



Friday 10th November 2023

Headteacher News

This week the school has marked the very special occasion of Remembrance. We held a 2-minute silence and children approached the subject with great maturity, empathy and had a true understanding of its significance. We are incredibly lucky to work with such wonderful school community and with parents who are always willing to give their time so generously. From big projects like the bus to our volunteers who help with reading throughout the school. This week I want say a huge thank you to Mr Stiles. Following my request in the newsletter last week for some help to trim the hedge at the front of the school, Mr Stiles turned after school one day and did it. Hopefully you will notice the school sign is much more visible and will certainly help in our efforts to remind drivers that they are approaching a school and need to consider their speed. We will shortly be updating the sign so keep your eyes peeled for this.

Just a little reminder of the importance of arriving on school on time. Arriving late impacts significantly on the children's learning as not only do they miss the work set for them to complete whilst the register is taken, they often miss the main teaching input of the first lesson and it disrupts the learning of all children. The teacher is not able to reteach that lesson and as a result, some children arriving late will not be able to get the most from the learning opportunities that are provided for them.

On Monday, children are being asked to wear odd socks to mark the start of anti-bullying week. The reason for the odd socks is to have a bit of fun and provide the opportunity for the children to express their individuality and celebrate what makes them unique. This will be part of a wide range of activities taking place next week that will allow children to come together and have discussions about what bullying means to us, how banter can turn into something more hurtful, and what we can do to stop bullying.

Thanks to the wonderful work of the school council, the children are able to use our purple card system to speak to a trusted adult in school. This can be anyone in the school and the teacher will facilitate a meeting with that adult at some point in the day. Please help us to remind your children that the purple card system is there for them to use whenever they feel the need to speak to their trusted adult about something that is worrying them.

Have a wonderful weekend

Giacomo Mazza
Headteacher

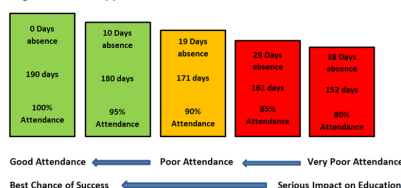
Good attendance means...



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.
PTA events are identified in purple.

Academic Year 2022-2023

Term 2—2023

13 Nov - Odd Socks Day for anti-bullying week
17 Nov - Own Clothes Day for a donation of Chocolate (KS1) Alcohol (KS2)
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
11 Dec - Year R and Year 6 NCMP
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.
senco@coxheath.kent.sch.uk - please use this email for all matters for SENCO.

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	97.67%	Leeds	94.33%
Hever	88.33%	Rye	93.00%
Allington	89.33%	Thurnham	95.33%
Walmer	96.00%	Bodiam	93.33%
Tonbridge	93.55%	Scotney	92.50%
Rochester	97.81%	Canterbury	91.56%
Herstmonceux	95.00%	Pevensey	94.03%

School Target
97%
Whole School Attendance
93.71%

Own clothes day

It is nearly time for our exciting Christmas Fayre taking place on Saturday 25th November between 11am and 2pm. We are allowing the pupils to come to school in their own clothes on Friday 17th November in exchange for a donation to the fayre.

As a guide it would be great if EYFS and KS1 could donate chocolate for our chocolate tombola and KS2 could donate alcohol for our 'barrel of booze' (any alcohol can be delivered to the class teacher or via the office). This is only a guide, and if you are unable to provide the items stated for your child's key stage, feel free to provide one of the other items above. Please ensure all items are in date.

Thank you for your continued support.
PTA

Poppies

Poppies are still available to buy on reception and the gate up until the **15th November**.

Snapbands - £1.50

Rubber bracelets - £1.00

Zip pulls - £1.00

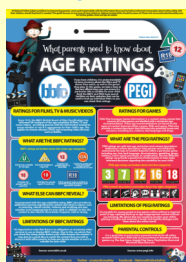
Poppy reflectors - £1.00

Paper poppies - any donations



Age Ratings

If you have children, it is understandable to have concerns about the films and TV shows they watch, as well as the games they play. This guide, takes a look at the two official ways you can assess if a particular title is suitable for your child. Both the BBFC and PEGI have search facilities on their websites that can be used to look up individual titles so you can check their ratings.



Bikeability - Year 6

Those who signed up in Year 6 to Bikeability course, should have all received your email confirming what days your child is participating. If you have not received this, then please contact the school office.

House Points Total

Farleigh	411	Loose	340
Linton	409	Hunton	265

Learner of the Week

Congratulations to everyone who received their certificate today!



Dover	-	Leeds	-
Hever	Rowan	Rye	Frankie
Allington	Rory	Thurnham	Jessica
Walmer	April	Bodiam	Maya
Tonbridge	Layla	Scotney	Milosz
Rochester	Tara	Canterbury	Annalise
Pevensey	Heath	Herstmonceux	Lillie

Eco Tip

Consider buying second hand Christmas gifts this Christmas. Not only will it save you money, but it's so much better for the environment. There are lots of fantastic places to shop second hand online and in the high street.



Anti-Bullying Week 2023: Make A Noise About Bullying

Anti-Bullying Week 2023 is coordinated in England, Wales and Northern Ireland by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. This year it has the theme 'Make A Noise About Bullying' and will take place from Monday 13th to Friday 17th November. The week will be kicked off with **Odd Socks Day** on Monday 13th November, where children and staff can wear odd socks to school to celebrate what makes us all unique. We will start the day with a whole school assembly, followed by a live lesson for KS2, and activities related to being unique for KS1.



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.

Netball

Next week our Netball team are having a training session with Loose Primary School and St Katherines Primary school. This will include ball skills and game play.