



Friday 17th November 2023

Headteacher News

This week I was fortunate to be able to spend some time with leaders across Kent at the Kent Association of Leaders in Education conference. As part of the conference, we were able to hear arrange of inspirational speakers talk about their lives and how they had overcome significant challenges to be hugely successful in their chosen paths. Each and every one of the speakers referenced the important role that a teacher had played in that journey. It was certainly a wonderful reminder of just how privileged we are, to do the job we do.

Teachers play such a fundamental role in shaping the lives of children. Each of the speakers talked about their experience of that teacher who made a difference, who instilled in them an unwavering belief that anything is possible. I truly hope that children leaving Coxheath Primary move onto the next stage of their education with that same belief. I can promise you that the staff at Coxheath want the very best for your children. That doesn't mean we always get it right and when we don't, please speak to us to let us know.

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Mrs. Lawrence who is embarking on an exciting new journey outside of education. Whilst we wish her well, we are sad to see her go. She has a significant amount of experience, particularly working with children in EYFS, which will be missed. Children that have been lucky enough to have been in her care will have benefited greatly from this. On behalf of all the staff and children, I would like to thank her for her dedication and hard work during her time here at Coxheath and wish her good luck for the future.

We would like to welcome Mrs Woolley who will be joining the year 1 team as their new teaching assistant. We are delighted that she is joining the Coxheath and we look forward to working alongside her.

A huge thank you for your very generous donations for our Christmas Fayre next Saturday. We hope that it will be another fantastic opportunity to bring the whole school community together. The PTA will shortly announce how much money has been raised to date and will share with you some of the plans for how the money will be spent to benefit all the children of Coxheath. Have a wonderful weekend. Speaking to some of the children today, it appears that this weekend many of you will be getting those decorations up. Well, that is what some of the children are telling me!

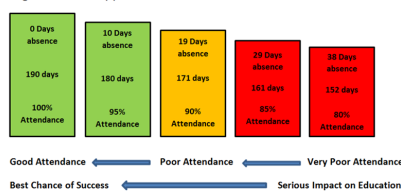
Giacomo Mazza
Headteacher

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 2023-2024

Term 2—2023

16 Nov - 21st Nov Book Fair in school
 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
 12 Dec - Christmas dinner and Christmas non-school uniform day
 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.



Weekly Attendance

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| Dover | 95.00% | Leeds | 94.00% |
| Hever | 96.33% | Rye | 96.00% |
| Allington | 96.00% | Thurnham | 91.00% |
| Walmer | 94.00% | Bodiam | 93.00% |
| Tonbridge | 94.84% | Scotney | 90.31% |
| Rochester | 89.06% | Canterbury | 91.56% |
| Herstmonceux | 94.06% | Pevensey | 94.67% |

School Target
97%
Whole School Attendance
93.53%

Coxheath Christmas Fayre

Volunteers

The Christmas Fayre is fast approaching and will be taking place on Saturday 25th November between 11am-2pm.

Are there any parent helpers who could give up some time in running a stall? Please let the office know if you are able to.

Raffle tickets

Raffle tickets will be sold on the gate during pick up. A card machine will be available on the main gate for this. Also, Year 6 will be available to sell these to the children on the playground during lunchtime (this will be cash only) Tickets cost £1 each or £4 for a strip of 5 tickets.

In our main raffle, this year's top prize will be a massive **£200 cash!** Other prizes include **a meal voucher, a free football coaching session with Mr Cocoran plus many more!** We will also be holding a raffle for the very exciting **'barrel of booze'** which is always very popular.

Teddy Tombola

We are also asking for donations of unwanted teddies for our 'Teddy Tombola' please ensure they are washed and any donations could be passed onto reception.

Grotto

More details to follow next week on the grotto.

School Choir

We are delighted to inform you that Young Voices Choir have been invited to perform at the school's Christmas Fayre on Saturday 25th November at 1pm and the Coxheath Christmas Light Switch On Sunday 3rd December at 4:30pm.

The Christmas Fayre is being organised by the PTA. Children will need to meet Mrs Hargrave at KS1 Hall at 12.50pm to start singing at 1pm.

The Coxheath Christmas Light Switch On is being organised by the Parish Council and will take place on the grass outside Coxheath Church. There will be mince pies, mulled wine and festive cheer. Children will need to meet Miss Atkinson at the front of the church to sing at 4.20pm. After the carols have finished, there will be count down to turn on the Christmas Lights.

The children are not required to wear school uniform for either event. Christmas jumpers will be welcomed.

House Points Total

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| Farleigh | 398 | Loose | 346 |
| Linton | 259 | Hunton | 364 |

Learner of the Week

Congratulations to everyone who received their certificate today!



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| Dover | - | Leeds | - |
| Hever | Belle | Rye | Berty |
| Allington | Brooke | Thurnham | Riley |
| Walmer | Poppy | Bodiam | Jaxon |
| Tonbridge | Serena | Scotney | Skyla |
| Rochester | Maggie | Canterbury | Harry |
| Pevensey | Amelia | Herstmonceux | Katie |

Admission to primary school in Kent 2024

Apply online at kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Opens Friday 3 November 2023 and closes at midnight on Monday 15th January 2024. Please see flyer on noticeboard.

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.

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.

Christmas Dinner

Our school Christmas Dinner will be on **Tuesday 12th December**. In order for the kitchen to plan and order enough food, all meals must be booked and paid for in advance via your School Money account. Even if you are in receipt of universal free school meals or free school meals, you must book in advance using your School Money account. **The cut-off date for all bookings is Tuesday 5th December**. Children are invited to wear a Christmas themed non-school uniform on the day to get into the festive spirit if they wish to - no donation required, it's just for fun!

