



Compassion, Joy, Perseverance, Respect

Headteacher News

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a wonderful summer.

It has been an absolute pleasure having everyone back and meeting our new Year R children who have settled in so very well in Devas with Miss McGregor. Thank you too, to the Mothers' Union from the church who beautifully made bags of kindness; it was a special moment when our new YR children gave them to their mums. We would also like to welcome the children who have come to us in other year groups; we are delighted you have joined the Hunton CE Primary family. All the children in school have, as always, impressed us immensely: they all look smart and proud in their uniforms and have been brilliant at adapting to new routines. The teachers, along with parents I am sure, felt really proud watching them all come through the new gate on the first day, dressed so smartly and with such big smiles. We look forward to welcoming all our new families to our school community and aim to make the transition into our school as smooth as possible for your children.

I would like to formally welcome Mrs Lang, our new school secretary, and Miss McGregor, our new teacher in Devas. It already feels as though they have been at Hunton for quite some time because they fit into our team so well.

Please keep yourself up to date with dates and information which we are continually updating on the school website www.hunton.kent.sch.uk. You can also see all the exciting things we get up to on a daily basis by following us on Twitter @HuntonCEPrimary.

One of those exciting moments this week was the hockey coaching for all our KS2 children. We have been fortunate enough to receive free hockey coaching for 6 weeks through Maidstone Hockey Club. Wendy Carter held the first lessons this week and she was genuinely surprised by the skills the children showed and their behaviour too. We are hoping that we can soon compete against other schools.

We could not have asked for more from your wonderful children in their first week back at school. I hope they have a nice, restful weekend so they can come back raring to go again! I would also like to say many thanks to the parents and children who sent in cards and gifts for the staff and for the families who have donated and volunteered time to help us improve the quiet area and put together new furniture. The sentiment expressed through these is much appreciated. Thank you for all your continuing support to help our school grow and so your children can strive to '*live life in all its fullness*' John 10:10

Have a good weekend.
Mrs Makey



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 this week! Congratulations for all their hard work. We are so pleased that we can invite parents in again to celebrate the Stars Of The Week together.

	w/e 10 th September
Devas	Emilee
Bannerman	Lexi
Porteous	Miné
Borton	Zaphenath

Hockey Heroes - aimed at KS1 (Year R to Year 2) and Year 3

Maidstone Hockey Club are running a Hockey Heroes course starting Friday 17th September, 4:30pm-5:30pm. Hockey Heroes is a fun and welcoming 8-week programme aimed at children aged 4-8 that aims to develop both their physical and character 'superpowers', unlocking the hero inside them! More information here [Hockey Heroes](#)

Return of Junior Hockey at Maidstone Hockey Club

The new hockey season has started at Maidstone Hockey Club on Sunday mornings. For all primary school ages and abilities. Please get in touch to give hockey a try, maidstonehockeyjuniors@gmail.com

School Curriculum

The curriculum plans for each year group are now available on our [website](#) along with a breakdown of each part of the curriculum and what it means.

Dates



Thursday 9 th September – Thursday 25 th November	Porteous class swimming lessons at Mote Park Leisure Centre
Thursday 21 st October	Term 1 ends
Friday 22 nd October	Staff development day – school closed
Monday 1 st November	Term 2 begins
Friday 17 th December	Term 2 ends

Breakfast club

We offer breakfast club every morning from 8:00am at a cost of £4 per child, per day (£3 for additional siblings attending).

Building Work

The first day back usually includes some changes to the school building and this year is no exception. Water safety works plus installing a new school gate with a camera and external lighting for the path continued for the duration of the summer holiday – this work is now complete. Work continues on new signage which we expect to be finished very soon. New smart more modern furniture has arrived along with cushions and lighting so the classrooms and learning areas are more wonderful places to be for the children. As I have said before, the environment is the 'silent teacher' and importantly gives a message of high expectations. This has only been attainable through your generosity and using some of the money raised through the Captain Tom Challenge.



Piano lessons

Andrew Parry music come in on a weekly basis to offer individual piano lessons to the children. If you would like more information please see their website <https://www.andrewparrymusic.com/> where you can get in contact with them.



Applying for additional school funding

Many families are entitled to free school meal provision but do not know they are eligible or do not claim it. This is known as 'pupil premium' funding. By applying for free school meals (or pupil premium funding), not only will your child receive free lunches but it also gives wider funding for your child should they need additional support with their learning.

This often means that parents do not complete the online form for the 'pupil premium' support and so your child is potentially missing out on extra funding.

Please note that pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 all receive free meals as part of the 'universal free school meal initiative'.

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

If your child is eligible for free school meals with an active application on the 31 March 2018, they will remain eligible until 31 March 2022.

If you meet any of the above criteria, whatever year group your child is in, please still apply for the pupil premium support. To apply now, fill out the short online form on this link:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/kent/> and inform us immediately if you are accepted. If you need any support or have any questions please call the school office.

Healthy snacks and drinks

At Playtime all KS1 and Reception children receive a free piece of fruit each morning at break time. Children in KS2 may bring a healthy snack to be eaten at break time – we recommend a piece of fruit, carrot sticks, bread sticks, plain biscuits, cheese, etc. Please do not send your child in with crisps, chocolate biscuits or sweets (unless it is their birthday!) With drinks we request that children come in with water and not squash. There is also the availability of milk. The Government is extremely concerned about sugary drinks and the huge increase in children's dental decay.

Milk

If you would like your child to receive a carton of milk each morning, please register them on the [Cool Milk website](#).



Raising money for our School whilst you shop online

We are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/raisemore/get-started#>

Letters and Forms

There have been a number of letters and forms issued to the various classes this week. Please complete and return any forms you receive to the school office as soon as possible. Copies are also available on a new tab 'Letters' in the parents' section on the website if you require a copy. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office with any queries or copies of any letters. We do use an email and text messaging system where we can message all parents to inform them about things such as emergency school closures, severe weather, letters, information etc. It is therefore imperative that we have your correct details. Please contact the school office with any changes.

Uniform

We have a uniform policy that is agreed by our children, school council and school governors and we have high expectations that our children come to school looking smart. Please help us continue these very high standards by ensuring your child has the correct uniform at all times, including their PE kit. This includes buttoned up shirts and blouses and not polo shirts. We understand that the new supplier, Simmonds, is awaiting a delivery and that some of you have not been able to purchase the jumpers, cardigans or PE shirts. The children have been told that some new uniform is arriving late due to it being on a ship and that they are not to worry about not having specific items at the moment. Our uniform list is on our school website. Please can we urge parents to make sure every item of uniform is labelled with your child's name! Very often the wrong item of clothing goes home with another child after a PE lesson and it is much easier to give back to the correct child if it has a name in it. Thank you

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