



### Headteacher News

Today marks National Teaching Assistant Day. An opportunity to recognise and celebrate the vital work teaching assistants do to support children's education and wellbeing. I know at Coxheath Primary, we are incredibly lucky to have such talented, skilled members of staff working with our children. I often think their title does not in any way reflect their actual role within school. Like teachers, they are leaders of learning and have a significant impact on the progress children make within school. I am sure you will join me in thanking all of our wonderful teaching assistants for everything they do.

I would also like to extend a huge thank you to our wonderful parents. This morning, our year 5 children were expertly trained in emergency first aid by Mr and Mrs Tunnicliffe. Although we hope they will never need to use it, we believe it is important to equip children with a vital knowledge base for dealing with any medical emergencies they may unexpectedly need to face. We would like to extend this to other year groups within the school throughout the year. Thank you for giving your time so generously.

Thank you to Rye class parents who have kindly donated £120 to purchase additional reading books for the children in the class. We are very grateful for the kind donation and will get those books ordered for the children to start to enjoy.

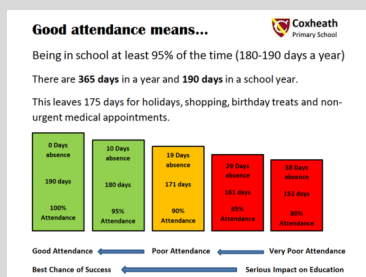
We hope that 4 weeks into the new term the children are starting to adjust to their new routines. A gentle reminder that our gate opens at 8:35 and close promptly at 8:45. We appreciate that on the odd occasion children may be late to school. I know that mornings can be incredibly stressful and things don't always go to plan! However, in our attendance meeting today, we noticed there are an increasing number of children arriving after the register closes at 9:00am. Please note that this is recorded as an unauthorised absence and 10 late sessions will result in a penalty notice being issued. Missing the start of a lesson impacts negatively on your child's learning but also the rest of the class as the teacher/teaching assistant has to reteach part of the lesson that they have missed.

Today you will have received an email regarding keeping your children safe out of school. I would encourage you to access the link on the letter to support conversations around this with your child.

A reminder that our parent governor election closes next Friday and would ask that you take the time to vote.

Have a great weekend,

Giacomo Mazza



### 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**

- 03 Oct - Tonbridge Class Assembly
- 06 Oct - Yr R Online Phonics Workshop for Parents
- 09 Oct - Year R Biscuit Bear Bake Off and after school biscuit sale
- 10 Oct - Scotney Class Assembly
- 12 Oct - Individual and sibling photographs
- 13 Oct - Safeguarding meeting for volunteers
- 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, 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 - Bodiham Assembly
- 20 Nov - Bikeability starts. Days to be confirmed.
- 21 Nov - Whole School Flu Immunisation
- 29 Nov - Year 5 trip Herstmonceux Science Observatory
- 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](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.



### Weekly Attendance

Dover	97.67%	Leeds	97.33%
Hever	97.00%	Rye	98.33%
Allington	89.67%	Thurnham	92.00%
Walmer	92.33%	Bodiam	96.00%
Tonbridge	87.42%	Scotney	92.19%
Rochester	92.81%	Canterbury	90.63%
Herstmonceux	91.94%	Pevensey	82.71%

**School Target**  
97%  
**Whole School Attendance**  
92.07%

### Eco tip

Don't forget to turn off sockets and lights. It is a great habit to get into, as it can also help to prevent fires caused by old/unsafe appliances.



### Reminders for Parents and Carers

#### Scooters

Please reminded that all children should dismount from their scooters when entering the school site. They are not to be ridden in the school grounds.

#### Gate times

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

#### Emailing into school

We are still receiving emails in to the school without child's full name and class. Please can you include this information.

#### Children's belongings

Please can you ensure that children bring in all their belongings with them in the mornings, including water bottles, PE bags etc. so not to disrupt class teaching.

#### Volunteering in school

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 13<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm.



#### Wild Cats Girls Football

Please see poster with information for girls football at the Gallagher Stadium.

### House Points Total

Farleigh	374	Loose	293
Linton	291	Hunton	365

### Learner of the Week

**Congratulations to everyone who received their certificate today!**



Dover	-	Leeds	-
Hever	Jay	Rye	Bethany
Allington	Eesa	Thurnham	Teddy
Walmer	Samaa	Bodiam	Bonnie
Tonbridge	Isabelle	Scotney	Persephone
Rochester	Summer	Canterbury	Charlotte
Pevensey	Elsie	Herstmonceux	Emily

### Coffee, Cake and Craft Fair

Please see poster advertising an upcoming fair in Coxheath Village hall.



### Swimming Course

Please see poster for more information on a 10 week swim course held at Boughton Monchelsea Primary School. Information can also be found on the Coxheath website.

### Well-being Junior Group

Please see poster advertising a free group based in Maidstone every Tuesday 4.30 - 6.00pm. For more information email [Michael.Porter@kent.gov.uk](mailto:Michael.Porter@kent.gov.uk) or call 01622 755044.

