

Headteacher News

It might surprise you but I don't often talk about being at school on Saturdays however last Saturday was exceptional. What a wonderful day it was for everyone who came and supported the school at the May Fayre. There was so much to do from eating burgers, ice-cream, Ghanaian rice to bouncing on the inflatable, swinging on the carousel and banging nails in a log. A tremendous amount of work goes on behind the scenes to make all of this happen, often by a few individuals. A huge thank you to our PTFA for their organisation, to the parents and staff who were willing to help on the day and to the pupils too. Barton Class proved their promotional and sales skills, the proceeds of their stall helping to fund the increasing cost of the coach for their upcoming residential.



Last week Porteous Class treated us with an assembly showcasing their learning from this term. Fabulous singing along with facts we never knew about Vikings and commentary on their school trip made it very special for us all. Thank you to the children of Porteous and Miss Kelly-Morrow and Mrs Edwards.

It has been Year 2's turn to take their SATs. We do see these just as a very small a snapshot of their learning over the last 3 years. Nevertheless, we are extremely proud of their perseverance and their attitude to learning. Well done Year 2s!

This week we received our Note of Visit from our school improvement advisor. Mrs Hailstone-Ahern visited and monitored the teaching and learning in the school with foci on the curriculum, quality of education, book sampling and the application of phonics into writing. We were delighted with her report. Here are just a few of the comments:

'.....high levels of engagement and strong progress from starting points'

'.....tailored adaptations for pupils with specific needs'

Pupils 'were able to explain how their current learning linked with prior learning'

Finally, we could not make Hunton the school it is without your support as parents and carers. We hope you enjoyed open afternoon today. Should you have any queries then please either look at our website which contains termly learning plans or contact the school office.

All the children deserve a great week off.

Have an enjoyable half term.

Mrs Makey



Star of the Week and House points winners

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.

As the children have chosen names for their houses of people who reflect our vision of 'life in all its fullness' we are now sharing weekly results of house points on our newsletters.

	w/e 19 th May	w/e 26 th May
Devas	Valeria	Mila
Bannerman	Harry & Shaelie	Finn
Porteous	Rose E & Sebastian	Jenna & Joshua
Borton	Arrabella & Evie	Adam
House points winner	Rosa Parks	Rosa Parks

School photos

Thank you for sending the children in so smartly dressed for their photos this week. We also had a whole school photo taken – something that Hunton has not had in a very long while.

We look forward to seeing the result.

Dates



Mondays 12 th /19 th /26 th June and 3 rd /10 th July	Art & Watercolour Club Years R-6 3:20-4:20
Tuesdays 13 th /20 th /27 th June and 4 th /11 th July	Dance Club with Rachel from The Right Step Dance Company 3:20-4:20
Wednesdays 14 th /21 st /28 th June and 5 th July	Volleyball Club Years 3-6 3:20-4:20
Thursdays 15 th /22 nd /29 th June and 6 th July	Netball Club Years 3-6 3:20-4:20
Tuesday 6 th June	First day of term 6
6 th , 7 th , 8 th June	Year 6 Bikeability
Wednesday 14 th June	Borton trip to the British Museum, London
Friday 16 th June	Father's Day pop-up shop
Friday 16 th June	School disco 3:10-4:30pm
Monday 19 th June 2:30pm	Devas – Fathers Day celebration
Wednesday 21 st June 3:15pm	Borton meeting regarding PGL 2023
Friday 23 rd June	Year 6 trip to Rochester Cathedral
Monday 26 th June	Bannerman trip to Leeds Castle
Tuesday 27 th June	Sports Day – details will be sent out soon
Friday 30 th June	Reserve sports day (in case of bad weather on 27 th)
Monday 10 th – Friday 14 th July	PGL
Friday 21 st July	Last day of term 6



Hunton Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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: 95%

Bannerman: 89%

Porteous: 95%

Borton: 97%

Well done to **BORTON** who achieved the highest attendance for 15th - 26th May 2023.

Devas and Bannerman morning drop off

Please say goodbye to your child/ren on the playground and not by the entrance to the classrooms. We like the children to settle quickly so learning can begin. We also need to lock the playground gate for safeguarding reasons. If you need to speak to the teachers please ask Mrs Lang at the office.



PTFA News & Events

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FB: [HuntonPrimaryPTA](#)

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our May Fayre. It was a great success and we raised **over £1700**.

THANK
you

Big thanks also goes to all the people who came along from 8am to help set-up and those who stayed afterwards to pack everything away.

Please put the date for next years fayre into your diary....

Saturday 18th May 2024



Please read this lovely article about our Coronation Tea Party.

<https://nationalfruitshow.org.uk/new-sensory-garden-for-kent-school-deserves-gold-medal/>

Our vision and values

'Why have we got a boat in our garden?' I hear you ask.



You are probably more aware of our school's Christian values than the meaning of our school vision, striving for *'life in all its fullness'* John 10:10.

This week we held collective worship in front of our boat and explained that a vision is what we aim for.

We want to make the most of everything, challenging ourselves and striving outside of our comfort zone like Peter did. Please do talk to your child about the story of Peter. If you are unsure here is a short clip [Peter Walks on Water - YouTube](#)

God's plan is he wants us to have faith in him. He sent Jesus to earth so that we may live life in all its fullness. Throughout the Bible are stories and examples of God's plan. We have chosen Peter and the storm.

This week's prayer:

Our Lord God

As we sit here outside today in the beautiful surroundings of our school bless our garden, our hut, Eden, so that we have a quiet reflective place to go. Where we can spend time either on our own or with friends.

Help us to grow- just like the plants, we need care – with compassion we can care for each other. – with respect and perseverance our garden and ourselves can grow too so we may ultimately have joy.

The garden helps us to think about how, like Peter, we can challenge ourselves and step outside of our comfort zone. God will be with us.

If we need help like Peter, our faith in God will help us.

We praise you God.

Amen

Could you be a LOCAL HERO?

Join our School Crossing Patrol

For more information call 03000 422401, email scp@kent.gov.uk or visit kent.gov.uk and search for 'school crossing patrols'

@KCC_SCP



If your child will be starting in Year 6 in September, these are the dates for the Kent Test

Key dates	
Thursday 1 June 2023	Registration opens at kent.gov.uk/kenttest . You will receive a confirmation email when registration is complete.
Monday 3 July 2023	Registration closes at midnight.
Thursday 7 September 2023	Children who attend a Kent primary school sit the test in their school.
Saturday 11 September 2023	Children who attend primary schools outside Kent, or are Educated at Home sit the test in a Test Centre.
Wednesday 18 October 2023	Kent Test Decisions emails are sent after 4pm to the email address used to register the child.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test#tab-1>