

Headteacher News



We still have a special, wonderful last week of the academic year to go. Not only will there be memorable events to enjoy but it is also a time to reflect on experiences, the changes for improvement and the exceptional support the school has received from staff, parents, volunteers, governors and the community to make Hunton CE Primary a richer learning place for the children

Most importantly it is a time to celebrate our Year 6 children and to wish them well for their next step into secondary school. What role models they have been, not just for the other children but for us adults too. They had to experience lockdown in Year 3 then again in Year 4, as well as many of them contracting covid along the way. Their 'bounce back' attitude and positivity has been obvious and we are so very proud of the progress they have made in their learning. Their academic achievements in the SATs were exceptional and way above national average.

% Achieving the Expected Standard and above	School 2023 (provisional)	National 2023
Reading	82%	73%
Writing	76%	71%
Maths	76%	73%
Combined	71%	59%
SPAG	82%	72%



Equally important are extra curricula achievements and last Friday was testament to this when we were very much treated to the Y6 production, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. This is the third production I have had immense pleasure to watch. The children's humour, talent and hard work was there for us all to see. It was more than fantastic, especially the way the children worked together and displayed their confidence. As I am writing this newsletter the Year 6s will no doubt be still challenging themselves and striving outside of their comfort zone on their PGL adventure. Look out on Twitter – you might gulp! What a time they're having.

My thanks, and I'm sure yours too, must go to Mr Ming, Mrs Underdown and Mrs Evans. Mrs Underdown's creative, artistic talent with what looked like a real Chitty Chitty Bang Bang with wings to fly was definitely a wow moment. Without staff giving their time freely things like this could not happen. No mean feat! Thank you all so very much from myself and the children!





Next week continues to be a hive of activity. We still have a week with Mrs Adams and Miss Blundell. It is with mixed emotions that we express our thanks to Mrs Adams. We wish Mrs Adams the very best in her new venture of working in a care home. We naturally match our value of compassion when we think of Mrs Adams as she has been so kind to generations of children here at Hunton over the last 16 years.



We also send best wishes to Miss Blundell who will soon be having her first baby. What a special time that will be and we can't wait for her to bring her baby into school for cuddles. Both have supported many Hunton children and I am sure you will join us in thanking them for their dedication and incredible hard work. We will miss you.

We look forward to our very special Y6 leavers' service at the church which will be our final way of saying goodbye and best wishes to the Year 6s for their future. We are in such a privileged position to watch them grow and develop from when they first join us in year R to when they leave us in year 6.

I wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge your incredible support. A great deal of what we do in school cannot be achieved without your co-operation. Thank you once again for working with us to ensure our pupils are safe, happy, demonstrating our school values and encouraging belief in '*life in all its fullness*' John 10:10 as they work towards their goals and ambitions.

Have a truly wonderful summer. We look forward to seeing the children at the start of the next academic year, Monday 4th September.

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.

	w/e 7 th July
Devas	Mrs Adams
Bannerman	Mya-Olivia Parker
Porteous	Toby
Borton	Albie Mrs Underdown

Lost property

To ensure that your child's uniform, coats, shoes etc don't go missing, please ensure that you label each item with their name.



The lost property box is overflowing with clothing that hasn't got a name in it!

Clothes without names will be stored for a short time before being sent to charity for recycling.

If your child is missing an item please check in the lost property box.

Please label everything ready for September.

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.

Mondays 11/18/25 Sept 2/9/16/23 Oct 6 Nov	Porteous Swimming at Mote Park Leisure Centre
Mondays 11/18/25 Sept 2/9/16 Oct	Football Club Years 3-6 3:20-4:20
Tuesdays 12/19/26 Sept 3/10/17 Oct	Netball Club Years 3-6 3:20-4:20
Wednesdays 13/20/27 Sept 4/11/18 Oct	Tennis Club Years 1-2 3:20-4:20
Thursdays 14/21/28 Sept 5/12/19 Oct	Arty Crafty Club Years 1-6 3:20-4:20
Wednesday 19 th July 2:15-3:15pm	Open afternoon – come and have a look at your child's books. Gates will open at 2:15pm.
Friday 21 st July	9:20am – Year 6 Leavers service at St Marys 1:30pm – school finishes
Monday 4 th September	Start of term 1

Nasal Flu Immunisation Programme

Please remember to opt in or opt out of the Flu vaccination for your child:

<https://childconsent.co.uk/kchft/consent/search>

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: 98.3X%

Bannerman: 97.7%

Porteous: 93%

Borton: 96%

Well done to **DEVAS** who achieved the highest attendance for 3rd – 14th July 2023.

Milk

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



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).

You can use breakfast club on an ad-hoc or regular basis.



Twitter



@huntonceprimary

Remember to check out our Twitter page which is updated on a daily basis with information and photos about what the children have been up to.

Online Safety

'Jessie and Friends' [Jessie Friends videos](#)

(thinkuknow.co.uk) is a good opportunity to sit with your child and share age appropriate online safety messages. This content is intended for children to access with a parent/carer to encourage them to start conversations about online safety at home; as such, CEOP have produced accompanying guidance for parents/carers.

Recycling bank

The recycling bank we have in the school grounds is able to take:

Clothes, shoes, bed linen, accessories (belts, scarfs, hats, gloves, handbags) and soft toys

So, if you have a sort out at home, please use this bank where possible as it raises money for our school.





School Uniform

It is at this time that shops are offering discounts on uniform.

We would ask that all parents ensure that children come to school dressed appropriately. Children must wear white shirts and not polo shirts and must have black shoes.

We believe that school uniform promotes inclusivity. If a child dresses differently then others do notice that difference and this gives the opportunity for comment. We believe school is not somewhere where children should feel anxious about how they dress – our school uniform code prevents this.

In school children are reminded collectively in assembly that we are proud to belong to Hunton and that uniform makes things fair for everyone. Children are also reminded by all staff if they are not wearing the correct uniform. Occasionally there may be a very good reason why a child is not wearing a specific item which you have made us aware of and which we fully understand.

Uniform puts all children on a level playing field so children can concentrate on the things that matter at school – being happy and making the most of their education.

Here is our school uniform policy for reference: [Hunton Primary School](#)

Please remember to label everything that your child brings in to school. You wouldn't believe the amount of time that is spent searching for items that have been misplaced and do not have the child's name in.

If you are having an end-of term clear out of uniform you can donate uniform to the PTFA. Please ensure that it is in good clean condition with no stains, holes etc and please remove your child's name from inside.



Summer Reading Challenge

Jacquie, the Coxheath librarian, came in this week to promote the challenge. Remember that borrowing books is free and helps keep your child's reading on track for September. There are so many books to choose from and together with the Summer Reading Challenge it provides a perfect opportunity. The library will be holding craft sessions on 1st & 8th August at 2:30-3pm and 3:15-3:45pm and on 22nd August at 2:30-3:30 (ages 5+).

There is also a storytime and craft session on 22nd July and 26th August at 10-11am.

These sessions are free, but places are limited so booking is essential.

coxheathlibrary@kent.gov.uk email, call in or phone 03000 413131 to book a place

Pencil cases, back packs and large water bottles

Please refer to the recent letter. We are sorry but we just do not have the space in school for large backpacks, pencil cases or large water bottles.

Pierced ears

Now is an ideal time to have a child's ears pierced if so desired. Please be aware that, at school, only stud earrings are allowed and children have to take earrings out for PE.

Borton class

Our visit to Maidstone

Whilst some of Borton Class were at PGL the rest of the class went on trip to Maidstone with Mrs Makey and Mrs Dunkley. The children had the experience of managing their own money, paying their bus fare on the 89 bus and learning about the history of Maidstone and significant points of interest. Do you know where to see a giant stag, perform in an amphitheatre, recognise pargetting or even know where to see an iguanodon? Naturally they also wanted to shop and soon learnt the reality of what they really wanted against what money they had left in their purses!



Some photos from PGL





Help & advice

We all need a little help from time to time, but sometimes we don't know where to turn. If you are looking for support please come and speak to us in complete confidence as there are a number of services we can signpost you to for further support.

Here are some links to services that can support families.

* **Foodbanks** – if you are in need of food and essentials. You can find more information about food banks and food vouchers on [Trussell Trust website](#).

To find a local food bank: [Find a food bank - Kent County Council](#)

* **Citizens advice** –to help you find a way forward, whatever the problem
www.citizensadvice.org.uk

* **Domestic Abuse** - domesticabuseservices.org.uk

Wellbeing and mental health

Child and Young Persons Mental Health Service (CYPMHS)

[Kent & Medway Children & Young People's Mental Health Service \(CYPMHS\) | NELFT NHS Foundation Trust](#)

YoungMinds have a parent's helpline, information and resources.
(www.youngminds.org.uk)

Samaritans – Get in touch about anything that's troubling you no matter how big or small the issue is. [Contact Us | Samaritans](#)

Involve -supporting children's health and wellbeing [Children & Families | Involve Kent](#)