



Headteacher News

It dawned on me this week that this is the first full term of learning in school we have had since December and what a term it has been. I am sure you will agree that children being in school taught by their teachers and teaching assistants is the very best place for them to be. Playing and socialising with their school friends as well as making new ones is so important too. Our children love to play on the Hunton 'mountain' – I was as shocked as many of you may be that we actually have one on site where most of the ground is flat! The children's imagination here is beautiful to see; I explained this to visitors lately when children were seen playing with sticks and logs pretending and creating scenarios in so many ways. I know that playing with sticks in many schools is not permitted but how can we stop such creative positive play here in our rural school!

We are still awaiting our official Ofsted report which we will share with you. Whilst we are anticipating its arrival I can only reiterate that your children are at the centre of everything we do at Hunton. I have to thank the staff who always work incredibly hard; and during the inspection everyone was eager to show the good provision we have here. Thank you to you as parents too for completing the Ofsted questionnaire which goes towards Ofsted making their final judgement.

Our other event this term was our 100 Challenge Day – what a memorable day that was. It was a time when we eventually had the whole school together with big smiles and the children having so much fun. In the last newsletter I thanked you for raising over £2000. Incredibly, I was speechless this week! That was because the total is now over £3000. Our school budget is very tight but we are determined to ring fence this amount for special things for the children. We are drawing up our shopping lists and will let you know how we will be spending it. A massive thank you to you though this somehow still does not feel enough.

In preparation for next term please note the dates on the newsletter. The children are delighted that school trips are taking place. We will have a sports day and of course, we intend to have parents there however we will need to follow the Government guidelines so we are all safe. Similarly, we are having an end of term production and Leavers' Service on the last day of term.

In this last newsletter of the term can I just thank you all once again for not only being your child's primary educator but for also doing such a great job supporting your child with their learning too in what is the strangest of times this term and at various times in the last year. We hope you can have a bit of a break if you are off with your children and enjoy seeing some friends and family again in what we hope is a step towards normality.

Mrs Makey

Compassion, Joy, Perseverance, Respect

Contacting School

Please send emails to office@hunton.kent.sch.uk rather than directly to staff / class email addresses. Thank you.

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.

	w/e 21 st May	w/e 28 th May
Devas	Harry	Parker
Bannerman	Harry	Matilda
Porteous	Nathaniel	Mia
Borton	Scarlett	Scarlett

Online Safety

National Online Safety continue to add guides for parents which I will continue to add to the school website. This week we have picked out guides for TikTok, Roblox and Supporting Well Being.

These guides are really helpful and make parents aware of additional features that you may not have known, such as the family link in TikTok so you can set limits on what they may come across.

Please note the guides do also indicate the age restrictions for the games and apps and you should take note of these restrictions. <https://hunton.kent.sch.uk/parents/e-safety/>

The Big Ask - a new national survey of children

We are delighted to have participated in The Big Ask, the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England, was launched by the new Children's Commissioner last week. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that we can put children at the heart of our country's recovery from the pandemic. The results will help the Children's Commissioner identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve. Please [click here](#) to complete the adult survey to share your view too.

Dates

Friday 28 th May	Last day of term
Monday 7 th June	Staff Development Day (children not in school)
Tuesday 8 th June	Term 6 Starts
8 th – 11 th June	Year 6 mock SATs
Wednesday 9 th June	Class Photos
14-18 th June	PGL residential for Y5&6
21 st – 25 th June	Y4 Multiplication Check
Wednesday 23 rd June	Porteous & non-PGL trip to Herstmonceux Science Centre
Wednesday 23 rd June 4:30-5:30	New parents meeting for September 2021 Year R intake
Thursday 24 th June	Bannerman visit to Kent Life
Tuesday 29 th June am	Sports Day (reserve 6 th July)
Wednesday 30 th June	Year 6 trip to Rochester Cathedral
Thursday 1 st July 9:15-10:15	New YRs coming to visit
Wednesday 7 th July 9:15-10:45	New YRs coming to visit
Friday 9 th July 5pm	School production
Thursday 15 th July	Devas trip to Leeds Castle
Thursday 15 th July	Borton and Porteous open afternoon –provisional
Friday 16 th July	Devas and Bannerman open afternoon – provisional
Wednesday 21 st July	Last Day of term. Finish at 1:30pm Leavers service

From all the staff here at Hunton, we hope you have a lovely half-term and we look forward to welcoming all the children back on Tuesday 7th June.

Twitter photos



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

When we take photos of the children for Twitter we try to be extremely careful in making sure we only post images of children with consent. There may be some images of children without consent in the background of pictures or of their side profile or back of head. We would only post an image when we feel children are unrecognisable to the public, however if you are unhappy with any image posted please let us know and we are happy to remove it.

Take part in 30 Days Wild 2021



We challenge you to do one wild thing a day throughout the month of June! That's 30 simple, fun and exciting Random Acts of Wildness.

When you sign up, you'll get a free pack of goodies to help you plan your wild month, plus lots of ideas to inspire you to stay wild all throughout June (and beyond!).

[30 Days Wild 2021 - Sign up for your pack | The Wildlife Trusts](#)

National Children's Gardening Week takes place during half-term (29th May to 6th June) and celebrates the fun and many benefits gardens hold for children. In support, we're encouraging children to explore their gardens, engage with nature and get growing with lots of activities for our Millbrook Minis to enjoy:

- FREE in-store seeds giveaway
- FREE in-store Peppa Pig booklets
- FREE Kids' Gardening Activity Pack

[Millbrook website](#)

WIN a raised bed for your school!

Please can you all go to the Millbrook Staplehurst Facebook page and comment "Hunton CEP School" on the post. The more entries we have, the greater our chance of winning!

Wednesday 9th June – School photographer

Just a reminder that on 9th June we have the photographer coming in to take photos of the children, which will be available to purchase afterwards. Please can we ask for children to be in full School uniform with their logo jumper or cardigan.

Community News

If you would like to send us anything for our newsletter please send it to office@hunton.kent.sch.uk

Water bottle – no squash

Please note that children are only allowed water in their bottles in school. Squash/cordial drinks are not allowed as if spilt its very sticky on desks, work and in bags. Thank you for your co-operation.

Assessment Update

The Multiplication Check for children in year 4 has been made available for schools to make use of. We are going to take up the option of the children completing this check. This is completed on the laptops in school and is very similar to TT Rockstars.

The children will be completing the check in their classes sometime between 8th June and 25th June.

We are going to running a phonics check with the Year 1 children in June and using previous SATs for Y2 and Y6.

These results will not be published as there is no requirement to do so this year but they will support your child in identifying the progress they have made and areas still to work on.

Absence

Please can we remind parents that you must call the school office no later than 9am if your child is going to be absent from school.

Please ensure you state your child's name, class and reason for absence. This is incredibly important due to the current Covid-19 restrictions in place.

Thank you

Uniform Donations

It is wonderful to see many of the children back in full school uniform, they all look so smart! If you have any uniform with the Hunton logo on, which your child has grown out of, please consider donating it to our uniform recycling shop.

Donations 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