



Head of School News

Welcome back to all of our children and families after a lovely summer break. It is wonderful to see them return back with such enthusiasm and settle so very quickly.

It gives me great pleasure to introduce myself as the new Headteacher of Coxheath Primary School. Everyone has made me feel very welcome and I have thoroughly enjoyed my first week at the school. It was a real delight to welcome all the pupils back to school, they looked so smart in their new uniforms. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to the new pupils, parents and staff joining us this year.

I am looking forward to working with the whole community and continuing to build on the success of the school. We have a committed staff and wonderful children and I will be listening to the views of the pupils and parents as we move forward. Coxheath has many great strengths and the relationship between parents, staff and pupils is crucial to the success of the school.

Please don't forget to keep us informed about any concerns or compliments you have, any suggestions you feel we should consider and, of course, anything you particularly like about our school. We are always happy to hear from you.

Please do come up and introduce yourselves outside school – I will attempt to be at the gate before and after school each day. I look forward to meeting more of you in the coming weeks.

Please accept my apologies for the lack of twitter feeds this week. There have been a few technical issues which should be resolved by next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Mazza

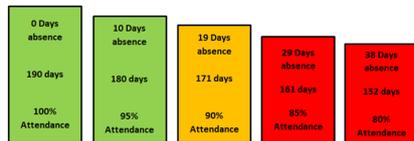
Good attendance means...



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

9th-13th Year R children stay for lunch, leave at 1pm
 12th Kent Test for Year 6
 16th Year R children to start full days
Meet the Teacher - Years 1+2 (9-10am)
Meet the Teacher - Years 3+4 (9-10am)
Meet the Teacher - Years 5+6 (9-10am)
 20th **Phonics Workshop - KS1 hall. Details to follow**
 23rd **KM First Class photo for Year R**
PTA AGM for a new chairperson, treasurer and Secretary. 3.20pm
Parent Meeting for Year trip to Swattenden - details to follow

October

3rd-4th Year 4 trip to Swattenden
 11th Harvest Service - details to follow
 17th 11+ results to parents
 18th Staff Development Day - children not in school
 21st-25th Half term break
 28th First day of Term 2

November

4th Parents Evening: 3.45pm - 6.45pm
 6th & 8th Parents tours for 2020 Year R intake
 11th Flu vaccines for Yr R - Yr 6
 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!

2020

January

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	97%	Bodiam	98%
Leeds	98%	Tonbridge	96%
Hever	99%	Scotney	95%
Rye	96%	Rochester	94%
Allington	98%	Canterbury	94%
Thurnham	92%	Herstmonceux	94%
Walmer	99%	Pevensey	100%

Weekly Attendance
School Target

97%

Whole School Attendance
96%

Year R

All children in year R are invited to bring into school a small teddy bear or soft cuddly toy on Monday 9th September. The bear which must be clearly labelled can be brought into school every day next week. This is to support our learning this term. The bears will be involved in lots of fun activities next week including storytelling, size ordering and they will even have their portraits painted by their lovely owners. We very much look forward to meeting our classes special teddies and including them in our learning.

Many thanks the Early Years Team

Volunteers

We are starting a list of volunteer helpers for this academic year. This can be anything from helping children to read, gardening, artwork and much more.

Please do contact the office, letting them know your availability, if you could be part of the volunteers of Coxheath!

Medicines

If your child needs any form of medication to be held in school, please bring it to the school office. We can then ensure our records are up to date for your child, and complete any paperwork that may be required. Please also check the expiry dates of inhalers and Epi-Pens etc.

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.

School Dinners

We advised parents at the end of the last school year that Caterlink, our hot school meal provider, were increasing the cost of a school dinner for KS2 children from £2.10 to £2.25 per day. Payment envelopes are available from reception.

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.

SENCO Appointments

Please do contact the office if you wish to make an appointment on a Tuesday to meet with Mrs Grimley. This is a new service she is offering for parent appointments each week.

House Points Total

HOUSEPOINTS WILL RETURN NEXT WEEK

Stockett Lane Parking

We are aware that Stockett Lane is very busy at school times and parking is often difficult.

A reminder that parents must NOT park in front of the car park barrier. This blocks the entrance and obstructs emergency vehicles and deliveries to the school.

If you are a blue badge holder the school office need a copy for our records to allow on-going access.

Cars are reported to the office regularly and we send all concerns on to the PCSO to address. Thank you for all parents who have been cooperating with this issue, and parking responsibly.

Walking Bus

If you would be interested in joining the Walking Bus scheme, please do let us know.

Coming in and out of school

Please can we remind you all to please use the footpaths and not to cut across the car park. 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 Expectations

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/>

Parent Council

Please contact the office if you would be interested in being your class representative this year, we still have vacancies for a majority of classes.

Please click here for more information and our terms of reference and previous meetings minutes <http://www.coxheath.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Parent+Council&pid=58> The group meet 6 times each year from 2pm on a Friday afternoon for coffee and a catch up.

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.

Sutton Valence Hockey Club Open Day will be on Sunday 8th September from 10.30am until 2pm with juniors playing from 10.30am until 11.30 with a fun session afterwards with parents. This will be a great opportunity for anyone who is interested to come along and have a go. There is no charge on the day and no obligation to join - everyone is welcome even if they have never played hockey before. Further information about the club can be found on our web site <http://www.suttonvalencehockey.com/>