



Headteacher News

I hope you all had an enjoyable week following the special Coronation Bank Holiday weekend. We were delighted that we could coincide our Coronation celebrations with the Grand Opening of our Sensory Garden and that, despite doubting the weather, the sun shone so the children could enjoy their tea party. It was important to us that we invited and thanked the groups and charities who so generously supported the project: Ladham Trust, Simon Webb- Maidstone Borough Council, the Diocese, Hunton Herald and the RHS as well as specific parents and families who gave up their weekends and evenings. Without the funding and voluntary help, the children would not have a special calm place to go.

All the fruit was provided by local farms for free and the bookmarks were provided by the PTFA. I hope the children remember this time.

The PTFA, along with the school, are busily organising the May Fayre for Saturday 20th May. The children will be singing the Coronation songs at 1pm. Please come along and join in the fun. We need to make the Fayre a big success - if you can offer to help in anyway it would be so appreciated.

It has been quieter in school this week with our Y6 children taking their National SATs alongside other Year 6 children in the country. They have truly demonstrated our school value of perseverance and I have to say joy when they were all over with! Special thanks must go to Mr Ming and Mrs Underdown who provided delicious breakfasts as well as keeping an extra special eye on them too so they were as relaxed, prepared, confident and happy as possible during this time. The children always work so hard and achieve so well: we are all very proud of them already!

Congratulations to our winners of 'Design a Coronation Plate': Evie, Adam, Rose, Lexi, Lavinia, Hallie, and Niamh. All the plates were so well designed and crafted. They were also displayed at Hunton village's celebration last Sunday and we have had lots of wonderful comments from the community.



Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Makey



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House points winners



Due to our Coronation celebrations and the SATs we have been unable to hold our Star of the Week assemblies this fortnight.

	w/e 5 th May	w/e 12 th May
House points winner	Bear Grylls	Oliver Jeffers

Bluebell Time

It is this time of year when we are so fortunate to be able to appreciate the woods behind our school and walk through the bluebells. I think each year I forget how spectacular the colour is. Next week classes will be going to the woods. A risk assessment is in place, however if you do not wish your child to go then please let the office know.



Plants, local produce, cakes & refreshments for sale at Hunton Village Club
Saturday 13th May 12pm-4pm

We are very fortunate in Hunton by having some keen gardeners and some lovely gardens. The Gardening Group traditionally ran a successful plant stall at the fete and there is interest in continuing this. There will be snacks available for purchase and the bar will be open for everyone to buy drinks.

Donations of any type of plants, produce including fruit, vegetables, eggs & honey, as well as cakes, will be very welcome. Proceeds will go towards further refurbishment of the Club.

Dates



Mondays 15 th /22 nd May 3:20-4:20	Football Club Years 3-6
Tuesdays 25 th April – 23 rd May 3:20-4:20	Dance Club with Rachel from The Right Step Dance Company
Wednesdays 26 th April – 24 th May 3:20-4:20	Arty Crafty Club Years R-2
Thursdays 27 th April – 25 th May 3:20-4:20	Netball Club Years 3-6
Monday 15 th May	Non-uniform day – “bring a bottle of wine”
Tuesday 16 th May	Porteous class assembly 9am
Saturday 20 th May	May fayre 11-2pm
Tuesday 23 rd May	Class photos
Friday 26 th May	Last day of term 5 Open afternoon 2:15pm
Tuesday 6 th June	1 st day of term 6
Friday 16 th June	School Disco – 3:10- 4:30pm
Friday 23 rd June	Year 6 visit to Rochester Cathedral
Tuesday 27 th June	Sports Day – details will be sent out soon
Friday 30 th June	Reserve sports day (in case of bad weather on 27 th)

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: 97.5% Bannerman: 90%

Porteous: 95% Borton: 95%

*Well done to **DEVAS** who achieved the highest attendance for 2nd – 12th May 2023.*



PTFA News & Events

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May Fayre – Saturday 20th May. 11am – 2pm

So, all the stalls are booked in and the plans are in place, all we need now is some nice weather!

We are still looking for donations of:

- Good condition or new toys, games and books.
- Cakes/savouries (please bring along to the fayre or drop off in the office on Friday 19th),
- Wine bottles (empty and full)
- Pre-loved/new uniform
- Small party bag type toys for the lucky dip
- Raffle prizes

Please drop any donations to the school office.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help on the day. If you are able to “man” a stall for 90 minutes (or split the time with another parent and do 45 minutes each) it would be appreciated. Please add your name to the rota on the door to reception.

Please spread the word with your friends, family and neighbours. Let's help to make this event a great success for our children!

Spring and Summer weather reminders

Please make sure your child has a jumper or cardigan in school especially if they are not bringing a coat.

We suggest that all children have a **summer hat/cap** in school. They can also have a small bottle of **suncream**. Please understand that this is your child's responsibility to apply. Adults in school are not permitted to do so. It would also be wise to apply before school.

Your child should also bring a water bottle which they can fill at school. **No squash please.**

Looking at the photos below, it is hard to remember how the Sensory garden area used to look. But I'm sure you'll agree that it is a great improvement!

BEFORE



BEFORE



AFTER



AFTER

