



17th March 2023

Headteacher News

As we head towards the weekend, I would like to give a shout out to all the staff at Hunton, who always give so much to school every day, every week, often having to wear lots of different hats. I particularly appreciate once again, the teachers' decisions not to strike which I know was a difficult one. What a wonderful team we have.

The learning and experiences have been as rich and fulfilling as ever. As usual our remarkable pupils have been adaptable and responsible, continuing to work hard and do their very best, do have a look at Twitter to see what we have been up to.

Regarding school improvement we wish to say thank you to those of you who completed the parent survey. This along with a pupil and staff survey will help inform us of where we can make further improvements. Please read the letter we have sent regarding our surveys.

Our pupil leadership groups have been meeting, giving them the platform to express their views and those of their fellow classmates. The latest, and very important news, is that house names have been decided and voted for by the children. Up until now we have just had colours. The colours will stay (so there is no need to buy new PE T-shirts) but names of influential role models have been chosen as follows:

Rosa Parks – Red Team

Bear Grylls – Green Team

Alessia Rosso – Blue Team

Oliver Jeffers – Yellow Team

House captains will be taking assemblies to teach the children more about these significant people which we anticipate will encourage and motivate our children to '*live life in all its fullness*', John 10:10, and challenge themselves to strive outside of their comfort zone.

We are still convincing ourselves that Spring is on its way with Easter approaching! We are busily practising our Easter songs for the service at St Mary's on Friday 31st March. Do join us if you can. We will also have our open afternoon for you to view children's work.

Thank you once again to our PTA for those occasions they help to make even more special. This morning a 'pop-up shop' was enthusiastically supported.

Have a special Mothering Sunday; St Mary's Church will warmly welcome you to their service on Sunday at 9:30am.

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 10 th Mar	w/e 17 th Mar
Devas	Niamh	Kingsley
Bannerman	Peter	Katie
Porteous	Wren	Jo-Jo
Borton	Nathaniel	Chloe

Reading Cafe

This week a 'Reading Café' opened in school and indeed it lived up to its name. Children had the opportunity to read a book, or do some reading-based activities with a hot chocolate and a biscuit! The cafe was completely full, from all different age groups.















Dates



Mondays 27 th Feb – 27 th March 3:20-4:20	Mindfulness Club
Tuesdays 28 th Feb – 28 th March 3:20-4:20	Dance Club with Rachel from The Right Step Dance Company
Wednesdays 1 st - 29 th March 3:20-4:20	Badminton Club - FULL
Thursdays 2 nd – 31 st March 3:15-4:15	Creepy Claws Club
Monday 20 th March	Devas trip to Kent Life
Thursday 30 th March	Easter Egg hunt
Friday 31 st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Church service at St Mary's. Last day of term 4. Open afternoon to view books (more details to follow)

2023 Calendar for Messy and Muddy Church In St Nicholas Church Linton

	Saturday 21st January (3-4pm)
	Saturday 18th February (3-5pm)
	Saturday 18th March (3-4pm)
	Saturday 15th April (3-5pm)
	Saturday 20th May (3-4pm)
	Saturday 17th June (3-5pm)
	Saturday 15th July (3-4pm)
	Saturday 19th August (3-5pm)
	Saturday 16th September (3-4pm)
	Saturday 21st October (3-5pm)
	Saturday 18th November (3-4pm)
	Saturday 16th December (3-5pm)

St Nicholas Linton hosts Messy Church and Muddy Church for the United Benefice of Coxheath, East Farleigh, Hunton, Linton and West Farleigh. Everyone is welcome. Muddy Church is a place for people to gather together, outside and to connect with the space and God. The heart of Muddy Church is to offer spaces to 'wander and wonder' together.

Messy Church is a way of being church for families and others. It is Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration.



The United Benefice of Coxheath, East Farleigh,
Hunton, Linton and West Farleigh
Website - <http://unitedbenefice.church>

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: 94.3% Bannerman: 91.5%

Porteous: 96.9% Borton: 89.2%

Well done to **PORTEOUS** who achieved the highest attendance for 6th – 17th March 2023.



PTFA News & Events

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Thank you to everyone who supported the Mother's Day pop-up shop. To all the parents who paid for a gift (or 2), the parents who helped wrap the gifts and also to the parents who helped run the pop-up shop. It was lovely listening to the children talking about what they were buying for their mum or nan and the smiles when they chose something that they thought their mum/nan would really like.

Lots of work goes on behind the scenes to ensure that the children get to experience these fun events and we are pleased to say that we sold 108 gifts. The money raised will go towards the Easter Egg hunt which the PTA will be running on 30th March (during school time).

