



### Headteacher News

I cannot believe that this is the last day of term! It has been such an unusual term but one that has filled me with pride. I am so proud of the children – they have handled the changes with real resilience and the staff have been simply amazing and so selfless. You too, as parents and carers have been incredible in the way you have supported your children’s education and our wider community.

Today is Maundy Thursday and the start of the Easter weekend. Throughout the week the children have been learning about Holy Week and asking deep questions about Jesus and the empty tomb. Our youngest pupils in Devas made some super Easter gardens representing the Easter story and symbols of new life. Reverend Peter led our Easter service today on Zoom and we would like to thank him for leading an act of worship which we could all join in with. Our Head Boy and Head Girl, read the prayers beautifully – thank you Jess and Ben. Of course Easter is also celebrated with Easter eggs and magically the Easter Bunny appeared at Hunton, looking into classrooms and leaving eggs. Thank you to our PTA for supporting the school and providing all those little extras which make our school a special place providing special memories.

On Monday, the next phase of the relaxation of measures came into place. It was a perfect sunny spring day which lifted all our spirits with the opportunity of seeing family and friends. In addition, from 12th April, which will still be in the Easter holidays, there are further restrictions to be lifted. Again, this is very exciting news and hopefully paves the way for a return to a more normal way of living. I would ask that, as you have been throughout the pandemic, you are respectful of these guidelines and continue to follow them so that we can all continue moving forwards. Staying safe, not taking undue risks or breaching the rules will continue to enable schools to remain open and avoid any closures of bubbles.

Finally, I would like to say thank you for attending parents evening this week and I hope you found it informative. I would never have thought, a year ago, that we would be doing virtual parents evenings. Us adults have learnt so much, whilst the children have been so amazingly resilient and unique. We will not use the term ‘catch up’- they are not ‘behind’. We have seen them engage and learn different things in different ways. Instead we are calling it ‘bouncing back and building back better’. We have been assessing where the children are in their learning, identifying their next steps in learning and then teaching those next steps.

We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April after having a very happy special Easter.

Best wishes,  
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 last week! Congratulations for all their hard work.

Devas	Parker
Bannerman	Rose E
Porteous	Danny
Borton	Jess

### Dates



#### Term 5

19 Apr - First day of Term 5  
22 Apr – YR vision, height and weight checks  
03 May - Bank Holiday  
28 May - Last day of Term

#### Term 6

07 Jun - Staff Development Day - children not in school  
08 Jun - First day of Term  
22 Jul - Last Day of Term

### **Test and Trace**

The Government has asked that staff, students, parents and carers inform the school of a positive case if either symptoms or a positive home LFD test occurred within 2 days of being at their education setting. Where this is the case, please contact

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

Schools are asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advise on self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in their education setting.

### **Drop off and pick up times**

Please see below a reminder of the staggered school start and finish times for this term. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation to keep the school site as safe as possible for everyone, and would therefore ask all adults to wear a face mask at all times when on the school site in accordance with government guidelines.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Start of Day</b>	<b>End of Day</b>
<b>Devas</b>	<b>8.45am</b>	<b>3.15pm</b>
<b>Bannerman</b>	<b>8.45am</b>	<b>3.15pm</b>
<b>Porteous</b>	<b>8.35am</b>	<b>3.05pm</b>
<b>Borton</b>	<b>8.35am</b>	<b>3.05pm</b>

**Please also ensure that your child is in school on time.**

### **Children's work**

We fully understand the frustration some of you may feel over having a parents' consultation and not seeing your child's books. In a normal situation books would be available for you to peruse before or after your appointment. We also like to have open afternoons where children can share their work with their parents which unfortunately cannot happen at the present time.

If you wish to see your child's books then you can do so after school on a Friday, sitting on the tables outside. We will then quarantine the books for 48 hours.

If you wish to see your child's books please could you let us know a convenient day, with weather permitting, that would be suitable for you.



### **Twitter @huntonceprimary**

Have a look on Twitter – we are delighted to be able to Tweet as we go so you will be able to see your children in 'real time.' We try very hard to ensure a variety of school life is shown over the week so please keep looking to see what your children are up to in school. Please note, we may have back or side-of-head shots of any pupil but they should not be recognisable if we do not have your permission to put them on our website or Twitter account.

Please do always speak to the class teacher or let the office know if you have any queries about Twitter so we can assist you and remove images if needed.

### **Back Gate**

We are delighted to inform you that we are opening the back gate onto the field at the start and end of the day. Please call the office if you would prefer to use this entrance and we will ensure the gate is opened.

### **Food Allergies/Intolerances**

Our hot meal provider The Contract Dining Company has put in place a new allergen process. This is due to complying with the government guidelines and the imminent introduction of Natasha's Law, which means we are required by law to ensure that every allergy child has the correct meal. We require parents to complete the forms and send back to the school so that a bespoke menu can be provided. If we have not received these forms and an agreed menu is not in place then we will only be able to provide the safe menu to your child (jacket potato and beans) in line with the new law. Parents of children with allergies should book a standard meal online with through the school. Your child will always be given their own meal as per the menu plan in place. The Allergy form can be found on the school website

<https://www.hunton.kent.sch.uk/media/rwbh1me4/allergen-form.docx>

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

### **Community News**

At Rugby Taggers we are delighted to say we can offer a physical activity at the weekends while following England Rugby and Government guidelines. We are located at Marden Primary Academy on Saturday mornings and have been running non-contact Rugby sessions for Pre and Primary school ages for almost 4 years. All children are invited to enjoy their first morning of rugby with us for free as an introduction.

For more information our website is

<https://rugbytaggers.com>.

### **Millbrook Minis' Springtime Fun!**

To celebrate the arrival of Spring, Millbrook Garden Centre in Staplehurst, have put together a FREE Springtime Fun activity pack for children to enjoy at home: Get closer to nature and see if you can spot our 7 signs of Spring! Visit our website to download our Springtime Fun activity pack and discover how you can earn a FREE packet of Thompson & Morgan kids' seeds (while stocks last). Keep an eye on our website for more fun activities coming soon!