



## Friday 01st December 2023

### Headteacher News

Now it's December, the magical time of the year begins! The trees are up and beautifully decorated by the children (we only had to move a few baubles!). Their sense of wonder and imagination is very special to see. We did have to stop the learning of the week assembly this morning assembly to appreciate the few flutters of snowflakes that fell with many of the children desperately wishing there would be enough to build their first snowman of the year!

Although highly unlikely, if the school had to close for any reason, we would notify you of this via our school website, parent mail, twitter, and through the Kent's school closures website [School closures - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/school-closures) Please avoid calling the school to check if it is open and assume that unless you hear from us, it will remain open. If over the coming months we do experience any significant snowfall that is enough for us to play in, we want the children to have fun. With this in mind, please send your child in with appropriate clothing to play in the snow.

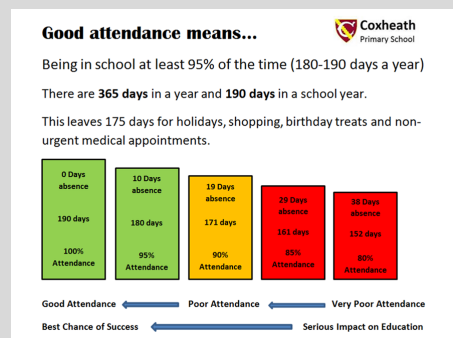
We have a number of things planned for the end of term and we would like to draw your attention to a few of the events. Year R are busy practising for their Nativity play which we are all looking forward to seeing. On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, children will have their Christmas dinner. This is a non-uniform day where anything Christmas goes! No donation is required and this is simply to get children in the Christmas spirit. During the morning of Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, we have our Christmas services where Year 6 parents are invited to join. We then we have our Open Afternoon at 2:30pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December for parents to look through books, chat with staff and tour the school. We hope you will be able to join us, as it is always lovely for the school community to come together at this time.

Well done to Walmer Class for their amazing assembly this week. Mrs Evenden said she was very impressed with their confidence and maturity when sharing their learning. Their wonderful singing and musical abilities were outstanding! Thank you to Mrs Harding, Mrs Baker and our music specialist Mrs Holt for their hard work.

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Clark (year 4 class TA) who will be leaving us at the end of this term. We will certainly miss having her as part of our team and I know the children and staff will be sad to see her go. On behalf of all the staff and pupils, we would like to extend a huge thank you for all her hard work and wish her well in her new adventure.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy those elves if they have made an appearance in your house!

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

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  
13 Dec - Christmas Service PM. Year 6 parents invited.  
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  
11 Jan - Parent Council Meeting  
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

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[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.  
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[senco@coxheath.kent.sch.uk](mailto: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.

##### Admission to primary school in Kent 2024

Apply online at [kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](https://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.

##### Volunteers Party Friday 8th December

As a small thank you, we would like to invite any of our volunteers that help out in the school, for reading, library visits, helping out on school trips or for anything else, to join us for refreshments and listening to the school choir on Friday 8th December at 2pm.



### Weekly Attendance

Dover	96.00%	Leeds	77.67%
Hever	87.00%	Rye	93.67%
Allington	93.33%	Thurnham	93.00%
Walmer	92.67%	Bodiam	96.00%
Tonbridge	85.94%	Scotney	91.88%
Rochester	90.63%	Canterbury	94.38%
Herstmonceux	93.44%	Pevensey	90.31%

**School Target**  
97%

**Whole School Attendance**  
91.13%

### Christmas Church Service

The Christmas Church service will be on Wednesday 13th December, time TBC. Year 6 parents are invited. More information to follow.

### School Choir

We are delighted to inform you that Young Voices Choir have been invited to perform at the **The Coxheath Christmas Light Switch On**, on Sunday 3rd December. This 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.

### Eco Tip

Make memories this Christmas by crafting together. Why not try to make your own Christmas crackers? It's fun, can be made from recycled materials and cuts down on packaging waste.



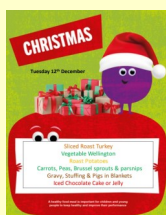
### House Points Non Uniform Day

The school house captains have decided to organise a non uniform day in the last week of term for the house with the most house points at the end of next week. The winning house can come to school that day wearing their own clothes, however, this must include at least one item that matches the colour of their house. Parents will be notified of the winning house following assembly next week along with the date for the non uniform day. Good luck everyone.

### 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!



### House Points Total

Farleigh	322	Loose	299
Linton	249	Hunton	229

### Learner of the Week

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



Dover	-	Leeds	-
Hever	Harley	Rye	Alice
Allington	Barnaby	Thurnham	Betty
Walmer	Savannah	Bodiam	Freya
Tonbridge	Aria	Scotney	Emma
Rochester	Elizabeth	Canterbury	Rebecca
Pevensey	Connor	Herstmonceux	Kallie

### Southern Water Financial Hardship Fund

To provide additional assistance to individuals who are experiencing financial difficulty. Through this fund, they offer three types of assistance:

- A one-off bill reduction (of up to 50%)
- A debt write-off (of up to £2,000)
- A grant towards specific home appliances & furniture (of up to £1,000)

To qualify, you must be able to demonstrate significant financial hardship, either long or short term, or challenging personal circumstances that have a financial impact. There is a [short online form](#) to complete and they will let you know the outcome within six weeks.

### Funding and Support for Individuals

And a reminder that KCF has a list of alternative funders and support, [download here](#).

### KCF Funding for Individuals

Our funds are open for nominations all year round, more info and how to [apply here](#).

### New Year, New Application Process

In the new year, the KCF application process will go online, rather than via a word document. This is part of our new system through which we process all applications and nominations for funding.

For details on the implementation of the new system and what that means for you as a nominator while we temporarily pause applications and nominations, [\[kentcf.org.uk/new-database\]](http://kentcf.org.uk/new-database) [read this webpage](#).