



### Headteacher News

What a fabulous World Book Day we had yesterday. It's been a couple of years now since children could dress up and celebrate reading and books. Thank you so much for your support and creativity; thinking of the words and costumes must have taken some time.

It has been really noticeable after the recent week's break that children are now able to visit friends, places and have those memorable experiences that are so important when growing up. The children have been so resilient in the last two years and we are thankful that they can once again have fun in so many different ways.

A very special mention must go to our wonderful Borton Class who were complimented by members of the public several times, on their outstanding conduct during their visit to London, which included a tour and workshop at the National Gallery. Just the train experience was exciting for them; we all heard the 'wows' as we approached London when the London Eye was spotted along with the Houses of Parliament. Passengers on the train and our guide at the gallery were so impressed and commented on their politeness and excellent behaviour. Thank you to Mr Ming for organising the experience and to Mrs Underdown and Mrs Evans for ensuring we all had an interesting and fun day. We have high standards of behaviour at Hunton and are delighted that this has been recognised.

Trips and experiences are so important for the children's learning. They enrich their lives not just in an academic away and create special memories for them. I am sure many of you can recall your school trips. I hope you understand that for trips to go ahead we do need your voluntary contributions. Please do contact us if you need support; we are here to always listen and help in these situations. If we cannot fund a trip through the contributions, then for financial reasons we would have no choice other than to sadly cancel the experience. Being a small school our budget is tight; if we subsidised a trip we would have to make savings elsewhere which we cannot afford to do. I am grateful for your understanding on this matter.

One of our Christian values is compassion. Our children are naturally asking about the events in Ukraine because they care. Earlier in the week I sent out a letter about Picture News and how important it is to talk and discuss news items when children are surrounded by it all the time. At school class teachers will be answering their questions but as we all know we cannot always predict their questions and deep thoughts. I have included the Newsround links for you [https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/news/watch\\_newsround](https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/news/watch_newsround) and advice if you're upset by the news as well as Metro News: <https://metro.co.uk/2022/02/24/how-to-talk-to-children-about-whats-happening-in-ukraine-16163133/> which help all of us adults on how to talk to children.

Some top tips I have taken are:

- Talking about the distance between the UK and ongoing events can be helpful.
- As much as we don't want to normalise war, it is something that has been happening at varying points across the globe for the whole of your child's life.'
- Knowing this can help to reassure your child that the chance they will be directly impacted is quite minimal.
- Although, they may want to talk to you about the people that are directly impacted. Keep language age appropriate and be led by your child.

As I said our children are compassionate and here at Hunton we want to take action. Taking action is a really good way of showing your child that although this is happening far away, there are still small things we can do to give our support.

Thank you to those of you who have already sent items in. These were collected by Mr Holt-Goldsmith yesterday. They are then being sent directly to Poland.

Have a lovely weekend  
Mrs Makey



## Star of the Week

Every week, each class nominates a pupil as 'star of the week' for an outstanding achievement or learning that has taken place. Their achievement will be linked to the Christian value they show. Look out for it on their certificate.

A huge well done to the children who got awarded star of the week! Congratulations for all their hard work. We are so pleased that we can invite parents in again to celebrate the Stars of the Week together.

	w/e 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	w/e 4 <sup>th</sup> March
Devas	Emilee	Katie
Bannerman	Violet	Savannah
Porteous	Nancy	Sora
Borton	Lottie	Albie

## Picture News

You may or may not have heard your children talking about Picture News. We have been using it for a few months now. Whichever is the case we want you to be more informed about how our children learn about the world around them and how this is put across. Picture News is used both in class worship and PSHE time.

We are sent weekly news packs which include a Picture News newspaper and we wish to share this with you. Each week we will be emailing this out as well as also adding each edition to our website.

<https://hunton.kent.sch.uk/parents/picture-news/>

## Dates



Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February – Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Coding after school club 3:15-4:15pm Yrs 3-6
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February – Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Hockey after school club 3:15-4:15pm Yrs 3-6
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March – Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Dance club 3:20-4:20pm Yrs R-6  The Right Step Dance Co
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> February – Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Creepy Claws after school club 3:15-4:15pm
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Contract Dining's smoothie making bike coming in to school
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Devas trip to Kent Life
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Children's Easter egg hunt
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Last day of term 4
<b>Tuesday</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of term 5

## Welcome to Mrs Gunton

We are really fortunate to have a new volunteer in school. Mrs Gunton will be supporting in Bannerman on Tuesday mornings and Porteous on Wednesday mornings. Mrs Gunton has previously worked in schools so we are so pleased that she has kindly offered to come into our school and work with small groups.

## Contacting School



Please send emails to [office@hunton.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@hunton.kent.sch.uk) rather than directly to staff / class email addresses.



## Attendance

Together with yourselves we are sure that you recognise that good attendance enables good learning and progress. It is important that your child is at school on time, ready for learning. Learning does start straight away and being late in class can mean that your child misses the essential start of a lesson and then finds it hard to engage.

In order to ensure that the children have a settled start to the day, we would ask all parents to make sure that their children arrive before their start times.

Borton and Porteous – 8:40am

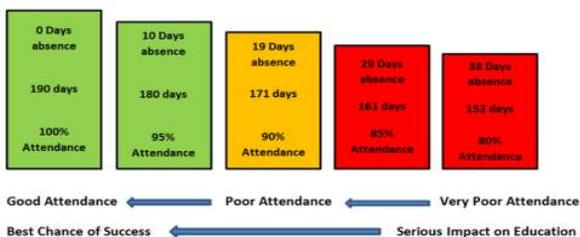
Devas and Bannerman – 8:45am

### 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.



For the past 2 weeks these were the class attendance totals:

Devas 91%

Bannerman 90%

Porteous 83%

Borton 95%

Well done to **Borton** who achieved the highest attendance for 22<sup>nd</sup> February – 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

### Twitter



@huntonceprimary

Remember to check out our Twitter page which is updated on a daily basis with information and photos about what the children have been up to.

## Easter holidays Football School

Premier Football School are delighted to announce they are running a kid's football school in Cranbrook this Easter at Marlborough House School from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April for boys and girls aged 4 - 12 of all abilities.



Parents simply drop-off at 10.00am and pick up at 3.30pm. The fee is just £13 per day and all children who attend receive a trophy!

Activities include a kids World Cup tournament and a penalty shootout competition with prizes!

We are a non-elitist grass roots organisation and children play in groups according to their age and abilities in a fun safe environment. Should you wish to book, please visit

[www.premierfootballschool.co.uk](http://www.premierfootballschool.co.uk) or call 07821 573837

## The Platinum Jubilee

We will soon be talking to our School Council and discussing their ideas for ways that we can celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.



We would welcome your ideas too, so please get in touch with us re this! As the national celebrations and Bank Holiday fall within the May half term, we will

celebrate in school the week before.

However, schools have been told to take the extra bank holiday at a time that is convenient for them. We have chosen to take this on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. The 2021-22 and 2022-23 calendars are on our website.



**RECONNECT TO ANIMAL ADVENTURE**

Wednesday 6th April  
11am-2pm

Headcorn Village Hall  
Church Lane, Headcorn, TN27 9NR.

**FREE**  
Petting zoo  
Music Session  
Arts & Crafts

Maidstone Children's Centres  
Professionals to provide advice on a wide range of topics

Kent County Council

### Breakfast club

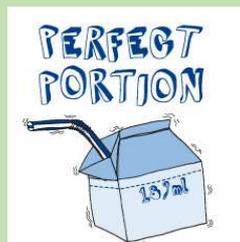
We offer breakfast club every morning from 8:00am at a cost of £4 per child, per day (£3 for additional siblings attending).



You can use breakfast club on an ad-hoc or regular basis.

### Milk

If you would like your child to receive a carton of milk each morning, please register them on the [Cool Milk website](#).



PTA News & Events  
[pta@hunton.kent.sch.uk](mailto:pta@hunton.kent.sch.uk)

### Easter raffle

We will be holding an Easter raffle this year and we are asking for donations of Easter eggs / Easter chocolate / Easter food to make up some winning Easter hampers. The class who bring in the most Easter donations will win a non-uniform day when we come back in Term 5.

Full details will be sent out next week.

### Mothers Day pop-up shop

We will be holding a Mothers Day pop-up shop where your child has a chance to come along and buy a gift for the special lady in their life. Gifts are £2 each and will be wrapped and labelled.

Details for this will be emailed to you next week.

### Easter Egg hunt

All children will be able to take part in our Easter Egg hunt on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March. There may even be a visit from the Easter bunny .....



### Hunton Community News

Village website:

<https://www.huntonparishcouncil.org.uk/>

### Mothers Day service at St Mary's Church, Hunton



There will be a service in the Church on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 9:30am.

Everyone is welcome, so please do come along as it is always a lovely service.



## World Book Day – dress as a “word”

The imagination and creativity of our children and their chosen words was overwhelming!

