 11 Oct - Harvest Services at Holy Trinity Church, Coxheath (see overleaf)
- 11 Oct - Parent Council meeting 2.15pm
- 11 Oct - PTA AGM 3.20pm in the meeting room - all welcome
- 15 Oct - Rochester Class Assembly KS2 Hall - families invited
- 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)
- 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	95%	Bodiam	94%
Leeds	98%	Tonbridge	98%
Hever	95%	Scotney	98%
Rye	96%	Rochester	95%
Allington	94%	Canterbury	96%
Thurnham	96%	Herstmonceux	96%
Walmer	100%	Pevensey	98%

School Target
97%

Whole School Attendance
96%

Harvest Festival

Our harvest festival will take place at Holy Trinity Church, Heath Road, Coxheath on Friday 11th October. Services are at 9.30am and 10.15am. Class groups are detailed below.

Group	1	2
Classes	Dover	Leeds
	Hever	Rye
	Thurnham	Allington
	Bodiam	Walmer
	Tonbridge	Scotney
	Canterbury	Rochester
	Herstmonceux	Pevensey
Time children leaving school	9.15am	10.00am

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 trousers 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 Mercedes GJ69 URR and a Silver Mercedes LS62 UGR have parked across the entrance, blocking the barrier. Please do not park in front of the barrier at any time. 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. Payment envelopes are available from reception or you can pay online via the Caterlink website <https://caterlinkitd.co.uk/school/kent-county-council/> If you need a reminder of your Student ID, please contact Mrs Rout in the school office. Many Thanks.

School Displays

We would like any donations of fabric to help create the fantastic displays seen in classrooms and around the school. Ideally we need med-large pieces of fabrics in plain colours, and can be any type of fabric, chiffon, cotton, velvet, satin etc. Please leave donations at reception and Mrs Planck the resident artist will collect them from there and make great use of them! Thank you

Lost Property

We already have a huge amount of lost property in school, most of which is not named. Please ensure that all items are clearly named as we do try to return them to the children. Many Thanks

ALDI Stickers

Don't forget to keep bringing in the Sports stickers from Aldi! It would be wonderful to be in with a chance to win funds for the school to be able to add to our sports equipment.

House Points Total

Farleigh	379	Loose	486
Linton	261	Hunton	532

Breakfast club

Due to increasing numbers, if you require your child to attend breakfast club, please book in by email to the office 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 and extended services etc. 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.

Parent Council

We now only need a class representative for Allington class. Please contact Mrs Flitton in the school office if you would like to take on this role.

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		

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.

PTA News

The PTA AGM is on Friday 11th October at 3.20pm in the school meeting room. If you'd like to be part of the committee, want to share some fundraising ideas, or just fancy coming along for a chat and seeing what we're all about then come and join us. Tea, coffee and nibbles will be provided.

Communities

Fusion cheerleading are offering classes in the area for Years 3-6. Visit their website www.fusioncheerleaders.co.uk or email conniefusioncheer@outlook.com for further information.

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!