



Hunton Church of England Primary School Newsletter

16th July 2021

Compassion, Joy, Perseverance, Respect

Headteacher News

As another academic year is almost at an end we have been reflecting on the previous year at Hunton. What a year it has been for everyone: children, parents, staff and governors. It certainly has been a year of change which started in the September with Mr Ryan and everyone back in school. Miss Blundell became Bannerman's teacher before I joined in January as the second lockdown started. Immediately, our way of learning had to change fast and I greatly admire all of you with the way you embraced remote learning so quickly. Then came the snow which was both exciting and challenging! We were all thrilled to have everyone back in school in March – the balloons and bubbles at the gates made your smiles even wider when I got to meet most of you for the first time.

Rather unexpectedly Ofsted phoned us in May to say they would be inspecting us the following day. My pride in the children and staff just emulated the pride and affection they showed for Hunton CE Primary. The first line of the Ofsted report says, 'Pupils really enjoy being at this school. They love to learn and are confident that staff will protect and nurture them.' It is a very special place which gives a warm feeling that the inspectors could not help but get caught up in.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your incredible support. A great deal of what we do in school cannot be achieved without your co-operation. We want to say a huge 'thank you' for the amount you as families raised from our Sponsored 100 Challenge and we are delighted to tell you that money has been spent on making the classrooms and library areas special places to be. You certainly raised more money than we ever imagined. In addition, the PTA supports us through the year to help ensure our children have even more opportunity for incredible experiences which we appreciate greatly.

Next week we say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 children. The last few weeks in particular have been memorable for us and we hope have been very special for them too. With just 10 of them in the year group they astounded us with their performance of The School of Rock this week. They truly have been fantastic role models with Mr Ming and Mrs Underdown in Borton Class. We are so proud of their achievements and we confidently send them on to their new secondary schools having had some wonderful, memorable learning experiences. We wish all of them good luck in the future.

It is with mixed emotions that we express our thanks to Mrs Pilcher and we wish her the very best of luck in her new venture. She has supported many Hunton children over the past 11 years and I am sure you will join us in thanking her for her dedication and incredible hard work. She always ensures that there is enjoyment and fun alongside her passion in supporting our children to do their very best. You cannot walk past the classroom without smiling and seeing the excitement in the learning taking place. We will miss you, Mrs Pilcher.

We look forward to seeing the children at the start of the next academic year, Thursday 2nd September. Thank you once again for working with us to ensure our pupils are safe, happy, demonstrating our new school values and encouraged to believe in 'Life in all its fullness' *John 10:10* as they work towards their goals and ambitions.

Have a wonderful summer break and enjoy some quality family time.

Mrs Makey

Life in all its fullness

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 the star in the last two weeks! Congratulations for all their hard work.

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| Devas | Elsie | Mrs Pilcher & Devas class |
| Bannerman | Savannah & Tommy | Michael & Evelyn |
| Porteous | Thomas E | Selby & Chloe |
| Borton | Jacey | Ryan R |

Dates



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| Wednesday 21 st July | Last Day of term. Finish at 1:30pm 9:15am Leavers service – for year 6 parents only |
| Wednesday 1 st September | Staff Development Day – School closed |
| Thursday 2 nd September | Term 1 begins for all children |
| Thursday 21 st October | Term 1 ends |
| Friday 22 nd October | Staff Development Day – School closed |

Breakfast club – help needed

We are looking for helpers to enable us to run breakfast club in the mornings. The job is from 8am-9am every weekday (term-time only). The rate of pay is £9.55 per hour and your child can attend breakfast club for free if required.

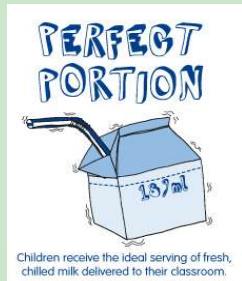
We are happy to have a mix of help, if you are only able to do certain days. Without any additional help, we won't be able to run breakfast club in September.

Milk

If you would like your child to receive milk from September, please register them now.

School milk is free for under-5s, and for over-5s it is available at a subsidised price of 22p per day.

Website registration link:
<https://customers.coolmilk.com/v2/register/>



New Office Administrator / Receptionist

We are pleased to announce that Ruth Lang will be joining us in September to work alongside Mr Hawes in the school office. Ruth is an active member of Coxheath Primary School PTA and has a good knowledge of the school environment so we feel that she will be a great asset to our team. We hope you will join us in welcoming Ruth to our lovely school.

Uniform – now online!!

Our uniform is now available to purchase from Simmonds either online with free delivery and free returns or by popping in to one of their shops.
<https://simmonds-ltd.com/hidden/hunton-primary-school>

Donations of any pre-loved Hunton uniform are gratefully received and can be left at Reception. We have pre-loved uniform in stock which we sell for a fraction of the new cost, so if you are looking for anything, please email office@hunton.kent.sch.uk

To clear our stock, we have these items for sale:
 Hunton caps - £4 each
 Hunton P.E bag - £4 each
 Hunton book bag - £4.50
 Hunton water bottle - £2.50



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School holidays and events

Kent Libraries Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge 2021 is a celebration of nature and action for the environment, in partnership with WWF UK.

This year it takes place in Wilderville, where our young heroes have been noticing some problems. Helped by their trusted animal companions, they're ready to take action to save the natural world. Wild World Heroes will inspire children to stand up for the future of our planet.

Kent will offer children the chance to visit the library to participate in-person or to visit the Wild World Heroes website to take part digitally.

The Summer Reading Challenge runs in Kent from Saturday 10 July to 11 September and aims to keep children reading over the summer.

[Click here](#) to see information on the website.

Millbrook Garden Centre

Millbrook Garden Centre are holding some animal workshops over the school holidays, these book up quickly so don't hang around if you want to book a space: [Millbrook Events](#)

Summer Holiday clubs and HAF scheme at Harlequin

Worried about keeping the children entertained during the summer? Harlequin holiday club is available for all primary school aged children. Harlequin is Ofsted registered as Outstanding and offer exciting and engaging activities and experiences for children. Full days of safe, entertaining care that your children will want to return to again and again is not as expensive as you may think. Plus, if your child qualifies for benefits assessed free school meals, you can access sessions FOR FREE. Harlequin are a KCC partner offering the Healthy Activity and Food programme that provides substantial cooked meals each day and promote healthy nutrition and guidance for children and their families. If you would like to learn more, please email enquiries@hosc.co.uk

September 2021 information

Class start & finish times

Devas (Yr R)

Start time: 8:45am

Finish time: 3:05pm

Drop off and pick up: in the playground

Bannerman (Yrs 1 & 2)

Start time: 8:45am

Finish time: 3:15pm

Drop off and pick up: in the playground

Porteous (Yrs 3 & 4)

Start time: 8:40am

Finish time: 3:10pm

Drop off and pick up: at the gate to the playground. The children will walk round to their classroom.

Borton (Yrs 5 & 6)

Start time: 8:40am

Finish time: 3:10pm

Drop off and pick up: at the main door by the office.

Over the summer holidays we are having a new electronic security gate installed at the front entrance. This will be on an automatic timer which will close after the start of school. It will mean you will need to be punctual so your child does not have a late mark in the register.

After School Clubs

We are looking to run some after school clubs and are hoping to be able to offer an engaging and varied range of activities for the children.

We are keen to tap into the skills and expertise of our parents and community so that we can broaden the range of opportunities on offer. So if you have an interest or hobby that you would like to share with the children from 3:15-4:15pm one afternoon per week, we would love to hear from you! It could be drama, dance, aerobics, sewing, running, gardening - anything goes.

Please email: office@hunton.kent.sch.uk if you have any ideas.

Life in all its fullness

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