



### Headteacher News

What a fantastic couple of weeks it has been. The new playground markings have been popular and we can now invite other schools to play netball on our new court too. I could fill pages sharing all the wonderful things we have been up to, from designing and making in DT week to a Reading Café experience, from sports competitions to church performances – we have even managed a visit to Kent Life.

What a fabulous day we had with Devas at Kent Life. It was their first school trip and I felt so lucky to be with them. I couldn't help but get caught up in their excitement and being told all about lambs, rabbits and guinea pigs. They listened so intently to our guide when he showed them ferrets, sheep and a Shetland pony; the pigs were so well fed by us! Thank you, Mrs Seal, Mrs Rance and Mrs Dunkley, but over and above – thank you to our wonderful Devas children.



Newsletters always have 'thank-yous' in them. Without them our children and families would not have those special moments. No doubt there was much appreciation on Mothering Sunday as children had created such beautiful cards and bought gifts in our pop-up shop run by our PTA. This year we also invited ladies from Hunton, whether it be from the church or community groups to sit with the children and make spring posies for St Mary's Church. Most generously, led and provided for by Sarah Jones, the children not only made posies for the church but also for you. We loved welcoming in people from our community and it seemed our children valued the 'natter time' they were able to have.



It was a busy afternoon as at the same time Devas Class held a tea party for their mums. Yet another memorable experience for all with delicious cakes and a poetry recital.

I cannot go without mentioning the launch of the new Reading Café established by Mr Ming and Miss Blundell. It has become so popular that the tables are booked and full! As with all cafes there is always the chance of a cancellation so even more children can experience Mr Ming's hot chocolate along with a book and a friend. Seeing our older children informally share books with our younger ones really helps to inspire a love of reading and learning.

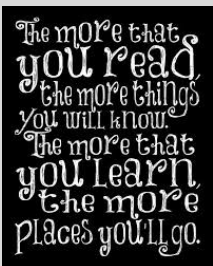


Finally, thank you to those who joined us at our Easter Service today. Being a church school our church services are a time to reflect as well as celebrate our Christian links with St Mary's. The children read and sang with fervour.



As we head into the Easter break, we are incredibly proud of all the hard work and dedication our pupils have shown. We would also like to express our thanks to all our voluntary helpers for their contribution to all school activities, however big or small. Your assistance at all times is very much appreciated by both the staff and the pupils.

Despite the rainy days, the sun has been shining for us and the children have had a truly fulfilling term. Thank you as always for your continued support. Hopefully the Easter break will see the sun return - and stay - and you'll be able to enjoy some grand days out. Have a great break, and we'll see you all back here on the 17<sup>th</sup> April ready to spring in to the summer terms!



Wishing you a very Happy Easter  
Mrs Makey

## Twitter Pictures



When we take pictures 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.



## 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 star of the week! Congratulations for all their hard work.

	w/e 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar
Devas	Poppy
Bannerman	-
Porteous	Ronnie & Savannah
Borton	Amy

## Dates



<b>Mondays</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> /24 <sup>th</sup> April 15 <sup>th</sup> /22 <sup>nd</sup> May 3:20-4:20	Football Club Years 3-6
<b>Tuesdays</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> April – 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 3:20-4:20	Dance Club with Rachel from The Right Step Dance Company
<b>Wednesdays</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> April – 24 <sup>th</sup> May 3:20-4:20	Arty Crafty Club Years R-2
<b>Thursdays</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> April – 25 <sup>th</sup> May 3:20-4:20	Netball Club Years 3-6
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of Term 5
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 3:15-4:15	Creepy Claws – to make up for the cancellation on 23 <sup>rd</sup> March.
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Kings Coronation celebrations
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday

## SATs, Phonics Test and Multiplication Test

Our Year 6 children have their statutory end of **Key Stage 2 tests** starting Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May. An additional bank holiday in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III will take place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May. As this date had previously been announced as the first day of the 2023 Key Stage 2 test week, a change to the schedule has been made. KS2 tests will take place in the same week with tests following the usual order but with each taking place one day later than originally planned.

**It is really important that your child attends school every day so we politely ask you to not book holidays.**

There will also be **KS1 SATs** during May for Year 2 children so again children should be in school and on time. These will be done across the month.

**The Y4 Multiplication Test Check will take place week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> June.**

**The Y1 Phonics Test will take place from 12-16<sup>th</sup> June.**

## Cricket

Last term some of our children took part in cricket sessions in their PE lessons. These were provided by the charity Chance to Shine and delivered by a coach from Kent County Cricket Club.

Cricket is a great way for boys and girls to enjoy a healthy, active lifestyle and to make new friends. Some of the local cricket clubs in our area will be running All Stars Cricket (for 5-8 year olds) and Dynamos Cricket (for 8-11 year olds) over the coming months.

This link gives information about All Stars Cricket:  
<https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars>

Click here for details of Dynamos Cricket:  
<https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/dynamoscricket>



## Attendance

Together with yourselves we are sure that you recognise that good attendance enables good learning and progress. It is important that your child is at school on time, ready for learning. Learning does start straight away and being late in class can mean that your child misses the essential start of a lesson and then finds it hard to engage.

In order to ensure that the children have a settled start to the day, we would ask all parents to make sure that their children arrive before their start times.

Borton and Porteous – 8:40am

Bannerman and Devas – 8:45am

Days off school add up to lost learning			
175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR			
175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, household jobs and other appointments			
0	6	15	19
DAYS ABSENCE (190 school days)	DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE	DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE	DAYS ABSENCE OR MORE
100%	96%	92%	Below 90%
EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE	SATISFACTORY ATTENDANCE	REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT	Persistent Absentee
Best chance of SUCCESS	Harder to make good progress	Less chance of success	CAUSE FOR CONCERN
			Serious concern Possible court action

## 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: 98%

Bannerman: 96 %

Porteous: 95%

Borton: 95%

Well done to **DEVAS** who achieved the highest attendance for 20<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.



## PTFA News & Events

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FB: [HuntonPrimaryPTA](https://www.facebook.com/HuntonPrimaryPTA)

We were pleased to be able to organise an Easter hunt yesterday using the money raised from the Mother's Day pop-up shop. The squeals of joy and excitement when the children saw the Easter bunny hiding the sweets for them to find was heart-warming and thankfully the weather was on our side and we were able to spend time around our outdoor classroom/prayer area which has recently been tidied up using money that we raised at the Curry & Quiz night. All the money we raise goes back in to providing these experiences and opportunities for the children and the school environment and we do appreciate all the support you give to us.

## The King's Coronation and Grand Opening of our Sensory Garden



We will be celebrating the King's Coronation on the afternoon of Friday 5th May along with local charities, the Church and local dignitaries who kindly

donated money or time to create the sensory garden to go alongside our Eden rustic hut. We are intending to hold a tea party and are busily learning songs which hopefully the whole of Hunton will hear. We will also ask you to join us later in the afternoon so you too can celebrate with us and hear the tremendous singing. More news will be on its way.....

## Easter Story

For Christians Easter Sunday is the greatest and most exciting day of the year. Enjoy this short BBC cartoon which re-tells the Easter Story in a bright and colourful way. [The Christian Story of Easter - BBC Teach](https://www.bbc.com/teach/religious-education/508648)