



Friday 24th November 2023

Headteacher News

This week is National Road Safety week. With darkness increasingly closer to the times children arrive and leave school, we are aware of the extra need for our children to be seen and know how to be safe near roads. We are delighted that many children walk, cycle or ride scooters to school; however, we would like to remind you that the road outside school is busy so parents need to ensure they supervise children carefully when they come to school and when they go home. The Eco council will be working with Mrs Mercanton and Mrs Read to look at a campaign to reduce the speed limit outside the school to 20mph. This will of course be a long process but we are keen for the children to drive this campaign to make our roads safer.

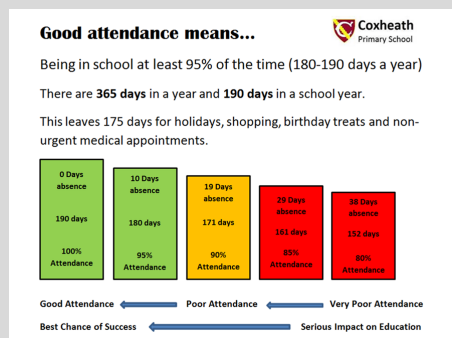
Hopefully, you have raided those piggy banks and we will see as many of you as possible at our Christmas fayre tomorrow. I have to confess that I have asked the kids to badger you and to bring them along! The PTA put a great deal of time and effort into organising these events and it is important that we all support these events. We are still incredibly short on volunteers and committee members and I am pleading with you to put your name forward to join the PTA. They play a crucial role in enhancing our children's educational experience. We appreciate how incredibly busy everyone can be and it may not always be possible for you to attend meetings or be a committee member. There are various other ways you can contribute, such as helping with fundraising and helping to organise school events. I think we only have a couple of parents at the moment who have come forward to help with the running of the fayre tomorrow. Any offer of help, however small will be greatly appreciated.

Please can I remind everyone to complete the parent survey by Monday 27th November. We are keen to know what is working well regarding transitions and the start of the school year or if there is any further feedback you wish us to give us regarding this. Please see link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/tachUTUB4S>

Have a great weekend

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 2023-2024

Term 2—2023

25 Nov - PTA Festive Fayre
29 Nov - Year 5 Trip to The Observatory Science Centre
30 Nov - Walmer Assembly
30 Nov - Year 6 Residential Meeting 5.30pm
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 - 2.00pm
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.

Christmas Craft Club

There will be no Christmas Craft Club on the 7th December. Please also note that the last session will be on the 14th December.

Eco Tip

Did you know that most sticky tape is not recyclable? Why not try wrapping your presents with parcel string instead this year? Not only does it look beautiful and festive, but it can be reused over and over again.





Weekly Attendance

Dover	96.67%	Leeds	85.33%
Hever	92.33%	Rye	96.00%
Allington	90.67%	Thurnham	89.00%
Walmer	97.67%	Bodiam	93.33%
Tonbridge	94.38	Scotney	90.00%
Rochester	89.38%	Canterbury	91.25%
Herstmonceux	98.13%	Pevensey	98.13%

School Target
97%

Whole School Attendance
93.03%

Coxheath Christmas Fayre

Volunteers

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at the Christmas Fayre which is 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 PTA know if you are able to.

Raffle tickets

Raffle tickets will be still be sold at the Christmas Fayre. Tickets cost £1 each or £4 for a strip of 5 tickets. Please speak to a member of the PTA to purchase them.

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.

Grotto

There are still a few tickets available to be purchased at the Christmas Fayre, please ask a member of the PTA.

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. Children will need to meet Mrs Hargrave at KS1 Hall at 12.50pm to start singing at 1pm at the Christmas Fayre. 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.

Recycle with Michael

By donating your clothes you are helping to raise funds for The Salvation Army to continue their valuable work, whilst raising money for your school and working to protect the environment. With your help Coxheath School has raised £29.07.



House Points Total

Farleigh	398	Loose	346
Linton	259	Hunton	364

Learner of the Week

Congratulations to everyone who received their certificate today!



Dover	-	Leeds	-
Hever	Thomas	Rye	Paisley
Allington	Jago	Thurnham	Oliver
Walmer	Billy-Joe	Bodiam	Aleksandra
Tonbridge	Flynn	Scotney	Esther
Rochester	Maggie/Sebi	Canterbury	William
Pevensey	Mason	Herstmonceux	Evelyn

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 with more information.

Boys and Girls Football

Last week our boys finished 3rd out of 20 teams, playing amazingly in the rain for hours and narrowly losing their semi-final 1-0. The boys have lost in their last two semi-finals, so as a team we are desperate to get to a final in our next one.

This week saw our girls win the tournament going all day unbeaten and winning the final through a penalty shootout. The girls were amazing all day and only conceded 1 goal throughout the tournament. This is only their second tournament as a team and over half of the team are in year 5. Please do congratulate them on their win. I couldn't be prouder of all of the teams and the effort they have shown.



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!

