



Hunton Church of England Primary School Newsletter

27th May 2022

Headteacher News

What a busy term we have had with lots of events and excitement in the final week: the May Fayre, a special farewell to Mrs Venus, a football tournament and of course, the Jubilee celebrations!

The May Fayre was truly a fabulous day and for me it was so special to see parents, children and villagers all chat and have fun together. Primary school days really do create important memories and I think Saturday was one of days that covid previously deprived us of. Thank you so much to the PTA, parents and friends of Hunton who worked together to ensure its success. A special thank you must go to Mrs Larmour who offered so much of her time and exceptional organisational skills prior to the day as well as on the day. The raffle prizes were amazing.

More memories have hopefully been made this week with us marking the Platinum Jubilee. We have had a week of exciting and engaging events. Each year group researched a decade and then presented it to the school and our school community of governors, PTA and volunteers.

We hope that you were able to hear our rendition of the National Anthem which we learnt to sign and a special song called, 'Here's to the Queen'. Money raised by the PTA has now meant that we have our own sound system and we can sing outdoors. I think most of the village would have heard it! The children looked amazing in their red, white and blue whilst thoroughly enjoying a party which included Lilibet apple juice, a Lilibet apple and strawberries from Berry Gardens.

Congratulations to Arthur, Sebastian, Tabitha and Anya for designing the winning Platinum Jubilee plates, and to Gracie for guessing the weight of the crown. How heavy was that!

Photo of devas plate	Photo of bannerman plate	Photo of port plate	Photo of borton plate
Devas winner name	banneman winner name	port winner name	borton winner name

This week we also said a special farewell to Mrs Venus who has loyally been at Hunton for 24 years. As a teaching assistant she has supported and nurtured so many children and her music teaching developed a love of singing throughout the school. Her choir sang beautifully to her today as well as the whole school singing a rendition from the Sound of Music. The gifts and messages we gave her today were so well deserved; I know that she will be greatly missed by the school and families alike.

Have a very special week's break and don't forget we are back on Tuesday.

Mrs Makey



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Kent test

Year 5 parents – 11+ and transfer to secondary school 2023 Registration for the Kent Test (11+) opens on 1 June 2022. Parents should register for the Kent Test online via <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test>

it is advised you register online and then you will receive your child's assessment decision via email. Should you wish your child to sit the test, once you have applied, the same log in will be used to apply for a school place by adding your preferences to the information you have already been given regarding your child.

Pupil questionnaire

Pupil voice is important here at Hunton and this week the children undertook a pupil survey. The results of these were very positive and it is a delight to see that our children are generally very happy at Hunton CEP School. According to our survey, nearly all our pupils felt safe at Hunton, felt the teachers cared about them and a very high percentage would recommend our school to others. Below are some additional comments children made:

"I like this school because it is a small school and only got around 100 people in it"

"I've met loads of friends here and I love how creative our school is and our new hut!"

"I like this school because there is no bullying."

You should've received an email from SchoolMoney which is the new system we are using to enable us to accept online payments from you. When you pay for after-school clubs, trips or breakfast clubs you can use your Parent Money account to make the payment and you can check your account at any time to see what you owe. It will make it easier for payments going forward.

Dates



Tuesday 7 th June	Start of term 6
Tuesday 7 th June	Really Wild after school club 3:15-4:15pm Final one from term 5
Monday 14 th June	Athletics after school club 3:15-4:15pm Final one from term 5
Tuesday 7 th June	Class photos
Friday 24 th June	Last day to return your "Sports for Champions" sponsorship forms
Tuesday 28 th June	Trip to Superbloom for our Eco Councillors
Wednesday 29 th June	Sports Day
Friday 1 st July	Back-up Sports Day (in case of bad weather on 29 th June).
Friday 1 st July	Sports for Champions visit from double Olympian, Montell Douglas
Monday 4 th July – Friday 8 th July	Borton residential trip to PGL
Thursday 21 st July	Last day of term 6

A few reminders:

- Please don't send your child in to school with juice or squash in their water bottles.
- When you purchase your child's school uniform for September please remember not to buy any polo shirts, as these are not part of the school uniform.
- Please don't allow your child to bring in to school large pens and pencils, or writing utensils with large toys etc attached.
- Please try to reduce the size of backpacks being sent in, due to the very limited amount of space available on children's pegs. If you're buying your child a new bag please opt for a

School Uniform reminder

No polo shirts should be worn. We require all children to wear white shirts/blouses.



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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.

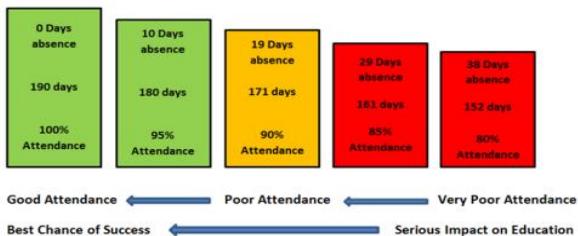
In order to ensure that the children have a settled start to the day, we would ask all parents to make sure that their children arrive before their start times.
Borton and Porteous – 8:40am
Devas and Bannerman – 8:45am

Good attendance means...

Being in school at least 95% of the time (180-190 days a year)

There are **365 days** in a year and **190 days** in a school year.

This leaves 175 days for holidays, shopping, birthday treats and non-urgent medical appointments.



For the past 2 weeks these were the class attendance totals:

Devas 81 %

Bannerman 91 %

Porteous 83 %

Borton 91 %

Well done to Bannerman and Borton who achieved the highest attendance for 16th – 27th May 2022.

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.



PTA News & Events
pta@hunton.kent.sch.uk

*** New Chairperson needed ***

After 4 years as Chair of the PTA I will be stepping down at our AGM in September. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time on the PTA but due to work commitments I must now hand the reins over to someone else. Being on the PTA is an extremely worthwhile cause as we raise money for the school, which enables them to buy things that they would otherwise not be able to afford. Being a small school, we obviously don't receive anywhere near as much funding as larger schools, which is why we rely on our fundraising events to help the school to pay for items such as these which have all been purchased over the last year: 3 new ipads, the sound system, the coaches for PGL, the lost property box, the Jubilee medals and we look forward to carrying on with this financial support to the school.

If you are interested in the role please email pta@hunton.kent.sch.uk

The job isn't time-consuming. The PTA meet once a term (usually in a pub!) for a meeting to discuss upcoming events and all other details are sorted out via our WhatsApp group and the Chair is responsible for agreeing dates for future events and keeping any discussions on track.

We would also welcome new PTA members, as the more people we have to help, the more we can spread out the jobs, making it easier for all involved.

May Fayre

Thank you to everyone who supported the May Fayre. Whether you donated a bottle or some toys, came along on the day or bought some raffle tickets, your support meant that we were able to raise £1,514.16!!

This money will go towards buying new picnic tables for the playground, outside our new hut. The "buzz" at the fayre was lovely and it was only made possible because of the help and support we received from all our families. We had 16 stalls at the fayre, which required a lot of helpers! And the compliments and thanks that the PTA and helpers received afterwards made all the hard work worthwhile.

Andrew Martin, Chair of the PTA



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Thank you to our PTA for our iPads

Through the PTA we would like to thank you as parents for providing enough money to buy an iPad for each class. We can now record and photograph our learning as well as being able to share this with you on Twitter. Without the support of our PTA we really would not be able to provide those special extras which our children deserve.



Using the iPad for practising times tables.



For recording measurements.



Finding facts about our Queen.

Sports for Champions

Your child should've brought home a sponsorship form for Friday 1st July where we have Montell Douglas coming in to do short circuits with the children.

Any money raised will be split between the school (where it will be spent on new sports equipment for the children) and Sports for Champions. Sports for Champions is a Community Interest Company who raise money to support young athletes with the costs associated with their training and competition.

House points – term 5

Congratulations to GREEN team who have won the most house points for term 5. They will have their own non-uniform day net term. Date to be confirmed.

The final points for term 5 are:

Green team	288 points
Blue team	286 points
Yellow team	267 points
Red team	234 points

Milk

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

