

20th December 2024



### Compassion, Joy, Perseverance, Respect

## **Headteacher News**

We have come to the end of another wonderful, busy and high expectation term; on behalf of the staff and governors, I thank you for your support and wish you all a very Happy Christmas. We take pride in the many achievements of the children - there is so much high-quality work completed in school and this term we have certainly lived out our Vision Statement of striving for 'life in all its fullness' John 10:10.

Here are some of the extraordinary activities this term:



Representing Hunton in the Maths
Challenge at Invicta Girls'
Grammar.



Visiting Coxheath Library.



Devas singing to our local elderly residents at their homes and spreading Christmas joy.

- Porteous and Borton having hockey coaching with Wendy from Maidstone Hockey Club.
- Playing football in the Maidstone Schools' Tournament.
- Having almost 50 prospective visitors tour our little gem of a school.
- Schools coming to observe us and find out how we teach reading at Hunton.
- Our school council have had discussions on school dinners, behaviour and decided on a pyjama day.
- A fabulous stationery sale organised by some Borton girls to help raise money for our Howletts
- Some children took a leading role in a poignant Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church.
- Along with our wonderful PTFA the classes all created beautiful gifts and decorations to sell at the Christmas Fayre – not to mention the chocolate which came in. Well done to Devas for bringing in the most!







Borton experiencing life in a Victorian school at Leeds Castle – apparently, they loved the strictness!



Design and Technology week

– what a lot of designing and
sewing across the school.



Devas and Bannerman Nativity.

Everyone enjoyed the Devas and Bannerman Nativity and the KS2 Christingle Service today. The children's singing is always so uplifting and the joy in their faces was clear to see. There were great performances by all and some extraordinary talents discovered as well. Thank you to our amazing children and the staff for orchestrating this Christmas delight.

What a wonderful term we have had; there are so many more exciting things to look forward to in Term 3. All the staff at Hunton wish you a happy, peaceful Christmas and hope you have a truly wonderful new year 2025.

Mrs Makey





# 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 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Devas	-
Bannerman	Theo
Porteous	Hallie & Sheralie
Borton	Ruby
House points winner	Oliver Jeffers

#### **Attendance**

Every School Day Counts
Please don't let your child miss out on the education
they deserve.

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

Devas: 91% Bannerman: 84% Porteous: 87% Borton: 93%

Well done to **BORTON** who achieved the highest attendance for  $9^{th} - 20^{th}$  December.

### **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.

Monday	Football Club
3:20-4:20pm	
13/20/27 Jan	
3/10 Feb	
Tuesday	Netball Club
3:20-4:20pm	Kingsquad Club
14/21/28 Jan	
4/11 Feb	
Wednesday	Acro
3:20-4:20pm	
15/22/29 Jan	
5/12 Feb	
Thursday	Science
3:20-4:05pm	
9/16/23/30 Jan	
6/13 Feb	

Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	First day of term 3
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Devas "Make it groovy" workshop
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year R & Year 6 visit to
February 1:30pm	Coxheath Library
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Last day of term 3
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	First day of term 4
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Curry & Quiz
March	

#### Reminder for the new term:

If your child gets any new uniform or a new coat, gloves, lunchbox, water bottle etc ready for term 3, please ensure that you put their name in everything.

Clearly named items make it so much easier to find the right owners if items are left laying around the school or playground.



# Please save your stamps! A message from the Eco-Council



We want to collect and save stamps for the RNIB (Royal National Institute of Blind people). At Hunton we regularly use a resource created by the RNIB so we can access our reading books on the iPads. In return this is just a little

way we can help the charity. Please tear off any stamps on your envelopes and send them into school.

#### **Hot school dinners**

Please remember to pre-book and pay for your child for their hot school dinners on the SchoolMoney app/website. You are now able to book for term 3.

If your child receives free school meals then you do not need to book in advance as their dinners are already provided.



### **Staying Safe**

With the Christmas festivities just around the corner, children are looking forward to receiving gifts. For many, this may be devices that allow them to go online. Please take a look at the link Top tips for staying safe online at Christmas - UK Safer Internet Centre on keeping children safe online this Christmas.



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### Pop-up shop

On Monday our helpers wrapped and sold a total of 117 gifts!

It was a lovely atmosphere in the hall as the children spent time looking for a gift for their recipient. We hope that you like the present that your child has chosen.

### **Christmas Fayre**

At the Christmas Fayre we took a total of £1672 in cash/card/SchoolMoney payments which is an amazing achievement for such a small school. We do have expenses to take off that amount but it just goes to show how much everyone enjoyed and supported the fayre and the stalls.

Lastly, thank you for all your support over 2024. We couldn't have given the children all the fun extra activities without the help from all of you. Here is a quick re-cap of everything that the PTFA have offered this year:

