



Headteacher News

It was wonderful to see so many family members attend 'Meet the Teacher' sessions this week. The children enjoyed sharing their learning and showing you their classroom. We value parents' feedback and moving forward we will be thinking of ways to make these sessions more informative. We recognise that it is an opportunity to develop positive partnerships with you at the start of the new school year. Our teachers are very keen to work with you to secure the very best for your children and if you have any concerns at any time please do not hesitate to discuss these with your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

Reading

It's undeniable that a child's reading skills are important to their success in school, work, and life in general. Reading is one of our school priorities this year and you will be shortly hearing about our new reading initiative that we hope will encourage children to read at home. We are keen for volunteers to come into school to listen to the children read. If you have any time that you can give please let the school office know.

Fruit Tuck Shop

The fruit tuck shop this week has proven to be very successful and speaking to the children they are keen for it to continue. With such a positive response from the children we plan to continue running it for the remainder of this term. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Hunt who is volunteering to come in and prepare and sell the fruit. Your time is very much appreciated.

Parent Council

We have our first parent council meeting of the new school year on Friday 11th October at 2.15pm. We currently still require class reps for the following classes: Leeds, Hever, Rye, Allington, Walmer, Bodiam, Scotney, Canterbury and Tonbridge. The parent council plays a vital role in bringing home and school together; enabling the school to gather parent views and for parents to share ideas and get more involved in school life. If you are interested, please let Mrs Flitton know in the office.

Best wishes for the weekend

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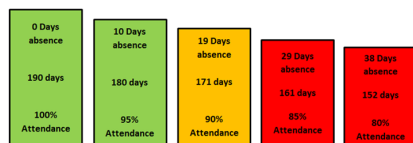
Good attendance means...



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.



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.

September

- 23rd -KM in school - First Class photo for Year R
-PTA AGM for a new chairperson, treasurer and Secretary. 3.30pm
- 24th -Parents Meeting for Year trip to Swattenden in Tonbridge Class 3.30-4.00pm
- 26th -Fitness Day

October

- 1st -Year R & 6, Height & Weight checks
- 3rd-4th -Year 4 trip to Swattenden
- 11th -Harvest Service , details to follow
-Parent Council meeting 2.15pm
-11+ results to parents (after 4pm by email)
- 17th -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	98%	Bodiam	92%
Leeds	97%	Tonbridge	98%
Hever	88%	Scotney	99%
Rye	95%	Rochester	94%
Allington	93%	Canterbury	92%
Thurnham	94%	Herstmonceux	96%
Walmer	96%	Pevensey	97%

Weekly Attendance

School Target
97%

Whole School Attendance
95%

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 may be charged for the session. Please be advised that if you arrive at breakfast club and it is full we may have to decline you a space so please book early.

Applying for Any School Place – Key Information about the Kent Scheme for Y5 parents

Applications for children due to start secondary school in September 2020 opened on 1 September 2019 and 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.

ALDI get set to eat fresh challenge

Aldi are currently giving away sports stickers and you can claim 1 with every £30 spent in store. We have two sticker charts and if we can fill all 300 spaces our school will receive free sporting equipment and be entered into a draw to win 1 of 20 prizes of £20000! Our sticker charts will be outside school at morning drop off for you to add yours to our school collection (weather dependant of course), or simply hand them in to school and we'll add them to the collection! Thank You in advance for your help.

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

Cross Country Running

Well done to our runners who took part on Tuesday, they showed great determination and resilience this week. Also a massive Thank You to all the parents, carers, grandparents and siblings who came along to cheer on Coxheath Primary School, it was wonderful to see you all! The final event will take place next Monday 23rd September.

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/> Please contact the school office if you need a reminder of your Pupil ID. Children in Years R, 1 and 2 do not need to pay. If you have older children and qualify for free school meals please let the office know. 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.

House Points Total

Farleigh	477	Loose	620
Linton	312	Hunton	367

Message from the PTA

On MONDAY 23rd September at 3.30pm in the meeting room, The Parents Association is holding their AGM.

We need as many people as possible to attend because we are running short on volunteers. The more people who get involved, the easier the work is to do.

We will provide drinks and biscuits! See you then. Coxheath PTA

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.

Dogs in school

Just a little reminder that dogs are not permitted on school grounds. If you are leaving your dog outside of the school, please be considerate of our neighbours and other children.

Parking

We would like to remind parents that there is no parking available on the school site. 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.

Please be considerate of our neighbours when parking in roads around the school. Thank You for your co-operation in this matter.

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.

School Uniform

Our uniform guidelines for the whole school can be found on our website <http://www.coxheath.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=72>

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.

Volunteers

Please do contact the office if you'd like to volunteer within our school, we know that there are many Grandparents, Parents and Carers with skills that would greatly benefit the children of Coxheath school.

Secondary School Open Days/Evenings

Information regarding open days and evenings for secondary schools is available from reception. Most schools will have all the relevant information on their own website.

Communities

Staff from Loose and Coxheath Primary Schools have assembled a team to compete in the KM Charity Dragon Boat Race at Mote Park on Sunday 22nd September. They will be racing to raise money for Emilia's Little Heart Foundation and if you would like to make a donation please visit our fundraising page via the following link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/claire-webb21> There will be lots going on throughout the day, starting from 10am, and so feel free to come along and support us if you can.

Beginner2Runners have a new beginners to 5k course in Langley on Tuesday & Friday mornings at 10am. Email tellmemore@beginners2runners or visit their website