



Headteacher News

Wow! There have been so many extra opportunities for the children this term so far; I just don't know where to start.

It was great to welcome you all to our Sports Day this week – eventually after 2 years! I am sure you could see how much the children enjoyed it and didn't they show all our school values of respect, joy, perseverance and compassion. Well done to all of them and especially the Blue Team. This day could not have gone ahead without the organisation from Mrs Denney and the staff as well as the generous amount of time members of our PTA gave. Thank you so much for the burgers, sausages and drinks and for helping us set up and pack away for the day and also for providing ice poles to the children after lunch.

Our Y6 were able to attend a very special day at Rochester Cathedral alongside other schools in the Diocese. We spent the day thinking about the promise of Jesus found in Matthew, 'I am with you always.' (Matthew 28:20). The day was full of workshops from singing, to making beaded key rings and reflecting on their time in primary school as well as thinking about their future journey ahead. The Bishop of Rochester, in all his regalia, told them about his own life journey from where he was brought up in the East End of London and how he had to make the right friends and choices. I am sure our Y6s came away with their own special thoughts for their future.



Outside of school we have had the KS1 and KS2 Commonwealth Games; the children competed and participated with such enthusiasm. We have also had our trip to the Tower of London's with free entrance into the spectacular Superbloom. We were proud to be specially selected through our links with the RHS. We took 17 children who were either eco-councillors or have been actively supporting our environment at school. What a great day we had with a giant slide from the Tower's walls into Superbloom plus a look at the Crown Jewels and ravens. The children were a delight to be with.



In school the children have also had DT week developing their cookery skills. The bolognaise in Borton permeated the school and smelt truly delicious. It had all our tummies rumbling. Then this week has been Healthy Living Week with activities every day.

We cannot go without mentioning Hunton's Got Talent. This was a real treat for all of us. Firstly, thank you to the children in Borton Class who expertly organised it by holding auditions, judging and awarding prizes. The acts from children in Devas to Borton were incredible. What a range of talents from beautiful piano playing, conjuring, singing 'Let it Go' by the Devas girls, to dancing. Ant and Dec were there too, making us laugh; as an audience we could not help but get involved! What a magical afternoon it was for us and how all these extra opportunities make school even more exciting not only for the children but for us who are fortunate to work with your children, here at Hunton.



We hope you and your children have made some special memories with us recently.

Have a wonderful weekend
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. We are so pleased that we can invite parents in to celebrate the Stars of the Week together.

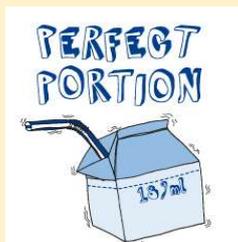
	w/e 1 st July
Devas	Arthur
Bannerman	Harry & Matilda
Porteous	Amy & Tommy
Borton	Arabella

Congratulations to BLUE team who were the overall winners at Sports Day 2022



Milk

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



Dates



Thursday 16 th June - 21 st July	Multisports Club Year Group 1 - 4
Monday 20 th June - 18 th July	Rounders Club Year Group 3 – 6
Monday 20 th June - 18 th July	Young Roots Club All Year Groups
Wednesday 8 th June - 20 th July	Dance Club - The Right Step Dance Company All Year Groups
Monday 4 th July – Friday 8 th July	Borton residential trip to PGL
Friday 8 th July	End of term reports issued to parents
Thursday 14 th July	Open afternoon for all parents from 1:30pm
Friday 15 th July	Year 6 school play 5:15 for a 5:30pm start
Thursday 21 st July	Last day of term 6 . Leavers service at Church. School finishes at 1:30pm
Monday 5 th September	Term 1 begins

Commonwealth Games



Last Thursday and Friday Bannerman and Borton attended the KS1 and KS2 Commonwealth Games. This was a fantastic

opportunity for children to complete a carousel of activities and try out some new sports.



These activities included: football, cricket, archery, dance, cheerleading, tennis, fun games, hockey and American Football. The children showed great

joy throughout and were complemented by coaches for their outstanding behaviour throughout the day.

School Uniform reminder

Only school colour hairbands / slides should be worn.

Life in all its fullness



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.

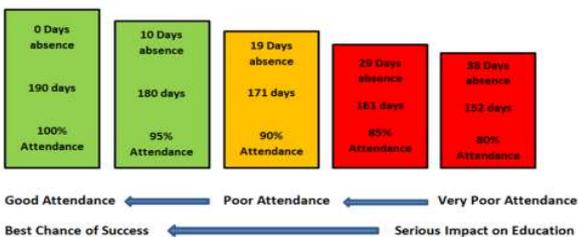
In order to ensure that the children have a settled start to the day, we would ask all parents to make sure that their children arrive before their start times.
Borton and Porteous – 8:40am
Devas and Bannerman – 8:45am

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 the class attendance totals were:

Devas 92.7% Bannerman 94.7%
Porteous 92.6% Borton 97.2%

Well done to **Borton** who achieved the highest attendance for 20th June – 1st July 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.

Term dates for 2022/23

<https://hunton.kent.sch.uk/media/1unkaeit/term-dates-2022-23.pdf>



PTA News & Events

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Thank you to everyone who supported us at Sports Day by buying a drink or some BBQ food. The pre-ordering of the BBQ food was well supported by you all and meant that we didn't have any food wastage at the end, which is great.

Simmonds Uniform

LAST CHANCE to take advantage of the 10% discount on all school uniforms, shoes and accessories. Offer applies online & In store and there is no minimum spend and free postage if you buy online.

www.simmonds-ltd.com

The 10% discount runs until Sunday 10th July.

Defibrillator



We were both surprised and appreciative to receive a defibrillator from Maidstone Lions Club. It really can save lives and it is comforting to know we have one in school. We have sent letters to our

neighbours letting them know that this is available to them too in school time should they ever need it.

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Health & Wellbeing week

Good learning starts with children who are happy and healthy and so, at Hunton, encouraging and supporting good physical and mental health underpins everything we do as a school.

This week, the children have been enjoying a week of Health and Wellbeing themed activities and learning about the five key ingredients for wellbeing; connecting with others, taking notice, being active, learning new skills and giving to others. They have had the opportunity to try out skateboarding, get active on sports day, take a mindful moment and raise money to help budding athletes with their training expenses. They enjoyed learning about the connection between mood and the food they eat and had the opportunity to work out with none other than Montell Douglas - the first British woman to compete in both the summer and winter Olympic games.

Wow - what a week!

You can find out more about the five ways to wellbeing here 5 ways to wellbeing www.health-in-mind.org.uk

A big thank you to Sam Smith for her wonderful healthy eating workshops and to Rebecca for calming us all down with her mindfulness sessions.

September 2022 – New Year R

On Thursday morning we welcomed the new Year R children. They had a fantastic morning filled with meeting their new teachers and friends,



enjoyed a Teddy Bear's Picnic and took the children on a tour of the school.



making a bee, exploring their new classroom and meeting their buddy. Thank you to the current Year 5 children who helped to make their buddies feel more relaxed,

ParentWise: A helping hand for parents and carers

The ParentWise website and campaign, has been developed by the Home Office with partners including the NSPCC, Internet matters and other experts, it's been designed with Transition to secondary school in mind and covers a range of topics and resources that parents and carers will find especially helpful as their children move from year 6 to 7 and they want to become more independent and experience new things. Which could put them in a vulnerable position at times. The site contains a range on links and resources including video-based resources which follow three young people who have been acting differently and could be navigating a range of issues and risks as they grow up and start becoming more independent. For their parents or carers, they aren't sure if it's typical 'growing up' behaviour or signs that something could be wrong. You can also view and download the short film by [clicking here](#). At the same link, there are also shorter versions of the film (15 secs and 30 secs). The film is also available to watch on Youtube – [click here](#).

Summer reading challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge is back! Children aged 4-11 (Library members and non-members) are invited to join the Summer Reading Challenge in Kent Libraries this summer 9th July -10th September.

The Summer Reading Challenge is aimed at keeping children reading throughout the summer while away from school, as well as supporting parents and carers with children already at home. And it's completely free!

'Gadgeteers' is the theme for 2022. Children will join the Gadgeteers characters as they work together to create awesome inventions and solve problems by working together. As children read library books, they will collect special rewards along the way and there's a certificate and medal for everyone who completes the challenge.

Children can choose to join and participate in the Summer Reading Challenge by visiting their nearest library or they can take part by visiting the Summer Reading Challenge website <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>