



Headteacher News

It's been another busy week with lots of exciting learning opportunities. You will have seen from our twitter pictures that the children have been involved in lots of new science experiments as part of new science curriculum. We are planning to run a parent workshop session this term. This will be a chance for you to experience some of the exciting work that goes on in class and possibly have a go yourselves! I will of course inform you of the date once it has been confirmed.

Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Joseph Morgan in Walmer class, who won the top prize in the Summer Reading Challenge treasure hunt for the Maidstone Area. He will be presented with his prize at the Kent History and Library Centre on 10th October.

Harvest Festival

We are busy learning our Harvest songs for our church service on Friday 11th October. Please be aware that the service will take place in the morning with the first group leaving the school at 9:15 for a 9:30 start and the second group leaving the school at 10:00 for a 10:15 start. Please see the newsletter for the group that your child is in. Parents, carers and family members are welcome to attend. We would welcome donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries which will be donated to the salvation army who provide food parcels to those in need.

Breakfast Club

I would like to say thank you to parents that have been booking a place for our breakfast club service in advance. This has allowed us to plan correct staffing ratios without the need to turn children away.

Parking

I am sure it will not come as a surprise that I am raising the subject of parking. There are very few schools that do not have this issue and I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents about parking safely and legally when collecting and dropping off their children. Please be mindful of private driveways, 'keep clear' and 'no parking' road markings. It is also important that we park safely in ways that do not restrict clear views and force people to step onto the main road to pass parked cars on the pavement. I am aware that SGN will be carrying out essential gas maintenance work in Park Way at the junction of Gresham road area from the 14th October. This may cause further congestion and issues with parking near the school. Please be assured that if you are running a little late or cannot find a safe place to park, we will always keep your child safe until you arrive.

Have a lovely weekend.

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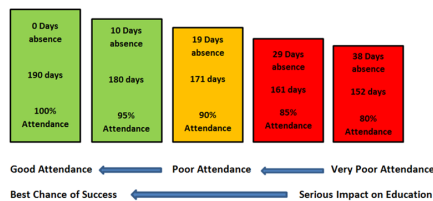
Good attendance means...



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.

September

30th -Bear Bake off for Year R (more information overleaf)

October

1st -Year R & 6, Height & Weight checks

3rd-4th -Year 4 trip to Swattenden

11th -Harvest Service, details overleaf

-Parent Council meeting 2.15pm

-PTA AGM 3.20pm

17th -11+ results to parents (after 4pm by email)

18th -Staff Development Day - children not in school

21st-25th -Half term break

28th -First day of Term 2

30th -Individual School Photos with Van Cols, further information overleaf

-Parents Evening: 4.30pm - 7.00pm

November

4th -Parents Evening: 3.45pm - 6.15pm

4th - 8th -Wellbeing week

6th & 8th -Parents tours for 2020 Year R intake

11th -Flu vaccines for Yr R - Yr 6

11th - 15th -Anti-bullying week

22nd -Safer Internet Day

December

10th & 11th -Year R Nativity to Parents

18th -Christmas Church service - details to follow

19th -Christmas holidays - back in 2020!

January

2020

6th -Staff training day - children not in school

7th -Start School

February

14th -Staff training day - children not in school

17th - 21st -Half term break

March

April

2nd-15th -Easter Holidays

16th -Back to school

May

8th -Bank Holiday

25th-29th -Half Term break

June

1st -Staff training day - children not in school

July

22nd -Last day of Term - Summer holidays

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

Weekly Attendance
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

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 green VW R420 XAN has blocked the barrier this week and a black Renault LX17 WSL tailgated a blue badge holder into the car park to drop off therefore blocking the car park completely.

Breakfast club

Due to increasing numbers, if you require your child to attend breakfast club, please book in 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.

Nuts in school

Please do not send nuts into school in any form. 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://caterlinkltd.co.uk/school/kent-county-council/> Many Thanks

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.

School Uniform

School uniform can be ordered online at <https://gooddies.co.uk/> We have a few waterproof, fleece lined school jackets available to purchase in school. They are £15 each. Sizes and availability are limited and only while stock lasts.

House Points Total

Farleigh	295	Loose	350
Linton	322	Hunton	272

Biscuit Bear Bake Off

On Monday 30th September, Year R children will be taking part in a Biscuit Bear Bake Off. There will be a biscuit sale on the KS1 playground after school, don't forget to bring your change!

Parent Council

Thank You to the following parents who will be the Parent Council Class Representatives for the coming academic year.

If you would like to represent any of the classes with vacancies, please contact the Mrs Flitton in the school office.

Dover - Sam Butler	Leeds - Louise Craddock
Hever - Claire Durnford	Rye - Tina Amos
Thurnham - Angela Maryon	Allington - VACANT
Walmer - Sandra Turner	Bodiam - VACANT
Scotney - Catherine Cooper	Tonbridge - VACANT
Rochester - Kelly Goodhew	Canterbury - Sofi Mallon
Pevensey - Richard Bowler	Herstmonceux - Kate Wyper

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 bring the children in early and queue outside the hall. No family photos will be taken after 8.20 am. Many thanks.

Children coming in and out of school

All children should arrive in school between 8.40am and 8.50am, after which the gate will be closed. Those arriving after the gate is closed must enter through the office and will be recorded as late to school.

Volunteers

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

We know that there are many Grandparents, Parents and Carers with other skills that would also greatly benefit the children of Coxheath school so please do get in touch.

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		

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

NEARLY NEW SALE KENT- Saturday 28th September, 2pm - 4pm at Cornwallis Academy, Hubbards Lane, ME17 4HX. Come along and grab a bargain! We have 1000's of great quality baby & children's items, all indoors and sorted into ages (up to 16 years), gender & categories for a stress free shopping experience. FREE Parking. Entry £1 for adults, children are free.