



### Headteacher News

Last week we had a glimpse of the beautiful weather to come; the children were back on the field and enjoying our wonderful rural surroundings. I do hope that we are all treated with sun in the Easter holidays.

Thank you to everyone who came to our Easter Service at the church. After being forced to cancel the Christmas church service we were thrilled to be able to return to the church to share and celebrate. This was my first whole school church service. Thank you to our readers, to Borton Class for their interpretation of the Easter story and to Devas Class for their poetic performance which brought a smile to everyone's face. Very soon prospective new parents will hear if their 3 or 4-year-old will have a place with us in September. Our school now seems to be popular and we will be welcoming those families who were fortunate to get a place



In the meantime, our Devas Class with Mrs Seal have been enriching their learning in engaging ways. Recently they had their first school trip to Kent Life; they were so excited and came back telling us about smelly pigs, a wobbly tractor ride as well as seeing sheep, ferrets and a big turkey called Terence.

They have also joined in the wedding celebrations for Mrs Seal (nee Miss McGregor). I know that the film clip of the children sending their wishes of their special teacher brought a few tears at the wedding ceremony. How special that was! We wish her and her husband all the best for their future together. On the first day back at school after her wedding all Devas mums were invited to afternoon tea in their classroom.

### **A goodbye but not just yet!**

Last week we received the unexpected news that Steve and Sue will be retiring from their RCP duty in July. Firstly, we really want to thank them for their loyalty to the school and their relentless duty in ensuring safety for everyone on West St. I know we will miss them but thankfully it is a while before they go.

If you know anyone who may be interested in the role, please look out for the job details which we will share with you as soon as they are available.



I have to say our competitive streak does not stop. Congratulations to our hockey team who played strongly in the Coppice Hockey tournament and got through to the semi-finals. Once again we played and won against schools much larger than ours.



This week the girls' football team took part in an U11 tournament at The Gallagher Stadium where they played against 16 other teams. We are so proud as our girls made it to the quarter finals.



Finally have a wonderful, healthy Easter.

Mrs Makey



## 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. 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 18 <sup>th</sup> March
Devas	Luke
Bannerman	Freddie
Porteous	Wren
Borton	Anya

## Tree and cake sale



Thank you to our Year 5 girls for independently organising a cookie and tree sale last Friday. Over £132 was raised which is tremendous. The initiative

and organisational skills these girls showed were so impressive. Learning is so much more than subject knowledge.

## Year 6 SATs Week

The dates for the Year 6 SATs tests this year are Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May through to Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May. All Year 6 children will be expected to be in school during this week. All Year 6 children are invited to breakfast club that week.

## Dates



Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April – Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Athletics after school club 3:15-4:15pm Yrs 3-6
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April – Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Really Wild after school club 3:15-4:15pm Yrs R-6
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April – Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Dance club 3:20-4:20pm Yrs R-6 The Right Step Dance Co
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Tennis after school club 3:15-4:15pm Yrs 3-6 Katie B's tennis coaching
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Last day of term 4
<b>Tuesday</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of term 5
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs

## Mothering Sunday



Thank you to the children in Borton Class who helped Mrs Makey put together 35 posies for the Mothering Sunday service at St Mary's

Church. We had quite a production line and the posies looked beautiful.

## Picture News

Don't forget to share the Picture News newspaper we send to you with your child. It is so important that they learn about the world they live in.

## School Uniform reminder

Shoulder length hair and longer must be tied up. Please use blue or grey hair accessories.



## 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

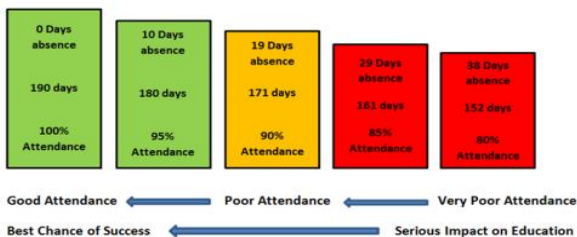
Devas and Bannerman – 8:45am

### 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 97%

Bannerman 90%

Porteous 89%

Borton 96%

*Well done to **Devas** who achieved the highest attendance for 21<sup>st</sup> March – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.*

### Twitter



@huntonprimary

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.

## Thank you

Our appreciation goes to our PTA for the Mother's day 'Pop-up Shop'. Seeing the children carefully choosing their gift from an array of beautiful items was wonderful to see. The organising from the PTA meant that every child could choose and no two presents for one parent were the same. Thank you- it is these events which bring our community together and provide opportunities which we teachers would not have the time to organise.

## Inclusion

Some time ago I shared information about the 'Therapies Pod' which is a platform for information about Children's Therapies in our district (usually Speech and Language therapy, Occupational therapy and Physiotherapy). The service continues to provide new content. Understanding your Child's Sensory Processing

<https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/childrens-therapies-the-pod/occupational-therapy/sensory-processing/>

This is a (free) online 3 session workshop which aims to provide parents with information about sensory processing differences and strategies to help children participate in everyday routines they find difficult. School aged language

[https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/childrens-therapies-the-pod/speech-and-language-therapy/school\[1\]aged-language/](https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/childrens-therapies-the-pod/speech-and-language-therapy/school[1]aged-language/)

For parent and carer workshops that provide overviews on difficulties and support for primage aged children with speech, language and communication needs. Please do continue to discuss any concerns you have about your child with their class teacher or a member of the SEN team. Enjoy these first days of Spring!

## Uniform

Please can we remind you that we only allow small, school coloured bows as hair accessories and only stud earrings and watches for jewellery. Your child should be able to remove their own earrings for PE sessions. Please see here for our uniform expectations as a reminder

<https://www.hunton.kent.sch.uk/parents/uniform>



## 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.

## Milk

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

The milk costs 25p per day.



## Hockey Heroes



Hockey Heroes are running another Hockey Heroes course at Maidstone Hockey Club,

starting Friday 22nd April, 4.30 til 5.30pm. It is a fun and welcoming programme aimed at children aged 5-8 that helps to develop both their physical and character 'superpowers', unlocking the hero inside them!

More info and how to book here:

<https://play.englishhockey.co.uk/HockeyHeroes>



## PTA News & Events

[pta@hunton.kent.sch.uk](mailto:pta@hunton.kent.sch.uk)

## Easter raffle

Thank you to everyone who donated items to the raffle and/or bought raffle tickets. One of our PTA members made up some lovely hampers with the donations and in total we had 13 prizes.

We made £44.60 which is great news for our school.

## Easter Egg hunt

On Thursday the PTA set up an Easter egg hunt for the children and they all had great fun searching for the 3 easter related sweets they had to find.

Thank you for your support throughout the year. It does mean that we are able to pay for extra things for the children, for example the books at Christmas which were delivered by Father Christmas and also the chocolates for the Easter egg hunt.

## May Fayre

We are now in the process of arranging our May fayre. This year it will be on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May and we are looking for:

- People to help plan the fayre.
- People to help out on the day.
- Donations of prizes for our raffle.
- Anyone who would like a stall at the fayre.

If you would information on anything related to the fayre, please email [pta@hunton.kent.sch.uk](mailto:pta@hunton.kent.sch.uk) or catch Jane Tennant, Cheryl Larmour, Kathy Reid or Mandy Cross at drop-off/pick-up.

We need your help to make the fayre a big success so any help you can give will be most appreciated.

Andrew Martin  
Chair of the PTA



Hunton Village website:

<https://www.huntonparishcouncil.org>