



## Friday 03rd November 2023

### Headteacher News

We have had the pleasure of welcoming a large number of families to our school this week as they consider schools for their children. All parents were incredibly impressed with how the children conducted themselves, their behaviour for learning and generally how happy our children are. We are unbelievably proud of our school and all of our children and it is a pleasure to share with our community just what a wonderful place Coxheath Primary School is.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to Ann Read who has been working with representatives from both Kent County Council and the Parish council to improve the safety of the road crossing outside of the school. It is evident that KCC are unable to appoint a new road crossing patrol for Coxheath Primary School. The number of vacancies across Kent suggests that this is a problem many schools are facing.

With this in mind, Ann has worked hard to look at alternative options to help improve the current situation. I am delighted that all of her hard work and persistence has resulted in KCC agreeing to install bollards on the corner of Hanover (opposite the crossing). This will stop cars and other vehicles mounting the pavement during the busy times when cars are trying to pass each other. In addition to the bollards, they also plan to improve the signage to notify anyone using the road that they are approaching the school and also reposition some of the existing signage to make this more visible. Finally, they plan to also remind drivers to SLOW down with this being painted on the road.

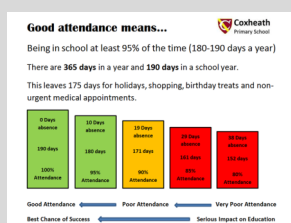
Thank you also to Simon Webb and members of the Parish council for their support with making these changes to make it a safer for our children. The work is scheduled to start in the Spring.

We will shortly be installing a new Coxheath Primary School sign. The current sign is barely visible from the main road due to the height of the hedges. Ideally, the hedge needs to be trimmed so everyone can see it. If anyone has the tools or is willing to join a small working party, please let us know, as we would be grateful for any offer of help.

Well done to Mrs Mercanton and the Eco council. The school has been awarded the international Eco Council award for their work on protecting the environment. They have been involved in various projects from water saving to litter picking both in school and out in the local community. They have worked hard to achieve the award and I am sure you will join me in saying a huge well done and thank you to them all.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy any fireworks displays that you may be attending.

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

##### Term 2—2023

06 Nov - Photographer in school  
09 Nov - Parent Council Meeting 2.00 - 3.00pm  
13 Nov - Odd Socks Day for anti-bullying week  
16 Nov - 21st Nov Book Fair in school  
16 Nov - Bodiam Assembly  
21 Nov - Whole School Flu Immunisation  
25 Nov - PTA Festive Fayre  
20 Nov - Year 6 Bikeability begins  
29 Nov - Year 5 Trip to The Observatory Science Centre  
30 Nov - Walmer Assembly  
04 Dec - Yr R Nativity dress rehearsal to KS1 9.30am  
05 Dec - Yr R Nativity to parents and siblings 9.30am  
06 Dec - Yr R nativity to KS2 9.30am  
07 Dec - Yr R Nativity to parents (no siblings) 2.00pm  
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.

##### Gate times

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

##### Parking

Please could we ask that parents not do not stop or park on the yellow lines outside the barrier as it blocks the school entrance for other vehicles and is a danger.

##### Coats

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



### Weekly Attendance

Dover	94.00%	Leeds	88.67%
Hever	94.67%	Rye	93.67%
Allington	94.00%	Thurnham	93.00%
Walmer	91.00%	Bodiam	88.67%
Tonbridge	95.81%	Scotney	96.88%
Rochester	91.56%	Canterbury	91.94%
Herstmonceux	90.94%	Pevensey	94.19%

**School Target**  
97%

**Whole School Attendance**  
92.79%

### School Disco

A huge thank you to all the volunteers we had at the school disco. An incredible £2060.60 was raised.

### Emails

Please make sure that you use the correct email address to ensure that your message gets to the relevant department. Email addresses for the office, attendance and out of school club can always be found on the Newsletter under term dates.

### Reporting Absence - Message from Mrs Head

A reminder that all absence must be reported to the school as soon as possible.

If your child is unwell, please contact the attendance officer either by telephone or using the email [attendance@coxheath.kent.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@coxheath.kent.sch.uk). If the attendance number is not answered please leave a message on the answerphone which is checked every day. Please remember to give your child's name, class and a brief description of the reason for absence. You need to contact the school every day your child is absent unless they have sickness or diarrhoea which is 48 hours absence, or if they have a childhood complaint for example chicken pox, where they will not be in for a number of days.

If your child has an appointment, please let us know in advance if possible of the date of the appointment along with a copy of a letter or screen shot of text message wherever possible.

If you have not contacted us, you will receive a parent text as a reminder followed by a telephone call. If no contact is made absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

More than 10 unauthorised absences may result in a Penalty Notice being issued.

### Clubs

Please note, if you sign your child up to a club, as specified on the Microsoft form, you will only get an email if your child **has** got a space. If your child no longer wants to continue going to a club, please let the office know as soon as possible so that we can offer it to another child.

### Poppies

Poppies are still available to buy on reception and the gate.

Snapbands - £1.50

Rubber bracelets - £1.00

Zip pulls - £1.00

Poppy reflectors - £1.00

Paper poppies - any donations

### House Points Total

Farleigh	201	Loose	203
Linton	158	Hunton	135

### Learner of the Week

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



Dover	-	Leeds	-
Hever	Erin	Rye	Ashlyn
Allington	Erin	Thurnham	Amelia
Walmer	Rudy	Bodiam	Jax
Tonbridge	Xavier	Scotney	Isla
Rochester	Amayah	Canterbury	Rio
Pevensey	Scarlett	Herstmonceux	Harry

### Eco Tip

**DON'T KILL THAT SPIDER!!!**

There are estimated 40,000 species of spiders, and they all eat insects. They're an important part of the food web and provide natural pest control.

### Online Support and Intervention for Child Anxiety

**Online Support and Intervention for Child Anxiety** is an online platform designed to help parents learn tools and techniques to help their child (aged 5 to 12 years old) to overcome difficulties with worries/fears/anxiety. They have had some amazing outcomes and feedback from families around their experience of OSI, which has supported parents/carers to support their child with a range of worries, such as worries related to going into school, bedtime fears, specific phobias e.g., dogs, insects, injections and many more. The intervention is a combination of weekly calls with our service and online guidance. They aim to help parents/carers guide their young person to begin to feel braver and happier in overcoming their worry or fear using the OSI techniques. See details on the poster of how to access this offer.



### Anti Bullying Week

To start Anti Bullying week, we will have Odd socks day on **Monday 13th November**.

### Book Fair

The book fair are visiting the school on the 16th, 17th, 20th and 21st November. If you need a stocking filler or just want a new book, come and find the latest up to date books. They will be sold in the Meeting room after school on the above dates. Card payments accepted.