



## Friday 01st December 2023

### Headteacher News

Our Year R nativity is always a very special event and we are sure you will agree that this year was no exception. The children were so excited about performing for you and their enthusiasm and enjoyment was matched only by the quality of performance they gave. Well done to all the Year R children who certainly filled our hearts with joy and Christmas spirit. A huge thank you to the dedicated Year R team who worked so hard to enable the children to perform so successfully and who provide such wonderful experiences during their first year at school.

Another huge thank you to Kingswood Christmas trees who once again have been incredibly generous and provided the school with two beautiful Christmas trees. I am sure most of you will already have your tree up, but if you haven't, vouchers are available at reception for £5 off if you still need to purchase a tree.

Thank you to all of our parents for completing the parent surveys. These have now closed and we will share the outcome of these results in the New Year. The children are also in the process of completing their surveys and the results of both will hopefully be available to share during our first parent council meeting on the 11th January.

We are noticing that for some of our children, their uniform is not in line with the school expectations and we would ask that children return in the New Year adhering to our school uniform policy.

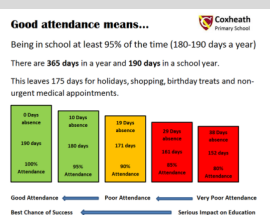
All children should be dressed according to the following:

- White blouse / shirt
- School jumper or cardigan with logo
- School tie (Optional for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Classes)
- Grey skirt / trousers / shorts
- Grey socks (Children may also wear grey tights or white socks)
- Suitable plain black shoes
- Children may wear grey pinafore dresses and red summer dresses during appropriate times of the year (without ties)

We consider our school uniform to be a crucial part of the high expectations that we have for our school. Your support is very much appreciated, and we would ask that all parents ensure that children come to school dressed appropriately, without nail varnish and with only plain stud earrings and watches for jewellery. We also ask that children do not wear large bows in their hair. This is particularly important for our year six pupils who are preparing for their transition to secondary. From personal experience with my own children, there is no leniency when it comes to uniform expectations in secondary schools and sanctions are in place for those children who do not adhere to them.

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

- 11 Dec - Year R and Year 6 NCMP - National Child Measurement programme
- 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

[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.

[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.

##### Art Club - Year 4,5 and 6

Please note that Art club has finished now. There will be no club on the 14th December.

##### Christmas Craft Club Year 1 and 2

Last session will be on the 14th December.

##### Netball

There is a Netball match for Year 6 team members on Monday 11th December at Coxheath School against Tiger Primary School.

Last session of Netball club will be Thursday 14th December and will continue in Term 3.

##### 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.



### Weekly Attendance

Dover	92.67%	Leeds	92.00%
Hever	88.00%	Rye	92.33%
Allington	89.67%	Thurnham	94.00%
Walmer	93.67%	Bodiam	97.00%
Tonbridge	91.88%	Scotney	98.44%
Rochester	94.38%	Canterbury	85.86
Herstmon- ceux	91.56%	Pevensey	94.06%

**School Target**  
97%  
**Whole School Attendance**  
91.84%

### Farleigh Wins!

Congratulations to **Farleigh House** this term for collecting the most house points. Everyone in Farleigh House (blue) can come to school on Monday wearing non uniform as a reward for this achievement. Whilst you can wear what you like that day, pupils must be wearing at least one thing that is **BLUE**. Everyone else should come to school in normal school uniform that day.

### Christmas Church Service

The Christmas Church service will be on Wednesday 13th December. Year 6 parents are invited, please see below times.

**Pevensey 1.30pm**

**Herstmonceux 2.15pm**

### PTA Christmas Gifts

The PTA are delighted that the children will have the opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts for their parents / carers this year. Each gift will cost £2, you can purchase more than one.

The children will be able to choose their gifts at school on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th December. Each gift will be pre-wrapped but one of each will be on display. If you would like to purchase a gift/s then please bring cash on the day and put in an envelope with name, class and PTA Christmas gift.



### Eco Tip

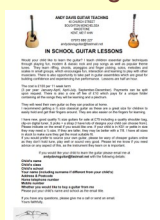
Like the idea of making your own Christmas decorations and cutting down on plastic waste? There are lots of wonderful designs to find online.

Have fun and save the planet at the same time!



### In School Guitar Lessons

Please see below information regarding guitar lessons in school. An email was sent this week with the attachment if your child would like to learn guitar.



### House Points Total

Farleigh	425	Loose	329
Linton	289	Hunton	305

### Learner of the Week

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



Dover	-	Leeds	-
Hever	Danny	Rye	Georgia
Allington	Arthur	Thurnham	Grayson
Walmer	James	Bodiam	Thomas
Tonbridge	Peggie	Scotney	Alice
Rochester	Jenson	Canterbury	William
Pevensey	Adrianna	Herstmonceux	Isla

### DT project

In the new year, Year 5 will be designing and making prototypes of their own playground equipment in DT. If you have any egg boxes, milk bottle lids, yoghurt pots, ribbon or twine that you think we could find useful then please post them in the 'drop off box' which is situated just inside the green gate at the entrance to school. If you feel anything else could be useful in addition to the listed items then please feel free to donate them too. We will collect these into the New Year also so please get saving! Thank you.

### Schools Out holiday Club

Please find attached our flyer for our **FREE** Schools Out Activity Clubs for children on Free School Meals from 5 to 12 years old at Greenfields (Shepway), Tree Tops (Parkwood) and South Borough (Tovil) in Maidstone. We have already had a great take up so please register as soon as possible to avoid disappointment via the HAF Evoucher/Wonde ([www.holidayactivities.com](http://www.holidayactivities.com)) booking system for FSM for the following dates:

**Monday 18 December 2023 to Thursday 21 December 2023**

Eligible pupils and parents can access our programme via [www.holidayactivities.com](http://www.holidayactivities.com) and by looking for:

**SITC @ South Borough, Tovil**

**SITC @ Greenfields, Shepway**

**SITC @ Tree Tops, Parkwood**

