



Headteacher News

What a relief and how exciting for everyone – phew! You’ve made it to the last week of remote learning. I do not apologise for repeating myself when I say thank you to everyone – to parents for your positive support and the sacrifices you have made to working patterns. Huge appreciation too for the incredible hard work the pupils and staff have put in over the last 2 months. It has been challenging for everyone and we have all had to learn very quickly new ways of learning but we’ve made it!

We have been thankful that we have only had to close one bubble and we will continue to keep everyone as safe as possible. We all want to keep the children at school and provide good quality learning however we would like to ask you to please contact the school if your child develops symptoms or becomes ill.

Monday morning will be very special and we understand there may be mixed feelings of excitement, nervousness and anxiety too. Please let me assure you that the staff and myself are ready for Monday and whatever it brings. As soon as the children are back in their class with their friends, teacher and teaching assistant it will feel as though they haven’t been away. Everyone will be supporting each other as is the special Hunton nurturing way.

We sent a very detailed letter out to parents this week including the arrangements for dropping off and collecting. These will be in place for the remainder of this term and will be reviewed in preparation for the children returning in term 5. I know some parents will be anxious and will still have some doubt as to whether or not it is safe for their child to return to school. I fully understand this but I urge you to consider the impact on their education if they do not return. We cannot deny that the disruption over the past year has impacted on their education but we have the necessary strategies/interventions in place for their return to address the missed gaps in their learning. Not returning will simply put them further behind which cannot happen. If you are concerned, please call the office where we will happily discuss this with you.

If you want to know more about the contingency plans we are putting in place, we have a detailed risk assessment and we direct you to this Government link. [What parents need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during COVID-19 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/what-parents-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-covid-19)

School improvements – in the last few weeks and during half term all sorts of improvements have been made to the school site and building with more being planned. Firstly, a massive thank you to parents, relatives and friends of Hunton Primary who came together under Mr Martin’s supervision to clear areas of the grounds, carry out tree surgery, take down a shed and spread bark in the sensory area. Along came a digger too which meant we could construct a ‘French drain’ (I’m always learning too!) and stop the flooding outside 3 of our classrooms. We thank everyone for their time, energy, getting very dirty and eating Mrs Adam’s cakes! I’d also like to especially thank Mr Martin for providing the skip, digger and gravel. The skip was very full and it gave us the opportunity to have a clear out too. On Monday all the staff noticed the changes and were so grateful.

The classrooms are now ready – they just need children in them ready to learn and enjoy every moment of school. Now is the time, however, to switch off those screens and enjoy some family time without the pressure of completing online learning.

I so look forward to finally meeting you all.

Mrs Makey

Compassion, Hope, Reverence, Wisdom

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.

A huge well done to the children who got awarded the star in our Zoom meets for the last week! Congratulations for all their hard work.

Devas	Zuki & Pippa
Bannerman	Landon & Mariela
Porteous	William
Borton	Tom

Dates



Term 4

30 March	Parents’ Evening
31 March	Parents’ Evening
1 April	Term 4 ends

School Values

On our Development Day last week all staff together with governors met through Zoom to discuss how our school values reflect Hunton Primary School and what they mean to the children. School values should be understood by the children and embedded in everything they do.

At the end of the session exploring and discussing Christian values we voted on Microsoft Forms. The top ones were compassion, joy, perseverance, respect, thankfulness, courage, endurance and self-sacrifice.

It is now time for pupil voice and for the children to decide.

We will let you know the outcome.

Junior Bake Off

Channel 4 have recently opened applications for the 7th series of Junior Bake Off; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain. They have asked schools to help spread the word. They are looking for young budding bakers between 9-15 years old. Filming would take place from July 2021, but our applications close on Sunday 28th March 2021. Interested bakers can apply online at WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK



Twitter

@huntonceprimary



Our new Twitter feed is growing in popularity all the time. It is a great way to keep you updated with everything that is going on in school and we would urge you all to follow us so that you can be alerted as soon as we have something else to share. There are so many exciting learning opportunities taking place all the time and we will try our hardest to tweet as much as we can so that you share some of these experiences with us. There will soon be a direct link to our Twitter feed from the homepage on our website.

Staying Safe Online

While there are huge benefits to being online to stay connected to family and friends during this period, the government recognises many parents feel concerned about the activities and content their children are accessing. This guidance outlines resources to help keep children safe from different risks online and where to go to get support and advice. [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): support for parents and carers to keep children safe online - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online)

School Crossing Patrol

We welcome back Steve and Sue as KCC are allowing the return of School Crossing Patrol duty on Monday 8th so they will be there from 8am until 9am and again from 2.45 pm until 3.30 pm. In line with school policy and Government guidelines they will be wearing face coverings whilst on duty.

The UK's First National Week of Action on Food Waste

A parent kindly brought this to our attention. There are some excellent resources including information, videos and educational activities throughout this week, and ways we can all help in raising awareness and taking action in reducing food waste. These resources and more information can be found at: [Food Waste Action Week | WRAP](https://www.wrap.org.uk/food-waste-action-week)

Music Lessons Resuming!

We are delighted to let you know that in line with government guidance, along with our risk assessment, guitar and piano lessons will resume week beginning 8th March. Music teachers will contact parents directly with a timetable of lessons for your children.

World Book Day Vouchers

As we now know that all children will be back in school very soon, we will be sending home paper copies of the £1 World Book Day vouchers during the week beginning 8th March. Most book retailers have kindly agreed that they will extend the deadline to use these vouchers until the end of March.

Breakfast Club

This will start from Monday 15th March. We kindly ask that you book your days on our website. Please follow the link under parent's/breakfast club. From W/C 15TH March – Monday to Thursday. The link will be available for you to book your child/rens place for the following week. This will need to be done on a weekly basis thereafter.