



## Friday 8th September 2023

### Headteacher News

Welcome back to all our children and families after a lovely summer break. My plea on Twitter for some sunshine at the start of the holidays did work but unfortunately it arrived a little late. I do not think I can remember a time in my teaching career where we returned for a new academic year and hit record temperatures. The children have been incredible. Despite the stifling heat, it is wonderful to see them return with such enthusiasm and settle so very quickly.

I was reminded this week of just how kind and caring so many of the children are. As the children who were not sitting the 11+ were lining up to move to the hall, I overheard one of the children say that even though he was not sitting the paper, he was feeling nervous for the children who were. It was wonderful to hear the quality of compassion being modelled to others.

Our new Year R children have also settled incredibly well into their new school life as seen by many on Twitter. Starting school is a precious milestone and we want them and you to have special memories. We also hope our year 6 children who have moved onto their secondary school have enjoyed their first week. Both my girls have started year 7 and all I hear is just how great the food is! I mean, who doesn't want chicken wings at break time!

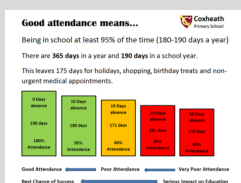
The children returned to a whole school topic based on the book In My Heart. In My Heart, feelings and emotions such as happiness, sadness, bravery, anger, shyness and more are explored. The children produced some fabulous work and shared mature thoughts and comments throughout the week. Look out for our wonderful new displays celebrating their learning.

We truly value our relationship with parents and the importance of working with you. Please don't forget to keep us informed about any concerns 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.

We have of course relaxed uniform expectations this week. We are expected to return to normal temperatures next week and with children expected to return to normal uniform expectations. The strong community ethos of the school is reinforced by the school uniform we ask the children to wear. Your support is very much appreciated, and we would ask that all parents ensure that children come to school dressed appropriately, without nail varnish and with only plain stud earrings and watches for jewellery. Please could we also ask that children do not come to school with large bows in their hair as this is not part of the school uniform.

I am looking forward to another successful year for your child, for you and the whole school community. Have a lovely weekend filled with sunshine and barbeques!

Giacomo Mazza  
Head Teacher



### Dates

Please see dates and times below

Events for parents are identified in red.

PTA events are identified in purple.

### Academic Year 2022-2023

#### Term 1 - 2023

11 Sep - All Yr R children in school 8.35 - 1.15pm (stay for lunch)  
11 Sep - Year 2 Meet the Teacher 3.20 - 3.45pm  
12 Sep - Year 1 Meet the Teacher 3.30 - 3.45pm  
13 Sep - Year 5 Meet the Teacher 3.30 - 3.45pm  
14 Sep - Parent Council Meeting 2.00 - 3.00 pm  
14 Sep - Year 6 meet the Teacher 3.30 - 3.45pm  
15 Sep - Rochester additional Meet the teacher  
18 Sep - All Yr R children in school full time 8.35am - 3.10pm  
03 Oct - Tonbridge Class Assembly  
06 Oct - Yr R Online Phonics Workshop for Parents  
10 Oct - Scotney Class Assembly  
12 Oct - Individual and sibling photographs  
17 Oct - Parents Evening 4.30 - 7.00pm  
19 Oct - Parents Evening 3.45 - 6.15pm  
19 Oct - Last day of Term  
20 Oct - Inset Day

#### Term 2—2023

30 Oct - First Day of Term  
31 Oct - Year 4 trip to Horton Kirby  
01 Nov - New Parent Tours 9.30-10.30am and 1.30-2.30pm  
02 Nov - New Parent Tours 9.30-10.30am and 1.30-2.30pm  
03 Nov - New Parent Tours 9.30-10.30am and 1.30-2.30pm  
14 Nov - Bodiam Class Assembly  
21 Nov - Whole School Flu Immunisation  
28 Nov - Walmer Class Assembly  
08 Dec - Thank you party for volunteers  
15 Dec - Last day of Term. Open afternoon 2.30pm

### Contact Us

[casc@coxheath.kent.sch.uk](mailto:casc@coxheath.kent.sch.uk) - please use this email address for **ALL** extended services bookings/queries/requests etc. Please do not email the office with these.  
[attendance@coxheath.kent.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@coxheath.kent.sch.uk) - please use this email for all absence and related matters including illness and hospital appointments and holiday notifications.

[office@coxheath.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@coxheath.kent.sch.uk) - use this for all other emails and urgent matters.

### Gate times

Please be reminded, the school gate will be opening at 8.35am and closing at 8.45am each morning.

### Appointments

Please be reminded that if your child has an appointment in the morning, which results in them being late into school, you need to inform the school office. Please also advise if your child will be needing a school dinner.

### Volunteering in school

If you would like to volunteer in school, we would be very grateful for your help. In order to volunteer in school, you must have a current DBS certificate (arranged by the school) and you need to attend a Volunteers Safeguarding meeting. Please contact the school office if you are interested and they will pass your information on to Mrs Fitzgerald.



### Weekly Attendance

Dover	100.00%	Leeds	96.08%
Hever	91.08%	Rye	97.00%
Allington	99.33%	Thurnham	95.00%
Walmer	98.62%	Bodiam	96.32%
Tonbridge	93.23%	Scotney	99.38%
Rochester	94.38%	Canterbury	96.25%
Herstmonceux	98.39%	Pevensey	96.20%

**School Target**  
**97%**  
**Whole School Attendance**  
**96.44%**

### Ukulele music lessons

If your child has private ukulele and guitar lessons with Time for Music, these will be starting up week commencing 11/09/23.

### Gymnastics

After school Gymnastic club starts again week commencing 11/09/23.

### Irish Dance Class

Fridays 5.15 - 6.15pm starting 08/09/23. For more information, email; [arthursmasonirishdancecompany@gmail.com](mailto:arthursmasonirishdancecompany@gmail.com)

### Wildcats

**Stones In The Community (Stones ITC)** are encouraging Girls from Ages 5 to 11 to come along to the Gallagher Stadium each Monday from 5.30pm to 6.30pm to enjoy sport and get involved in football. Known as **Wildcats**, it encourages girls to get involved with their friends. This scheme is being run by **Stones ITC** in conjunction with **Maidstone United Women's and Girls FC**.

### Message from Kent Family Hub Services: Consultation on new Family Hub Services in Kent

You may have taken part in our previous Community Services Consultation about what Children's Centres and Youth Hub buildings we keep. Now we need to hear your views on what services you need as we develop Family Hub Services. We are seeking residents' views in an 8-week consultation closing on 13 September 2023. For full information and to tell us what you think about our proposals visit : [www.kent.gov.uk/familyhubservices](http://www.kent.gov.uk/familyhubservices)



## Congratulations to everyone who received their certificate today!



Dover	-	Leeds	-
Hever	Daisy	Rye	Louie
Allington	Jude	Thurnham	Elivey-Rose
Walmer	Albi-Dean	Bodiam	Lenny
Tonbridge	Oliver	Scotney	Thrikshan
Rochester	Thomas	Canterbury	Jemima
Pevensey	Daniel	Herstmonceux	Marley-Raye

### Helping your Child with Fears and Worries

Tuesday 12th, 19th, 26th September, 3rd, 17th October and 13th November. 10am - 12pm.

Please see email sent 06/07/23 with all attachments for the above.

### Kent Adult Education

Please see poster below about an upcoming Kent adult education English as a second language course. Contact [greenfieldsc@kent.gov.uk](mailto:greenfieldsc@kent.gov.uk) to book on.

Adult Education have released their new set of parenting courses for September. Please see poster below. The new Family Learning Online courses have been released on their website.

Please find attached a list of all online courses starting in September – October. They are also offering a Maths course which is starting in November and this is also listed here.

<https://kentadulthoodeducation.co.uk/>



### Mid Kent Mind

Please see below posters from Mid Kent Mind who are offering courses and drop ins to parents and young people on how to help them cope with anxiety and stress.

