



Headteacher News

In true Hunton CE Primary fashion this has been a high expectation, busy and fun-filled term with all the children living up to our school motto striving for 'life in all its fullness'. As a school we may be smaller than others but we are unique in ensuring that all children experience exciting opportunities such as rock climbing, lighting fires, whittling, representing their school in sporting events. Thank you for supporting our fundraisers, coming at weekends to prepare ground and build sheds, helping at the school discos, reading with the children, helping with homework including TT Rock Stars and Numbots, contributing costumes and props for performances and so much more. There is much that would not be possible without our wonderful parents and carers plus our PTFA, governors and our exceptional volunteer readers; we are most grateful. Please do take the time to sit down with a cup of tea and mince pie, and have a look at our Twitter feed.

What a way to start our Christmas festivities with the special KS1 Nativity and the Christmas Fayre last week, with even a festive visit from Father Christmas, when he is so busy this time of year! Thank you so much for supporting us, moreover, especially the PTFA and those parents who helped ensure that it was a successful event for all. The stalls, including, 'Elfridges', meant there was so much to look at and help with our Christmas shopping. I personally bought a 'Head Chef' apron as I don't think I'll be able to cook our family Christmas meal this year with one hand! I have to mention the Hunton chocolate tradition. The excitement and salivating this brings seems to come second to the money it raises. We certainly could not hold this competition and stall without your support. I also want to thank the staff and children for the time they put in to producing such beautiful gifts.



This week we had our Christmas lunch and our incredibly special Christingle Service led and performed brilliantly by Borton and Porteous classes. This service is always so moving, reminding us of the true meaning of Christmas. In this time of excitement, joy, and being honest it is quite loud and frantic too, the Christmas story is infused with gentleness and love. This Christmas I wish you much peace and joy amid the noise and early morning.

What a wonderful first term we have had and there are so many exciting things to look forward to when we return to school on **Wednesday 3rd January** for spring term. On behalf of all the staff at Hunton I thank you for your Christmas cards, gifts and warm wishes. I hope you have a safe and relaxing Christmas holiday which is full of peace, joy and happiness.

Have a wonderful Christmas.
Mrs Makey



Merry Christmas to Everyone
from all of us at Hunton CE
Primary



Star of the Week and House points winners



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.

Our house colours are named after people who reflect our vision of 'life in all its fullness' and we are sharing weekly results of house points.

	w/e 1 st Dec	w/e 8 th Dec
Devas	Ruben	Jordan
Bannerman	Luke & Valeria	Arthur & Kingsley
Porteous	Freddie & Lavinia	Parker & Toby L
Borton	Violet-Lou	Maddie
House points winner	Oliver Jeffers	Alessia Russo

Dates



Please note that dates are subject to change. Where possible, we will always try to give as much notice as we can if we need to change a date.

Mondays 8/15/22/29 Jan & 5 Feb	Football Club (Yrs 3-6) 3:20-4:20
Tuesdays 9/16/23/30 Jan & 6 Feb	Netball Club (Yrs 3-6) 3:20-4:20
Wednesdays 10/17/24/31 Jan & 7 Feb	Acro Club 3:20-4:20
Thursdays 11/18/25 Jan & 1/8 Feb	Craft Club 3:20-4:20
Wednesday 3 rd January	First day of term 3

Christmas Eve – Carols in the Church by candlelight



St Mary's Church, Hunton are holding a carol service on Christmas Eve at 6pm. Mulled wine and mince pies will be available after the service.

It's a really beautiful service, made even more magical by the candlelit church.





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
Bannerman and Devas – 8:45am

Days off school add up to lost learning			
175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR			
175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, household jobs and other appointments			
0	6	15	19
DAYS ABSENCE (190 school days)	DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE	DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE	DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE
100%	96%	92%	Below 90%
EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE	SATISFACTORY ATTENDANCE	REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT	Persistent Absentee
Best chance of SUCCESS	Harder to make good progress	Less chance of success	CAUSE FOR CONCERN
			Serious concern Possible court action

Every School Day Counts

Please don't let your child miss out on the education they deserve.

For the past 3 weeks these were the class attendance totals:

Devas: 91.43% Bannerman: 91.11%

Porteous: 91.29% Borton: 88.73%

Well done to **DEVAS** who achieved the highest attendance for 27th November – 15th December.

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.



PTFA News & Events
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Thank you so much for all the support you gave us at the fayre last Friday. It went really well and was lovely to see so many happy children enjoying the variety of stalls. A big thanks also goes to all the helpers, many of whom were there from 8:45am ready to set-up and the ones who were there until 4:30pm helping to pack away. We also had parents, grandparents and Borton children helping on the stalls throughout the event and for this we are also thankful. Without everyone's help and support we would be unable to run events like this. A big thank you must also go to Father Christmas who took time out of his busy schedule to come and visit us at Hunton Primary! We had 72 children who had booked in to the grotto.

We also have the scores from the team points gained by parent helpers at the fayre:

Blue 10 points Red 8 points
Green 34 points Yellow 36 points



We are extremely pleased to report that after expenses, the amount we made was

£1,108.65

which is the biggest amount we have ever raised at a Christmas fayre!



Congratulations goes to Devas class who – despite only having 14 children – won the chocolate competition.

They win their very own non-uniform day in the new year.



Winter Mini Challenge 2023 Visit Coxheath Library



Following the brilliant success of the Summer Reading Challenge, the Winter Mini Challenge is on its way running from 1st December until 19th February and will be continuing the Ready, Set, Read! theme brought to life once more by the amazing illustrator, Loretta Schauer.

All correspondence that you are sent can be found here: <https://hunton.kent.sch.uk/parents/parent-correspondence/>

If you have mislaid a letter from school or forgotten details about an upcoming school trip, please check the website.

After-school clubs

Our after-school clubs are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. We appreciate that each time the clubs are offered there will be parents who are disappointed that their child was unable to get into the club of their choice as they didn't see the email until later, but we have found in the past that no matter what time or what day of the week we send out the after-school clubs email, there are always parents who are disappointed as they didn't see the email in time. Years ago there used to be a club sign-up sheet on the table in the playground for parents to sign their child up to any after-school clubs. But again, we had parents who missed out on this as they didn't do the drop off / pick up that particular day. Hence why we changed to online booking.

We rely on the goodwill of the staff and parent volunteers, along with help from external companies to be able to offer these clubs and we do have to set the maximum number of children per club based on adult:child ratios and so that the club can run smoothly without being over-crowded.



Christmas Bazaar

Monday 18th December

Everyone welcome!

9:30-11:30am – Hunton Village Hall, ME15 0RR

Tea, Coffee, Mulled Wine

Pre-loved toys

Sausage & Bacon rolls

Stocking Fillers

Cakes

Last minute gifts

Lucky Dip

Smiggle toys & stationery

Children's Activities

Face painting

Santas grotto - £1 per child (9:45-10:45am)



All money raised will go towards new equipment for the Pre-School

Charity Number 1035846

Poppy Appeal 2023



We raised £195.93 for the RBL with the sale of our poppy products this year. Thank you to everyone who purchased something or made a donation.

A special appreciation for Kathy Reid

Thank you so much to Kathy for all the hours she puts in to volunteering at our school. Many of you may not know that she kindly edits and creates our fortnightly newsletter for you. Without Kathy the Christmas Fayre may not have been possible; throughout the year she buys gifts and prizes and stores them ready for the big day. On top of that her organisational skills and tremendous hard work undoubtedly make the event such a success. Thank you, Kathy.

~ Anita Makey