



Headteacher News

Less than a month until Christmas! Despite the many restrictions that we all continue to face, the Christmas spirit will continue to spread throughout Coxheath Primary. We are still planning on having our Christmas lunch and we are currently looking at ways we can organise this so the children don't miss out.

Year R are in full swing practising their nativity and when we have finalised how this will be shared with parents, we will let you know.

A huge well done to all the children self-isolating and completing their online learning. The teachers have been incredibly impressed with your enthusiasm and dedication to continue your learning at home. If you haven't yet accessed the learning, please can I give you a little reminder that you do need to do this as you really don't want to miss any more learning.

Thank you for your kind donations this morning for our non-uniform day. So far we have raised a fantastic £330 from the non-uniform/children's raffle day. Like many charities, the lack of fundraising has impacted negatively on the funds the PTFA have been able to raise this year. All money that is raised goes directly back into the school to benefit the children. In the past, PTFA funds have contributed to new playground equipment, reading books and class iPads. All these things are hugely beneficial to the children. Our PTFA Christmas Raffle has opened today. Tickets are only £1 each and in these challenging times we appreciate your support more than ever. We have some fabulous prizes donated by local businesses and we are so thankful to them. Please go to <https://raffall.com/148205/enter-raffle-to-win-coxheath-ptfa-christmas-raffle-hosted-by-coxheath-primary-school> to buy your tickets and support the school. If you are able to join the PTFA and offer even an hour of your time, then please contact the school. Please follow the PTFA on Facebook for updates, search for 'Coxheath PTA.'

Finally, thank you to all the parents who have sent the lovely messages thanking the teachers for their work during this time. These are genuinely appreciated and are certainly a wonderful boost to lift everyone's spirits.

Have a great weekend.

Giacomo Mazza

Headteacher

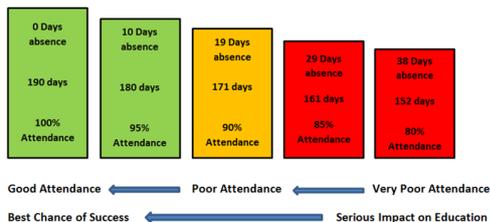
Good attendance means...



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.



Dates

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



Academic Year 2020-2021

Term 2

16 Dec - Christmas lunch, details to follow
18 Dec - Last day of term

Term 3

04 Jan - Staff development day. Children not in school.
05 Jan - First day of term
14 Jan - Deadline for Primary Admissions applications for Year R 2021

All dates are subject to change depending on Government and Department of Education guidelines.

Children in Self Isolation

Year 1 and Year 6 children should be self isolating as per the communication sent out to parents and carers. However, it is worrying that there have been a number of children sighted out in public when they should be at home. For further information on what to do when told to self isolate please see the following guidance <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

Absence

Please can we remind parents that you must call the school office no later than 9am if your child is going to be absent from school. Please ensure you state your child's name, class and reason for absence. This is incredibly important due to the current Covid-19 restrictions in place.

There is an absence line available to leave a message should you wish to use it. Please 'press 1 for attendance' on the system options. Using this will save us making any unnecessary calls to parents to find out why children are not in school. Thank you.

Childrens Safety

Please Note: Children are not allowed to play on any of the outdoor equipment, climbing frames, playgrounds or outdoor resources at any time before or after school. This is to avoid cross contamination of bubbles.

Thank You. Mrs Evenden

Sickness and Diarrhoea

If your child has sickness or diarrhoea they must not return to school for 48 hours after their last episode. For NHS advice on treatment for diarrhoea and vomiting, please visit the NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/diarrhoea-and-vomiting/>

Returning to school after absence

If your child has been off school for any reason, they should come to the school office front door for a temperature check on their return to school. Thank you.

Collecting children from school

For safety reasons we would like to remind parents of the importance of collecting children on time. We have a number of children who are regularly not collected on time. When parents and carers are late collecting, this means the children have to wait in the reception lobby. We cannot always keep children within their year/family bubble if they are not collected from the classroom on time. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.



Weekly Attendance

Dover	93.91%	Leeds	88.39%
Hever	n/a	Rye	n/a
Allington	80.67%	Thurnham	91.03%
Walmer	93.10%	Bodiam	96.85%
Tonbridge	87.50%	Scotney	88.13%
Rochester	86.24%	Canterbury	97.74%
Herstmonceux	89.13%	Pevensey	79.07%

School Target
97%

Whole School Attendance
89.31%

Remote Learning Safety

With some year groups and individuals working remotely from home, now seems like a good time to send a reminder about how to keep your child safe online. The device the children are using to work from, especially when connected to the internet, should be within sight of a grown up. It is recommended that it should ideally be somewhere central in the home so you can see easily what they are doing. They should use the sites they have been directed to by their teacher and if they need to do some independent research, they should use trusted sites such as <https://primarieschoolict.com/> Finally, they should remember that any comments they add to either Google Classroom or Purple Mash should be appropriate and helpful. Thank you all for your hard work and efforts to make remote learning a success for your child.

Mrs Webber Online DSL

School dinners

You are now able to book school dinners online through your ParentPay account. Please be aware there is a cut off time on Sunday for booking meals for the week. Please do not worry if you cannot book after the cut off time, your child can still ask for a hot lunch on the day if required. If you have not yet activated your ParentPay account please do so as soon as possible and settle any outstanding debt. Instructions for parents can be found here https://www.parentpay.com/DOCH/school-support/index.html?page_id=77.html

If you have any further issues please contact the school office and we will do our best to assist you. Thank you.

IMPORTANT - Nut Allergies in School

We would like to remind all parents that we are a nut free school. There are a number of children at the school who suffer from severe nut allergies, which in some cases could be fatal. Please do not send in food items that contain nuts in your child's packed lunch. **This includes snacks, cereal bars, Nutella, Kinder Bueno bars and peanut butter in sandwiches.** Please check the ingredients list if you are unsure. Many thanks for your help.

PTFA News!

Christmas raffle

Our Christmas raffle is now live click [here](#) to enter. The raffle will be drawn on 16th December at 4pm.

PTFA Committee

Please contact us at ptfa@coxheath.kent.sch.uk if you would consider taking on a role on the committee.

Shopping Online??

If you shop via the easy Fundraising page the PTA could receive a small donation every time you shop at no additional cost to you. Please sign up using this link <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/coxheathptfa/?invite=ykroze&referral-campaign=s2s>

House Points Total

Farleigh	144	Loose	210
Linton	148	Hunton	149

Primary Admissions for 2021

If you have a child born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017, primary admission applications for your child to join Year R 2021 are now open. You can apply online at kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions and applications must be submitted before 15th January 2021. National offer day is 16th April 2021 and offers are sent by email after 4pm.

Cold Weather

Please make sure that your child has a coat in school every day. We like to be outdoors as much as possible regardless of the weather conditions. An extra layer such as jogging bottoms and sweatshirt is useful for P.E lessons too. Many thanks.

Learners of the Week

Congratulations to the children who received their achievement certificates in our virtual assembly this week. Well done to them for all their hard work and effort!



Dover	Coming soon	Leeds	Coming soon
Hever	Back soon	Rye	Back soon
Allington	Wesly	Thurnham	Reece
Walmer	Frankie	Bodiam	Tom
Tonbridge	Rubie-Mai	Scotney	Amelia
Rochester	William	Canterbury	Bobby
Herstmonceux	Back soon	Pevensey	Back soon

Bags in school

During this lockdown period we ask that children do not bring large bags and rucksacks into school, this is to prevent cross contamination. Small bags or zip folders with essential items only to be brought in please. Please make sure a water bottle is brought in every day, children can refill them throughout the day if needed. Thank you.

Extended Services

All places for Breakfast and After School club must be booked in advance to ensure the correct social distancing measures are in place. If you do not book your child in we may have to refuse entry. Please email casc@coxheath.kent.sch.uk by 1pm to book your child in for the following day, or at any time if you need any additional information. Payments should be made via the Scopay system. If you have any outstanding debt, please settle this by the end of this term. Thank You.

Medicines in school

We can only administer medicines in school that are issued on prescription, they must have the dispensing label detailing the child's name and dosing instructions. We cannot give any medications without correct parental permission paperwork and pharmacy labelling. Forms are available online <http://www.coxheath.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Forms&pid=53> Please bring all medicines to the school office.

Eco tips of the week

- * Recycle your inkjet cartridges in our Eco Council class competition to win extra Golden Time for the class!
- * Separate and sort your household rubbish, food waste and recycling. Details of what goes in each bin can be found here <https://maidstone.gov.uk/home/primary-services/bins-and-recycling/additional-areas/what-can-i-put-in-my-bin>

