



Headteacher News

Well, this week it is certainly not difficult for me to think about what to write in our newsletter. Most importantly, in regards to the children and our special Hunton community, I am going to start with our 100 Challenge Day. What a day that was and one that we will all remember. It was wonderful to see for the first time, the whole school together for collective worship and Star of the Week on the playground. As this has been the first time for over a year it was quite emotional. Of course, added to this was seeing and hearing about the children's sponsored challenges. The children were buzzing and eager to share. What we did not expect was the variety of ideas and the perseverance the children showed. Then we had children filling their bag with 100 of the same item and again such an array from coins and 100g of icing sugar to baked beans and kind words.

Thank you so much for your generous support especially with the raffle for the barrow of treats. We have raised far more money than we ever anticipated due to your generosity. We are still collecting the last bit of sponsorship money in but we are well on our way to raising £2000. As soon as we have the final amount from all monies raised we will let you know the grand total and how we intend to spend it.

As you will now be aware we had the Ofsted call on Tuesday morning which did come as a bit of a surprise so soon after lockdown. However, the staff and the children were determined to show the spirit of Hunton. The children were proud to talk about their learning and present their books whilst the staff demonstrated utter commitment and their hard work. Thank you so much for completing the parent survey and the positive comments you added. I can assure you that everything was taken into consideration when they made their judgement. We await their report which will be shared with you hopefully before half-term.

I hope you have a lovely weekend; the children and staff certainly deserve a good one.

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 7 th May	w/e 14 th May
Devas	Sidney	Lavinia
Bannerman	Leo	Darcie
Porteous	Riley	Orla
Borton	Ryan W	William

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
Wednesday 9 th June	Class Photos
14-18 th June	PGL residential for Y5&6
Tuesday 29 th June am	Sports Day (reserve 6 th July)
Wednesday 21 st July	Last Day of term

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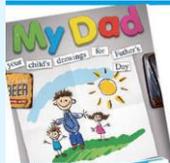
Have a look and follow us so you can keep up with what the children get up to at school. Please tag us in any photos for us to retweet.

Face Masks

From Monday 17th May parents will still need to wear face masks when entering the school grounds and building. The Government Guidance hasn't yet changed regarding this. We will let you know when there is an update.

Competition with the Kent Messenger

Just a reminder that the KM is asking children to submit their pictures directly to their website at www.kmmydad.co.uk Children can add their own special message to their dad, and the pictures will appear in time for Father's Day in week commencing 14th June. This is open to all primary school aged children and pictures must be submitted by close of business 24th May.



My Dad

Get started here to upload your picture and it will be printed in your local KM Group Newspaper

Covid related symptoms

If your child has any Covid related symptoms they will need to stay off School for either 10 days or until a negative **PCR** test result.

You cannot use the Lateral Flow Tests if you have symptoms of Covid as these tests are only accurate if you have no symptoms. You will need to book a PCR test via the NHS website if you have any symptoms.

Sir LinkaLot

We hope you have had a chance to download/view the [Sir LinkaLot app](#). The app is achieving incredible results with children, particularly those who find spelling an issue. It runs alongside phonics programmes helping children to learn the red words. So, it doesn't clash with ours but complements it.

School crossing patrol

We have been made aware of potential safeguarding concerns and we need to reiterate the requirements to keep the crossing area safe and clear. This enables the crossing patrol to have full visibility of the road allowing the children to cross safely.

Mental Health Awareness Week

This week is Mental Health Awareness week and the theme is 'Nature'.

There's a lot of good research to support the role nature can play in protecting and supporting our mental health. [Click here](#) for some ideas.

Over the last week Devas, Borton and Porteous classes have all been lucky enough to take a walk over to the Bluebell Woods, located behind the School. The Bluebells are in full bloom and it is a lovely sight to see.



New Governors

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Tanya Martin and Mrs Jennifer Tobin have joined the Board of Governors to represent the parents. We look forward to them helping us move our school forward.

Online gaming

We are aware that some children are using gaming sites on line and then trying to replicate the games in their imaginative play at playtimes. Some of the online games have an age limit because of the content.

Please click on the link so you are aware of on line safety for your child: [Online safety advice](#) Early use of digital technology has been shown to improve language skills and promote children's social development and creativity but it's not without risks for young children, who may come across inappropriate content or begin to copy what older children do online. The guide will help you to understand what you can do to give young children the best experience of going online.