



Friday 15th December 2023

Headteacher News

We have come to the end of another busy term with everyone looking forward to a well-earned rest. The prospect of Christmas lifts our spirits and our church service this week was the perfect opportunity to reflect on what is truly important at this time of year. We also spent time thinking about those less fortunate than us and our thoughts are with them.

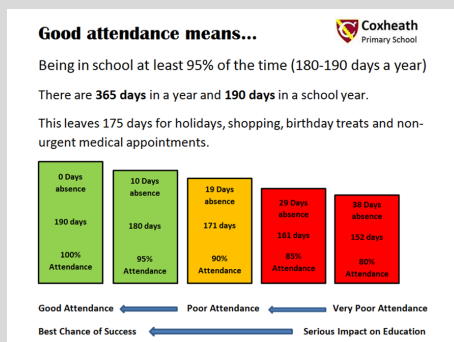
Our school continues to be an exciting place to be and we should all be very proud of the rich curriculum and stunning environments that inspires children to be the very best they can be. The children have achieved incredible things this year and I cannot wait to see what they go on to achieve next term. They continue to inspire us every day and I would like to thank every single one of them for working so hard and for showing such incredible determination to excel.

I would also like to thank our parents for continuing to support the school this year. As I have said previously, we don't always get everything right but we are driven by a genuine desire to achieve the best for the children and the school. Your support has enabled us to do this and to secure impressive outcomes for your children yet again.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to our exceptional staff and governors for their constant drive to secure the very best for our children. It is a real pleasure working with such a talented and forward-thinking team. It is a privilege to lead our school and I am determined to continue to build on our successes so far to secure the very best provision for every child.

I would like to wish you all a peaceful holiday with your families. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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 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
07 Feb - Year R Hearing and Vision Test
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.

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.

School Fund Raising

We have had some fantastic fund raising events this term. Thank you for your continued support and the PTA who have given up their time to make this possible.

School disco raised £2060.60

Christmas Fayre raised £2378.40

Christmas presents raised £450.00

Poppies raised £531.51

School Clubs Term 3

Children who are signed up to start school clubs in Term 3, please note that these will start week commencing 8th January.

Please check your emails for the days and times.

These clubs include; Dance club, Mindfulness club, Construction club, Percussion club, Short film club, Netball club.



Weekly Attendance

Dover	96.33%	Leeds	83.95%
Hever	94.31%	Rye	93.00%
Allington	90.00%	Thurnham	92.00%
Walmer	89.33%	Bodiam	92.33%
Tonbridge	95.61%	Scotney	97.19%
Rochester	92.19%	Canterbury	90.00%
Herstmonceux	90.94%	Pevensy	92.81%

School Target
97%
Whole School Attendance
92.17%

Netball

The Year 6 netball team welcomed Tiger on Monday evening to play the first league game of the season. Everyone played with such enthusiasm and great team spirit, we intercepted a number of balls in defence, attacked with great confidence and made some excellent shots at goal.

The final score was an impressive 16 v 0 to Coxheath. Well done to all and a huge thank you for the parents that came to support.
Watch this space for further fixtures !!

Santa's Sleigh

Santa is visiting Coxheath on his sleigh on Sunday 17th December. Please see the route below to get an idea for timings.



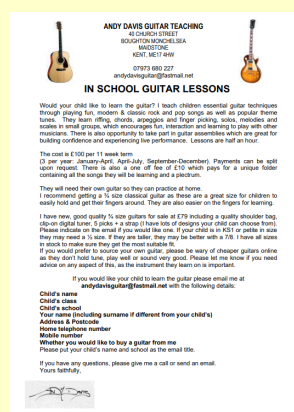
Scouts Cosheath
Santa's Sleigh
Sunday 17th Dec - From 4:45pm
Santa will be starting at the top of Pipin Close at 4:45pm and then progressing around the village on the route marked below in the following order:
Green, Red, Blue, Orange
We are unable to put exact timings but there will be a Facebook post on the night which will have updates on the location of Santa.
We will be collecting donations on the night and also via our Just Giving page
<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/coxheath-scout-sleigh-2023>

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.

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.



ANDY DAVIS GUITAR TEACHING
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BODIAM, MAIDSTONE
KENT, ME1 4AB
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andydavisguitar@btinternet.net

IN SCHOOL GUITAR LESSONS

Would your child like to learn the guitar? Learn children's essential guitar techniques through playing fun, modern & classic rock and pop songs as well as popular theme tunes. They learn strumming, chords, songwriting and finger picking, scales, riffs and solos in small groups, which encourages fun, interaction and learning to play with other musicians. There is also opportunity to take part in guitar assemblies which are great for building confidence and experiencing live performance. Lessons are half an hour.

The cost is £10 per 11 week term.
(3 per year: January-April, April-July, September-December). Payments can be split upon request. There is also a one off fee of £10 which pays for a unique folder containing all the songs they will be learning and a playlist.

They will need their own guitar so they can practice at home.
I recommend getting a 1/2 size classical guitar as these are a great size for children to easily hold and get their fingers around. They are also easier on the fingers for learning.

I have some great quality 1/2 size guitars for sale at £70 including a quality acoustic bag, clip-on digital tuner, 2 picks + a strap (I have lots of designs your child can choose from). Please include in the email if you would like one. If your child is in £12 or under in size they may need a 1/3 size. If they are taller, they may be better with a 7/8. I have all sizes in stock to make sure they get the most suitable fit.

If you would prefer to teach your own guitar, please do with a view of children's guitar online as they don't hold tune, play well or sound very good. Please let me know if you need advice on any aspect of this, as the instrument they learn on is important.

If you would like your child to learn the guitar please email me at andydavisguitar@btinternet.net with the following details:

Child's name
Child's class
Child's school
Your name (including surname if different from your child's)
Address & Postcode
Home telephone number
Mobile number
Whether you would like to buy a guitar from me
Please put your child's name and school as the email title.

If you have any questions, please give me a call or send an email.
Yours faithfully,
Andy Davis

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) 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 and by looking for:
SITC @ South Borough, Tovil
SITC @ Greenfields, Shepway
SITC @ Tree Tops, Parkwood



December 18-21 2023
Schools Out!
Holiday Club

If you receive free school meal (FSM) vouchers from Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) you are eligible for a place at our Schools Out Holiday Club.

Schools Out Holiday Club provides children the opportunity to participate in a range of sports & fitness and arts & craft activities. The club is FREE and opens to children aged between 4-12. Sessions run for 4 hours between 10:00 - 14:00.

Schools Out Holiday Club December 18-21 2023
At the following locations:

South Borough Primary School Tovil, Maidstone	Tree Tops Primary School Parkwood, Maidstone	Greenfields Primary School Shepway, Maidstone
30 mins	40 mins	40 mins

Reserve your place today at: www.holidayactivities.com

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