

# **Coxheath Primary School Newsletter** Friday 13th October 2023



#### **Headteacher News**

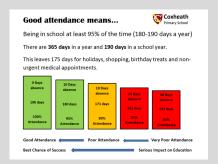
This week, children in year 6 have been eagerly awaiting the announcement of the all-important year 6 leadership roles. A huge well done to Kallie and Daniel, our new head boy and head girl. I have to say that I don't think I have ever seen such a strong group of young people putting themselves forward for the role. The decision was certainly not an easy one and required the support of the school council to vote and help us make the decision. I fully appreciate that those who were not chosen for the role will be disappointed but wanted to reiterate just how amazing they were and any one of them would have performed brilliantly. Other pupils in year 6 have also been stepping up to fill other important leadership roles from prefects, wellbeing ambassadors, house captains, sports leaders and peer mediators. I am sure they will all be excellent role models and we look forward to working with them this year.

This week we celebrated our Harvest Festival. The hall was filled with the wonderful sound of the children singing which certainly put a big smile on all of our faces. Thank you to everyone who brought in harvest donations this week. The food was donated to the Salvation Army who provide comfort and support for the homeless and give them the opportunity for a brighter future. They were incredibly grateful for the generous donations as they informed us that they have been spending £1000 a month on buying food to offer out as part of their foodbank. It is clear that the cost of living is impacting on so many and it is wonderful that we can play a small part in the support they offer. If you have any additional or surplus food items, please bring them into school and drop them off in the donation box just inside the green gate. We will ensure that once we have enough, it is taken to various charities that offer foodbanks to help those less fortunate. Thank you to Reverend Lorna who helped share the important message of sharing and looking after each other.

Well done to Scotney Class for their class assembly this week. I watched the first part and was impressed by both their confidence and ability to remember the actions for the Roman numeral song! I know my hands would have been tied up in knots had I attempted it! Thank you to Miss Ryan and all the staff in Scotney class for all their hard work this term and ensuring children have access to the very best learning op-

A reminder that we have parents' evenings next week. If you haven't already booked a slot, please can I encourage you to do this by Sunday as this is when the online system will close. If you are having trouble booking a slot, please contact Sally on the front desk who will be more than happy to help. Have a great weekend and enjoy autumn as it looks like it has finally arrived!

Giacomo Mazza Headteacher



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>

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

25 Nov - PTA Festive Fayre

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

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#### Extended services

Please ensure that all outstanding balances for extended services are cleared before the end of term 1.

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

### Clubs on the 17th October

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

Please remember to send your child in with a coat now that the weather is wetter and colder.





#### Weekly Attendance

Dover	100%	Leeds	99.00%
Hever	92.67%	Rye	98.00%
Allington	97.33%	Thurnham	95.33%
Walmer	94.33%	Bodiam	96.00%
Tonbridge	98.06%	Scotney	98.44%
Rochester	97.50%	Canterbury	94.69%
Herstmonceux	96.56%	Pevensey	99.03%

### **School Target Whole School Attendance** 96.93%

#### Football tournament

On Monday 9th October Coxheath were invited to partake



in a Maidstone Schools Football tournament. The Day consisted of a 5 game league where Coxheath were undefeated and came top of their league with an impressive 4 wins and 1

It then went to the knock out stages where once again

Coxheath beat a well-matched Westborough 1-0. We continued through to the quarter finals where it was inevitable, we faced another Trust school, Loose Primary School. Last year, Loose caused us upset by knocking us out at the same point in the competition. Coxheath had a lot to play for and that they did. Coxheath won 1 - 0 to gain a place in the semi-final against last year's winners Discovery School.

After a tense 8min match with neither school scoring, it went to extra time. Another 4 minutes of excellent football then led us to having to settle the match on penalties. The boys did amazingly but after 9 penalties a piece, Discovery School finally scored the winning penalty.

The day was excellent and the children were brilliant where they represented the school to its best. A huge well done to all the boys involved, Mr Corcoran and Mr Flisher are very proud of the team.

### Eco tip of the week

Have you ever thought about experimenting with growing your own fruit from the seeds from your snack. Why not give it a go?

### Weatherproof box

At Coxheath we are always very grateful for the support you provide and this includes the many items that we ask you to donate throughout the year. After half term you will notice a weatherproof box situated near to the gates. This box is designed to create an easy drop-off point throughout the year for you. We are always asking for glossy magazines, wool and other yarns/ ribbons amongst the many other random requests at various points in the year.

Teachers will send out requests along with information



on our newsletter of items we are asking for. However, if you are having a clear out, this box means you can drop off items when it suits you. Many thanks for your support.

## House Points Total Week

Learner of the

Farleigh	400	Loose	444
Linton	269	Hunton	261

Congratulations to everyone who received their certificate today!



Dover	-	Leeds	-
Hever	Arthur	Rye	Joseph / Henry
Allington	Pashey	Thurnham	Hettie
Walmer	Lilly-Mae	Bodiam	Blake
Tonbridge	Jenna	Scotney	Lewis
Rochester	Jake	Canterbury	Oliver
Pevensey	Lexie	Herstmonceux	Amelia

#### PTA Festive Fayre- Save the date

On Saturday 25th November we would like you to join us our 'Festive Fayre' from 11am-2pm. There will be raffles, face painting, outside traders, food and drink, festive themed games, a teddy tombola, special performances from the school choir and Stage Coach and let's not forget Santa will be in his grotto. More details will follow. Please save the date and support our lovely school.

If you are available to help us for part of the fayre or if you are a business owner and would like to sell your products, please let us know.

We are also looking for someone who may like to be Santa, please contact the school office or PTA if you can help or know of anyone that can.

#### **Reception Class**

As part of this term's learning we are excited to announce that the children will be performing the story of 'The Bear Hunt' to parents and carers from 2:45pm on Wednesday 18th October. This performance will last for approximately 5 - 10 minutes and will take place on the KS1

playground. For our working parents and families unable to attend we will endeavour to add the performance to Twitter for you to view.

The children have been working incredibly hard, learning the words and formulating the actions to this much-loved children's story book and we hope to see as many of you there as possible.

#### Korfball

Please see poster with information with free taster sessions for Korfball.

Korfball is the world's only mixed gender team sport, which promotes equality and fair play in a way no other sport does. Korfball has skills similar to basketball, handball and netball.

#### **Online Parent Workshop**

Just a reminder that the Emotional

Wellbeing/Support Team will by facilitating an online parent workshop on Monday 16th October 12.30-2.30pm on Understanding Sleep and Autism. Please see the workshop poster, which includes the Teams link and joining information. This can also be found on the school website.