

Compassion, Joy, Perseverance, Respect

Headteacher News

This week started with a sigh of relief that the rain held off and we finally had some sunshine (which seems to be here to stay) allowing us to enjoy another fantastic week with our whole school sports day. The children from Bear Grylls, Rosa Parks, Alessia Russo and Oliver Jeffers challenged each other and showcased their athletic talent in our friendly competitions. We're proud of every participant—they all showed amazing perseverance, joy and skill. In the end, the Bear Grylls' team emerged victorious with their House Captains proudly tying the green ribbons on the House Cup and taking a celebratory lap. I love our wonderful school's traditional celebration of participation and community, with everyone cheering each other on and celebrating together. What a lovely atmosphere it was. A big thank you to all the friends and family who came out to support, to our staff for making the event possible, and to our fantastic PTFA team for the delicious refreshments.



Many children from Y5 and Y6 had a memorable week during our very unique residential trip. This year, Bawdsey Manor served as our accommodation base and the children really went out of their comfort zones to experience adventurous activities. If you happened to look on Twitter the photos and clips were breathtaking to say the least. Children abseiled, went on a trapeze, built rafts, practised fencing and rifle shooting, and fell in- including Mr Ming! Alongside these adventures, they enjoyed delicious restaurant meals and lots of fun activities and games. The combination of individual skills development, confidence-building exercises and the immersive experience of living together around the clock ensures that every child benefits immensely from this fantastic trip. A massive thank you to Mr Ming, Mrs Underdown and Mrs Evans for not only giving up their time but ensuring the children had the best time ever!



We are also super proud of our Year 4 children who have now completed their statutory Multiplication Times Tables Check (MTC), the purpose of which is to ensure the times tables knowledge is at the expected level. We are really proud of all the children who have worked very hard to learn their tables with instant recall. It is never too early to learn multiplication tables and knowing them is the key to being a successful mathematician.

Well done to our Year 1 children for acing their 'phonics screening' test. They are all phonics superstars! A big thank you for all your support with phonics practice - your encouragement and practice at home have really paid off! We are nearly there; on the home run! All other year groups have had internal assessments in reading, maths, and writing for Years 1, 3, 4, and 5. Keep up the great work though.

Have a lovely weekend and keep an eye on the dates as there is so much going on in the last few weeks.

Mrs Makey



Firstly, I wish to make it clear that I do not know who posted the following information hence why I am having to write in the newsletter rather than meet with an individual.

Once again, I am extremely concerned that false information is being spread on WhatsApp regarding staff here at Hunton. This week it has been brought to my attention that a parent has spread a rumour that Mrs Lang is leaving. This is absolutely not true. I must request and remind us all that social media has a purpose of building a community and communicating with each other. If not managed well these groups can gas light, inflame and miscommunicate information as well as hold negativity around my team. This is the second time there have been rumours based on untruths. The consequences of this unsettles my staff and can make them question whether they actually want to work here.

We value feedback so please do make an appointment to come and see your class teacher or me if you have concerns rather than raising them through these forums so that they can remain positive and healthy for all. If you feel the WhatsApp group isn't being used appropriately please let us know so that we can protect our team and class communities from defamatory comments and rumours.

Mrs Makey

WIN £1,000 FOR OUR SCHOOL'S LIBRARY

Help your school #rebuildthelibrary. Five lucky schools from across the UK and Ireland will each win £1,000, with one overall winner also receiving £500 to upgrade their library space. Nominate a school to win one of our big prizes and encourage reading for pleasure all year round. It takes less than a minute to nominate us: please click: <https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools-prize>

Dates



Please note that dates are subject to change. Where possible, we will always try to give as much notice as we can if we need to change a date.

Mondays 1/8 July	Football Club (Yrs 3-6) 3:20-4:20
Tuesdays 2/9 July	Multi-activity Club 3:20-4:20
Wednesdays 3/10 July	Acro Club 3:20-4:20
Thursdays 4/11 July	Netball Club (Yrs 3-6) 3:20-4:20
Monday 3 rd June – Monday 1 st July	Year 5 parents application open for Kent Test – September 2024
Fri 5 th July 5pm	Year 6 performance to year 6 parents
Weds 17 th July 2:15-3:15pm	Open afternoon – “book look”
Fri 19 th July	Last day of term
Fri 19 th July 9:15am	Leavers Church service – all welcome
Tues 3 rd Sept	Start of term 1
Mon 9 th Sept – Mon 21 st Oct	Swimming lessons for Year 3 (details will be sent out soon)
Thurs 12 th Sept	Kent Test (Year 6)
Thurs 17 th Oct	Results from Kent Test

A reminder that before and after school the children are the responsibility of parents/carers. Trees must not be climbed and outside equipment should not be used before or after school.

Please be reminded that the school cannot accept responsibility for any injury caused at these times, as it is not supervised by a member of the school staff. We politely ask you to leave the school site as swiftly as you can at the end of the day.



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: 96% Bannerman: 92%

Porteous: 95% Borton: 94%

Well done to **DEVAS** who achieved the highest attendance for 17th - 28th June.

If you have any concerns regarding your child, please speak to the class teacher or email the office. Circulating any concerns on WhatsApp groups or on the playground often delays finding a resolution. We also kindly request that parents adhere to the Parent Behaviour Policy and treat each other with kindness and respect.



PTFA News & Events

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FB: [HuntonPrimaryPTA](#)

Thank you to everyone who supported us at Sports Day by buying BBQ food and/or drinks and ice creams. It was great to be able to offer you all ice cold beverages on such a hot day!

Uniform



If you are having an end of term sort out of your child's school uniform please donate any school jumpers or cardigans to us for our pre-loved uniform shop.

Please do not donate to us any white shirts, grey trousers/dresses/shorts or gingham dresses. We are only able to take any uniform with the Hunton logo on.

PTFA AGM

We will be holding our AGM in September and will be looking for people who would like to join us on the PTFA. The more helpers we have, the less everyone has to do, so it means we can spread the workload! We would also love to hear new ideas for fundraising.

Shaun the Sheep in the Heart of Kent

This summer the Heart of Kent Hospice and the Wild in Art trail is coming to Maidstone from the 29th June to the 30th August. There will be 100 uniquely decorated Shaun the Sheep sculptures, which will appear in and around Maidstone. For more information on the Shaun the Sheep trail visit -

<https://shaunheartofkent.co.uk/>



The Reading Agency and libraries are excited to introduce this year's Summer Reading Challenge, Marvellous Makers

The Summer Reading Challenge is open to all primary school aged children and is designed for all reading abilities.

Children have from Saturday 6th July to Saturday 7th September to earn their free medal and certificate at any of the libraries in Kent, including the mobile library stops.

They can also choose to join in with the online Challenge, setting their own reading targets via the Marvellous Makers website.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>



Millbrook are holding lots of different events and activities over the summer holidays.

<https://www.millbrookgc.co.uk/webshop/events/events-staplehurst>



27th July - 1st September

- Gaming Bus
- Our Amazing Animal World
- The Crazy Comic Club workshops
- Traditional Punch & Judy
- Craft workshops
- FREE in-store Doodle Hunt
- Kids eat for less!



Take a look at our website for details, dates and tickets!

Millbrook Minis
Fun events and workshops for kids...



Visit millbrookgc.co.uk for all our events.

Link to Raring2Go Magazine, which has lots of ideas and events for things to do over the summer holidays

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/maidstone/summer2024/12/>

Summer Reading Oxford Owl have a brilliant free eBooks collection, developed for children aged 3–11 years old. If you'd like to learn more about how to support your child's reading, visit these Reading pages. All eBooks are tablet-friendly. Just register or log in to



Berries & Bells

On Sunday 7th July from 2:30pm-5pm, come along to St Mary's Church for a fund-raising event which will take place inside the church and in the churchyard (weather permitting!)

The bells will be rung and there will be opportunities to ring small (not church) bells. Cream teas, home-made cakes and savoury items will be on sale for visitors to enjoy.





Volunteers Needed

Ready to make a difference to the lives of older people in your community? We are currently seeking dedicated volunteers for the following positions at Dairy Court.

We are looking for assistants at our

- Day Centres
- COGS Centres
- Dementia Centres

Located at Dairy Court, Fairview Farm, Linton Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 0AL

Interested in joining us?

Please email kerinna.jackson@ageukmst.org.uk

or call 01622 753618

INFLATABLE FUN AFTERNOON

Hunton Playing Field
ME15 ORR

FRIDAY
5 JULY
1:30 – 5:30

INCLUDES:

- Slides
- Bouncy Castles
- Disco Dome
- Inflatable Games
- and lots more

Refreshments for sale

£6 per child

Please email huntonpreschool@hotmail.com for payment details or pay on the day
Lots of parking available on the field

COXHEATH SUMMER FETE

Coxheath Village Hall

Dog Show	Barbecue	Pukka Ponies
Kick Boxing	Cocktails	Craft Stalls
Tamil Dancing	Refreshments	Face Painting
Clockhouse Farm	Ice Creams	Children's Activities

and much more....

Saturday 6th July
12:00 - 4:00pm

Free Entry!

Charity No. 295467

RAVER TOTS

FAMILY CAMPING WEEKENDER

70 ARTISTS
MULTIPLE STAGES
FAIRGROUND RIDES
CHARACTER MEETS
KIDS GO FREE!
+ LOADS MORE

FRIDAY 12 - SUNDAY 14 JULY
MOTE PARK MAIDSTONE

*WITH AN ADULT WEEKEND TICKET LIMITED TIME OFFER



2024
THE READING AGENCY Summer Reading Challenge
 Delivered in partnership with libraries



Marvellous Makers

Kent History and Library Centre, Maidstone
 Saturday 13 July, 9.30am to 11.30am
Let's get Crafty!

Come along to create, craft, knit and crochet
Suitable for ages 4 to 11. Children under 8 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Free, no booking required



summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

YALDING PTA
COLOUR RUN
 sponsored by
 Atlas Eco Gym & Clock House Farm

FRIDAY 5TH JULY
 from 3:30pm
THE KINTONS, ME18 6DX
 ALL WELCOME - BAR - BBQ - ICE CREAM
 £5 for runners (4-16 year olds) free to spectate!

Scan here for tickets



email chair@yaldingpta.co.uk for more info



A Yalding PTA Fundraiser
 Charity No. 1128804




1:1 COACHING
GROUP SESSIONS
PRE ACADEMY TRAINING
BIRTHDAY PARTY'S

SATURDAY MORNING FOOTBALL SCHOOL
 AT CORNWALLIS ACADEMY
 8.30AM - 9.30AM EVERY WEEK

Tuesday sessions 17:45-18:45 YMCA loose

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