



Headteacher News

It has just been the best to see all of the children back in school for the last two weeks! They have really brightened my days and have been so excited to see their friends and staff; there has been such a buzz around the school, embracing all that Hunton has to offer. There are no words to capture the joy of having the school fully open once again. The sounds and sights that filled the school on Monday 8th March are some that I have never experienced before and I'm sure that I will never experience again. The school buildings were alive with the sound of children laughing and chatting, reconnecting with their friends and classmates as they quickly settled back into the familiarity of their school routines.

Although we have understandably had to adjust some of our lessons, the children have fallen back into their learning and behaviour routines really well. They have come back to school with an overwhelmingly positive attitude. We are focusing on re-establishing those positive routines and behaviours for learning whilst also having an understanding that the children have missed the social interactions that you can only really get from being in a school environment. The feedback from the children generally is that they are happy to be at school – they missed their friends and teachers and are now pleased to be back in the classroom learning rather than on Teams. Thank you for the way in which so many of you have prepared them, enabling them to return to school with confidence and independence. It has really helped.

Thank you too for adjusting to the new drop off and pick up routines and timings: your promptness and punctuality at gate times really has helped ensure that all children have a calm, safe entry and exit into school so thank you to all involved; we do appreciate it. 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.

We would also like to add that we totally understand the challenges around school uniform at the moment but as I have mentioned before school uniform is part of the high expectations we have of the children. All items should be clearly named. The other challenge which I know many of us are facing is hair. We are all so desperate for a proper hair cut! If your child's hair is longer than shoulder length, it needs to be tied back please, again, for health and safety reasons.

We hope that the last two weeks have proven to be a step towards normality for you and your family. Thank you for continuing to follow our safety measures we have in place to ensure we are all protected.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Makey

Compassion, Hope, Reverence, Wisdom

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.

A huge well done to the children who got awarded the star in the last two weeks! Congratulations for all their hard work.

	w/b 8/3/21	w/b 15/3/21
Devas	Violet	Freddie
Bannerman	Amber	Danny
Porteous	Adam	Evie T
Borton	Scarlett	Madison

Dates

Term 4

22-23 March	Sign up for Parents' Evening in the Quiet Area
30 March	Parents' Evening
31 March	Parents' Evening
1 April	Term 4 ends

Easter Holidays

We end term on Thursday 1st April at the normal time.

We return on Monday 19th April.

Twitter
[@huntonceprimary](https://twitter.com/huntonceprimary)



Our new Twitter feed is growing in popularity all the time. It is a great way to keep you updated with everything that is going on in school and we would urge you all to follow us so that you can be alerted as soon as we have something else to share. There are so many exciting learning opportunities taking place all the time and we will try our hardest to tweet as much as we can so that you share some of these experiences with us. There will soon be a direct link to our Twitter feed from the homepage on our website.

Parent Evening Consultations - 30th & 31st March.
We are looking forward to speaking with you and meeting you later this term. We will be using the time to understand from you where you feel your child's needs are for the rest of the year, what your aspirations for them are and share any emerging gaps we need to work on during the rest of the school year. The meetings will be done via Zoom. On Monday 22nd March and Tuesday 23rd March, we will put sign-up sheets in the quiet area at the time of your child's arrival for parents to sign up for their slot. Please bring your own pen!



IMPORTANT - Nut Allergies in School
There are some children at the school who suffer from severe nut allergies, which in some cases could be fatal. We would therefore be very grateful if parents avoid sending in food items that contain nuts in their child's packed lunch or snacks. Many thanks for your help.

Breakfast Club

This started on Monday 15th March. We kindly ask that you book your days through our website

Government Advice

As schools return to full attendance, we understand parents' frustration when their child is asked to isolate at home either after testing positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), or because of being in close contact of someone who has tested positive. However self-isolation is one of the most important things we can do to help stop the spread of the virus and help protect our friends, family and our community. Around one in three people with coronavirus (COVID-19) have no symptoms, and so finding and isolating these hidden cases quickly will help to stop outbreaks before they get a chance to develop.

After school clubs and out-of-school settings

The Government has updated their [guidance for parents and carers of children attending out-of-school settings during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#)

You should send your child to the same settings consistently and limit the number of settings they attend as far as possible, and ideally ensure they attend only one out-of-school setting in addition to school.

You should use settings local to your home or child's school, such as settings within walking or cycling distance.

You should also keep a record of when your child attends a setting and where it is. This is to help NHS Test and Trace identify people who may have been in contact with your child if they test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19).



Parking

We have received news of cars parking across driveways and reversing into them. One manoeuvre was by the Road Crossing Patrol. This is extremely dangerous as this is where the children walking to and from school themselves cross the road. We would remind parents to park with care and consideration for our neighbours. This is to keep your children safe and show respect to local house owners.

Drinks

It is important that children keep hydrated during the day and we encourage children to bring water if possible rather than squash in a named bottle. Water is healthier than squash. We have also had an incident of a child's work being spoiled and juice being spilt in classrooms. We appreciate your cooperation.