

# Coxheath Primary School Newsletter Friday 06th October 2023



#### **Headteacher News**

It is hard to believe we are approaching the end of our first term. It is easy to forget that it's October with temperatures predicted to reach 26 degrees this weekend. Even harder to believe is that next month we will be showing prospective parents around for our 2024 intake!

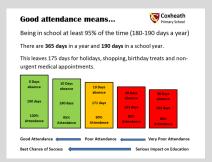
The curriculum continues to sit at the heart of everything we do here at Coxheath. We are incredibly lucky to have such a talented group of teachers/ leaders who strive to provide the very best education for your children. Our specialist teachers in art, dance, sport and music ensure children have access to the very best learning opportunities and it's clear from speaking to the children how much they enjoy it.

There will of course be a chance to see the high quality learning your child has produced in our upcoming parent/ carer evenings at the end of this term but please continue to ask your child what they have been learning in class.

As a trust, we have the benefit of working across all of our schools to share ideas as well as support and develop each other. However, we also look to work outside of trust with other professionals to support our curriculum development. This week, Mary Priestly, a senior school improvement advisor joined the leaders at Coxheath to help evaluate the impact of all of the work we have been doing on our curriculum, with a particular focus on reading and science. Although we would consider these curriculum areas to be a developing strength of the school, we are continually looking at ways we can make things better. Like many visitors to the school, she very quickly recognised excellent behaviour the positive attitudes to learning. She wanted to know how we had developed that culture within the school. Although there are many factors that contribute to this, essentially, we believe that children understand and live our school values, particularly those of respect and excellence. We will continue to embed these values throughout their time at Coxheath Primary so they develop into well-rounded pupils that contribute positively to society.

Well done to all the children in Tonbridge Class for their fantastic assembly this week. Unfortunately, I missed it but I was reliably informed that the children performed brilliantly and with great confidence. Thank you to Mrs Lonergan and all the staff for their hard work throughout this term, to ensure that the children in Tonbridge Class have the best possible learning opportunities.

#### Giacomo Mazza Headteacher



## Dates

Please see dates and times below Events for parents are identified in red. PTA events are identified in purple.

#### Academic Year 2022-2023

#### <u>Term 1 - 2023</u>

09 Oct - Year R Biscuit Bear Bake Off and after School biscuit sale

10 Oct - Scotney Class Assembly

11 Oct - Harvest Festival Assembly

12 Oct - Individual and sibling photographs

13 Oct - Safeguarding meeting for volunteers

13 Oct - School Disco Y R,1&2 3.30-4.30pm (KS1 hall) Y3&4 3.30-4.45pm / Y5&6 5.00-6.15pm (KS2 hall)

17 Oct - Parents Evening 4.30 - 7.00pm

19 Oct - Parents Evening 3.45 - 6.35pm

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, 1.30-2.30pm and 6.00-7.00pm

03 Nov - New Parent Tours 10.00-11.00am and 1.30-2.30pm

09 Nov - Parent Council Meeting 2.00 - 3.00pm

16 Nov - Bodiam Assembly

21 Nov - Whole School Flu Immunisation

29 Nov - Year 5 Trip to The Observatory Science Centre

30 Nov - Walmer Assembly

08 Dec - Thank you party for volunteers

15 Dec - Last day of Term. Open afternoon 2.30pm

#### Term 3 - 2024

02 Jan - Trust INSET day

03 Jan - First day of term for children

15 Jan - Young Voices

16 Jan - Thurnham Class Assembly

30 Jan - Allington Class Assembly

06 Feb - Parents Evening 4.30-7.00pm

08 Feb - Parents Evening 3.45-6.15pm

09 Feb - Last day of term

#### **Contact Us**

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 - please use this email for all absence and related matters including illness and hospital appointments and holiday notifications.

office@coxheath.kent.sch.uk - use this for all other emails and urgent matters.

#### Gate times

Please be reminded, the school gate will open from 8.35am and close at 8.45am each morning.

#### Thank you!

A massive thank you to Kris Capeling for donating some hacksaws and bench hooks for DT. Lots of year groups will benefit from this very kind donation.





#### Weekly Attendance

Dover	92.00%	Leeds	96.98%
Hever	96.99%`	Rye	93.62%
Allington	97.67%	Thurnham	96.32%
Walmer	98.00%	Bodiam	97.67%
Tonbridge	98.71%	Scotney	95.00%
Rochester	95.63%	Canterbury	95.94%
Herstmonceux	90.45%	Pevensey	89.38%

**School Target** 97% **Whole School Attendance** 95.28%

#### Clubs on the 17th October

There will be no choir or gardening club on the 17th October due to parents evening.

#### <u>Volunteering in school</u>

If you would like to volunteer in school this year by supporting with reading, going on school trips, visits to the library etc. you need to have a DBS certificate completed by the school and you also need to attend a short Safeguarding meeting lead by Mrs Evenden. Our next Safeguarding meeting is on Friday 13th October at 2.30pm.

#### Come and Sing!

Come and Sing! Day on Monday 23rd October 10am 3.30pm at Highworth Grammar School, Ashford. Whether you're a seasoned singer or new to group singing, this day is all about having fun and exploring the power of your voice in a relaxed atmosphere. Led by the talented Daniel Moulton, a highly experienced singing teacher, the day will feature warm-ups and a variety of songs in unison and in parts. No prior group singing experience is required - just Come & Sing! It's a perfect opportunity to make music with like-minded friends. Age: 8 – 14 years Fee: £15 – Financial Assistance is available upon meeting criteria. Details to be found on the Kent Music website https://www.kent-music.com/events/come-and-sing/

Recently, we have noticed that many children have missed PE lessons due to not

having their kit in school or they have a note from



parents to say they are unwell. PE is a statutory part of the National Curriculum which children must complete. As with all other subjects, if a child is well enough to be in school, they must take part in the PE lessons. Similarly, if your child is well enough to go out to play then they are well enough to do PE. Please avoid

writing notes in the learning journal excusing your child from PE. Please note that if a PE kit is left at home, we have washed second

available that the children will be asked to wear along with foot-

For health and safety reasons, children should not wear hoodies for PE. Ideally, please provide your child with a sweatshirt for the colder months.

Please remember that earrings are not permitted when children are partaking in PE lessons. ALL earrings MUST be removed before school if your child is unable to remove them themselves. Tape to cover the earrings is not permitted, as the earing could still cause harm to the wearer or the other participants in the lesson.

### **House Points Total**

Farleigh	455	Loose	507
Linton	290	Hunton	399

**Learner of the Week** Congratulations to everyone who received their certificate today!



Dover	-	Leeds	-
Hever	Milana	Rye	-
Allington	Verity	Thurnham	Joshua
Walmer	Oliver	Bodiam	Alex
Tonbridge	Emily	Scotney	Arabella
Rochester	Eva	Canterbury	Osca
Pevensey	Sophie	Herstmonceux	Seth

#### Coxheath Harest Festival

Please bring in any donations for the Harvest festival on Monday and Tuesday ready for the service on Wednesday 11th October.





### **Coxheath Preschool**

See posters with information for

Coxheath Preschool. There is a Quiz night on Saturday 14th October and

Halloween disco on Wednesday 25th October.



#### Mega Camps

Please see FREE VIP DAY PASS for Mega

Camps. The voucher expires: 25/10/2023.

Voucher Code: CPS001. This can also be found on the school website.

#### **Macmillan Cancer Support**

One of the parents at the school is going to 'Brave the Shave' for charity. Please see the poster on how you can sponsor. The poster will also be on the school website under community news.



