

### Headteacher News



As we approach the end of Term 1, we're immensely proud of our new YR children in Devas and the way they have settled in and quickly become a delightful part of our school. A special thank you must go to them for their class assembly this week. Wow – what confidence they showed not only in front of the school but also their parents too. They put a smile on all of our faces. Thank you to them and to Mrs Seal, Mrs Dunkley, Mrs Rance and Mrs Tadman for ensuring the children have settled and are able to share their learning with all of us.



We have also seen children throughout the school 'living life in all its fullness', *John 10:10*, and taking opportunities to challenge themselves in order to flourish. Adventures out of school are a reminder that learning extends beyond the classroom. Well done to our football teams who competed against other Maidstone schools at the Gallagher Stadium – we are proud of the way they represented our school. Borton Class also certainly strived outside of their comfort zone. On an enrichment day at Maidstone Climbing they grasped the opportunity to climb walls

and negotiate heights with one of them exclaiming that, 'I had found my thing'! Photos from the day made me gasp at the perseverance and joy they showed. All these opportunities (and there will be more to come) fill memories that will nurture their growth and understanding in years to come.

I must add how wonderful it was to see parents and carers come to see their child's work and discuss progress with their teacher. Our partnership with you truly develops a child's learning in a positive way. Should you wish to have further discussions or were unable to attend, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Continuing to say thank you to parents, we would like to send a deep appreciation to our PTFA and those parents who organised and helped with the school disco last Friday. The children love a disco; the dancing could certainly compete with the standard in Strictly!

On our final day of term 1 it was a special time to celebrate Harvest as a community. Thank you to Becky Parnham for giving us the opportunity to not only celebrate this traditional time but moreover for helping to organise the much-needed distribution of our donations to Maidstone Homeless Care. We hope that those Harvest songs that the children have been practising are sung all through half-term!

Finally, thank you to all the children, staff, governors and yourselves as parents for your support throughout the term; the school community continues to be a real strength here.

Have a wonderful week's break and we will see you on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October. There may be a surprise at the edge of the playground which you certainly will not be able to miss.

Mrs Makey



# Hunton Church of England Primary School Newsletter

Remember to get your child's design back to school before 7<sup>th</sup> November. Have your child's hand-drawn picture turned into Christmas cards for family and friends or a mug for the grandparents.

## Job vacancies

We have a couple of jobs available if you, or anyone you know would be interested.

**Teaching Assistant** – 2 days per week  
<https://www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=124646>

**Midday Meals Assistant** - 5 hours per week - Monday-Friday  
<https://www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=124649>

## 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.

<b>Mondays</b> 6/13 Nov	Porteous Swimming at Mote Park Leisure Centre
<b>Mondays</b> 6/13/20/27 Nov 4 Dec	Coding Club 3:20-4:20
<b>Tuesdays</b> 7/14/21/28 Nov 5 Dec	Christmas Crafts Club 3:20-4:20
<b>Wednesday</b> 1 Nov	Tennis Club – last session from term 1
<b>Wednesdays</b> 8/15/22/29 Nov 6 Dec	Tennis Club 3:15-4:15
<b>Thursdays</b> 9/16/23/30 Nov 7 Dec	Badminton Club Years 3-6 3:20-4:20
<b>Tuesday</b> 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	First day of term 2
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Deadline to apply for Year 7 Secondary School place for Sept 2024
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	School photos – individual and sibling photos
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Vision & Values Day
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Sept 2024 Primary School admission applications open
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Bannerman at Lower Grange Farm 9:15-1:30pm
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Non-uniform day – “Bring a bottle” donation for the Christmas Fayre
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Chocolate competition – the class who bring in the heaviest amount of chocolate wins
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fayre 2pm – 3:45pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas dinner day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term 2
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	First day of term 3



## 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
<b>100%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>Below 90%</b>
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: 92%                      Bannerman: 94%

Porteous: 93%                      Borton: 95%

Well done to **BORTON** who achieved the highest attendance for 9<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

All correspondence that you are sent can be found here: <https://hunton.kent.sch.uk/parents/parent-correspondence/>

If you have mislaid a letter from school or forgotten details about an upcoming school trip, please check the website.



PTFA News & Events  
[pta@hunton.kent.sch.uk](mailto:pta@hunton.kent.sch.uk)  
FB: [HuntonPrimaryPTA](#)

Looking ahead to our Christmas Fayre, which is on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2pm-3:45pm we will be looking for helpers to set-up during the day and also to help run the stalls. It is a really fun event, which all the children enjoy so make sure you put the date into your diary.

We will also have our Santa's grotto which was very popular last year. We do need you to book in advance so we know how many presents Santa needs to bring with him. If siblings will be coming to the Christmas fayre and you would also like them to receive a present at Santa's grotto, please email us [pta@hunton.kent.sch.uk](mailto:pta@hunton.kent.sch.uk)

If you're having a clear-out at home before Christmas, please donate any items to us for our Christmas Fayre.

At the Christmas Fayre we will have a toy stall and also our "Elfridges" shop where the children can come in and choose a gift for a family member or friend.

We would love donations of:

Good quality toys and games and new gift sets,

bath bombs, candles, socks or anything new that we can sell in our Christmas shop – "Elfridges".

Please drop any donations off to the School office, anytime before 9am on 8<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you in advance for your support.



## Football

Well done to the boys and girls who represented Hunton at the Gallagher Stadium, we were all so proud of them and what an experience!



The matches are organised by the Stones Trust which is a Maidstone charity associated with Maidstone United Football Club.

## Sweets & Treats sale



Thank you to everyone who donated and/or bought from our stall this afternoon.

We are pleased to say that we made £112.50 which is an amazing amount!

## Open mornings – We can't wait to show you around!

If you have a child who will be starting school in September 2024 put a date in your diary to attend one of our open sessions in the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> November. Likewise, if you know of anyone who would like a tour please spread the word. Contact Mrs Lang to book in!



*Compassion, Joy, Perseverance, Respect*  
*'Life in all its Fullness' – John 10:10*

**We are a small school with a big heart!**

For parents whose children are starting school September 2024

## Open Day

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 10am or 1.45pm

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 10am or 1.45pm

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 10am

Please contact the school office to book an appointment or for any further information.

Parents are invited to have a look around the school and meet Mrs Makey and other staff. We look forward to seeing you at one of our open days.

## Contract Dining – staff required



The Contract Dining Company are looking to recruit in all areas for kitchen assistants and cook managers, to work within their primary schools.

Hours are term time only, so if you would be interested in joining a great team, please contact our office manager for more details:  
Petra Thorpe - 01622 890922

## 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.