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Headteacher News

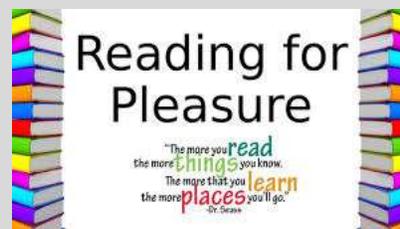
As this is the first newsletter of 2025 I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year!



On Boxing Day, we had the wonderful news that Mrs Seal had a baby girl. Both baby Millie Hannah and Mrs Seal are doing well and we cannot wait for the cuddles!

What a brilliant start we have had at Hunton - the children have come back to school with a spring in their step and an eagerness to learn. It has already been hard for teachers to choose their star of the week. All the classes have started their new topics so please do look on our website to see what they will be learning this term. <https://hunton.kent.sch.uk/curriculum/class-curriculum-information/>

Reading for pleasure continues to be a priority here at Hunton and we recommend that this can be pursued at home too. Those special moments, especially at the end of the day when you can snuggle up with your child and read a story is vital right up to the end of Year 6.



Did you know..... Researchers in the United States who had looked at the impact of parents reading with their children quoted the following figures about their findings: Here's how many words kids would have heard by the time they were 5 years old: Never read to, 4,662 words; 1-2 times per week, 63,570 words; 3-5 times per week, 169,520 words; daily, 296,660 words; and five books a day, 1,483,300 words. The effect on a child's academic progress, wellbeing and good life chances is huge! We will continue to visit Coxheath Library. Please do use this wonderful place to access books for free!

We have welcomed two new members of staff. Mrs Kotynia is teaching alongside Mrs Dunkley in Bannerman whilst Mrs McKiernan is teaching Devas Class whilst Mrs Seal is on maternity leave. We are truly fortunate to have experienced teachers in post.

Our School Council have been wanting to arrange a fund-raising event and have been busy deciding what to do. They have chosen to hold a 'Pyjama Day' on Friday 31st January with some treats. Please read the posters. Next week they are also meeting with the Contract Dining Company. If you have any questions/comments about the food that CDC provide please let us know.

Have a lovely weekend
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 10 th Jan	w/e 17 th Jan
Devas	Beau	Tommy O'B
Bannerman	Peggy	Jack
Porteous	Zack	Jaydon
Borton	Elsie	Ellie
House points winner	Bear Grylls	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: 83% Bannerman: 95%

Porteous: 94% Borton: 98%

Well done to **BORTON** who achieved the highest attendance for 7th – 17th January.

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

Monday 20 th January	2:30pm – Devas phonics workshop
Friday 24 th January	Borton and Porteous cross country
Monday 27 th January	Devas "Make it groovy" workshop
Friday 31 st January	Pyjama day
Thursday 6 th February 1:30pm	Year R & Year 6 visit to Coxheath Library
Wednesday 12 th February	Bannerman trip to Leeds Castle
Friday 14 th Feb	Last day of term 3
Monday 24 th Feb	First day of term 4
Monday 3 rd March	National offer day for Secondary school
Saturday 15 th March	PTFA Curry & Quiz



P.E Kit

Your child should have a P.E kit in school at all times.



P.E is part of the curriculum and all the children need to participate. If your child needs to take their kit home, please ensure they take it on Friday and return it on Monday.

Clothing should be suitable for the weather and outdoor conditions especially in the winter months when it can be wet and muddy outside.

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.

Important notice

Please respect everyone's right to feel safe and secure on our school site. Aggressive or intimidating behaviour, including offensive emails or written correspondence, is not acceptable and will not be tolerated by our school community. If you are feeling upset or frustrated please raise your concerns with the appropriate member of school staff in a calm and respectful manner.

<https://hunton.kent.sch.uk/media/rejfvooov/parent-and-visitor-code-of-conduct-2024.pdf>



PTFA News & Events
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FB: [HuntonPrimaryPTA](#)

SAVE THE DATE – back by popular demand, we have arranged a curry & quiz night for Saturday 15th March. More info next week but please put the date in your diary.

If you have any left over chocolates or biscuits or any unwanted gifts, please donate them to us for our upcoming events.

We have various items of pre-loved clothing looking for a new home. School jumpers are £2 each, school cardigans are £2.50. Sizes available from 24" (age 3-4) up to 28" (age 7-8). No larger sizes available at the moment.

If you do have any items of uniform that has our school logo on that no longer fit your child please bring them into school.

Great British Birdwatch

The RSPB are running their annual birdwatch 24th – 26th January 2025. The children can register online and request a pack. There are PDF posters, identification guides etc. <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch/>

Big Garden Birdwatch is fun, free and for everyone. And you don't need a garden to take part! Counting birds from your balcony, or your local



park will play a vital role in helping us understand how UK birds are doing. Sign up for your free guide and let's look out for birds together on 24th -26th January.



Monkhouse (our school uniform supplier) are now offering free delivery if you choose to have your items delivered directly to school.

<https://www.monkhouse.com/school/hunton-c-of-england-primary-school-urn-118726>

Please donate any pre-loved uniform with the Hunton logo to the PTFA.



Millbrook half-term events

<https://www.millbrookgc.co.uk/webshop/events/events-staplehurst>

Millbrook have a lot of events on over the February half-term. They all need to be booked in advance and they usually sell out quite quickly, so don't delay if you did want to book any of the events.

Tuesday 18th February – The Crazy Comic Club with James Parsons. UK's leading provider of comic art workshops, James will help kids boost their storytelling and drawing skills, while unlocking creativity with fun illustration tricks, used by the professionals.

Wednesday 19th February – Creation Station (arts & crafts – decorating a galaxy rock or an alien pencil topper).

Thursday 20th & Friday 21st February – Our amazing animal world.

Keeping your child safe online

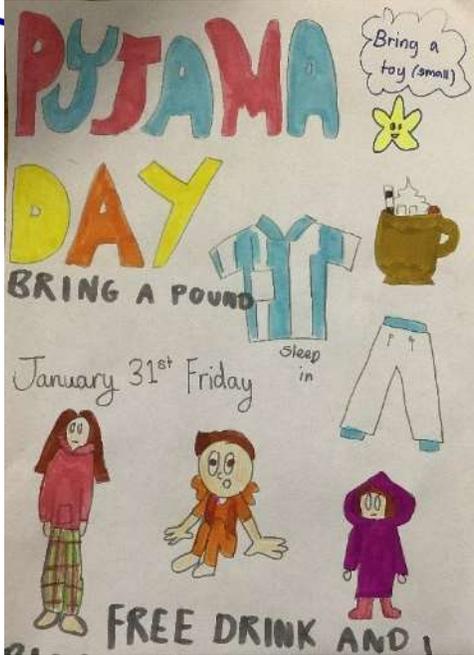
This week we sent to parents some advice regarding TikTok. The world around us continues to change very quickly and whilst new technologies offer so many opportunities and exciting new knowledge and ways of communicating than ever before they also hold risks, particularly to children. We work hard to ensure that children understand how to stay safe while using the internet, whether through a computer, phone or game, and the risks of sending images or being in contact with people they do not know online. You can also help to protect them from putting themselves at risk by monitoring their use of online technologies and restricting access to social media and being aware of the recommended age restrictions. There are many places to seek further advice and information on the ever-changing world of online technologies and the risks to young people. A particularly useful source of information which contains information as well as activities for parents and children of all ages is www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Uniform

We are extremely proud of our school identity and believe that wearing of a school uniform gives an immediate sense of belonging to our school community. The high standard we set in appearance is a signal to everyone of our expectations in effort, work and behaviour. Please see here to find out more about our uniform expectations:

<https://hunton.kent.sch.uk/parents/uniform/>

Please note that for health and safety reasons, children are NOT permitted to wear nail enhancements or jewellery to school. Children may wear one pair of stud earrings and a wristwatch (smartwatches are not permitted). Makeup may not be worn by the children. Your understanding and support are appreciated.



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