



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 – but especially this last week or so where they have either had to wear lots of different hats or been poorly themselves. Despite this Covid ‘tidal wave’ we have ensured that teaching and learning still took place and that no classes were closed. Everyone has been so supportive and gone above and beyond. What a wonderful team we have! And as usual our remarkable pupils have been adaptable and responsible, continuing to work hard and do their very best, even when things have been a bit different to usual. The learning and experiences have been as rich and fulfilling as ever - do have a look at Twitter to see what we have been up to.

We have some lovely news to share with you this week. Firstly, we send our congratulations to Miss McGregor and Mr Seal who are getting married next Saturday. We are all excited for her and have loved listening to and sharing ideas for her big day. I am sure the children are going to hear and see the photos of the special day.



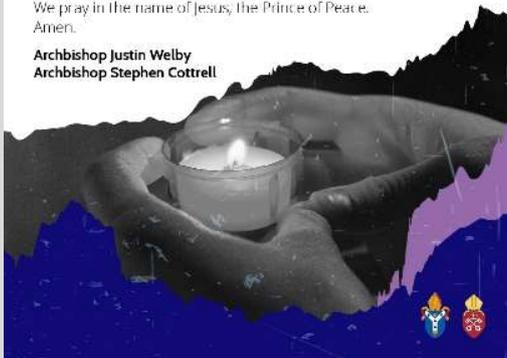
Secondly, we are proud to have been chosen to be part of the Tower of London ‘Superbloom’ celebrating the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. A very special bag from the Historic Royal Palaces arrived this week full of beautiful flower seeds. These are the same seeds that are being planted in the moat at the Tower of London to create a vibrant, spectacular, colourful field of flowers. We hope we can replicate this here in our own way at Hunton.

We also need to say a big thank you to one of our parents, Jane Tennant, who has been secretary of our PTA for a number of years. She has worked so hard in this role not only giving her free time but also showing great support for the school. Cheryl Larmour will be taking on this role. Our appreciation very much goes to her too. Please support the PTA and us as a school; Mother’s Day and Easter events are planned for the children.

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell



Finally, some news on the donations you gave for the people of Ukraine. Thank you for being so speedy with your donations. Mr Holt-Goldsmith took the donations straight to the vans who left immediately for Poland.

He has told us that they have arrived in Lodz, Poland and taken to an orphanage where, at the beginning of the week, 500 children had arrived from Ukrainian orphanages, and more were expected. Sometimes we can feel that we cannot do much but those little things can have so much impact. Thank you for your compassion.

Have a lovely 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.

	w/e 18 th March
Devas	Hugo
Bannerman	Darcie
Porteous	Orla
Borton	Selby

Dogs



Could we please ask that all dogs are kept on a lead and remain outside of the playground area.

Whilst we love to see all of our four-legged friends, some of the children are not so comfortable meeting them on the school run.

Year 6 SATs Week

The dates for the Year 6 SATs tests this year are Monday 9th May through to Thursday 12th May. All Year 6 children will be expected to be in school during this week. Many people start thinking about booking holidays at this stage of the year and so we politely request that you avoid taking your child out during this week

Dates



Monday 28 th February – Monday 28 th March	Coding after school club 3:15-4:15pm Yrs 3-6
Tuesday 22 nd February – Tuesday 29 th March	Hockey after school club 3:15-4:15pm Yrs 3-6
Wednesday 2 nd March – Wednesday 30 th March	Dance club 3:20-4:20pm Yrs R-6 The Right Step Dance Co
Thursday 24 th February – Thursday 31 st March	Creepy Claws after school club 3:15-4:15pm
Monday 21 st March	Devas trip to Kent Life
Thursday 31 st March	Children's Easter egg hunt
Friday 1 st April	Last day of term 4
Tuesday 19 th April	First day of term 5

Mothers Day service at St Mary's Church, Hunton



There will be a service in the Church on Sunday 27th March at 9:30am.

Everyone is welcome, so please do come along as it is always a lovely family service.

Please be aware that no foul language will be tolerated on the School grounds.



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.

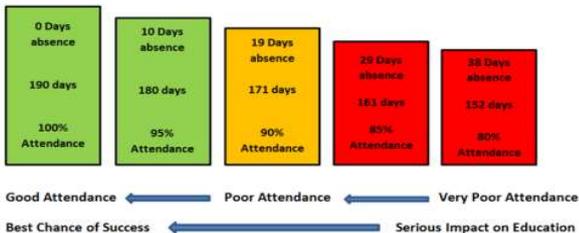
In order to ensure that the children have a settled start to the day, we would ask all parents to make sure that their children arrive before their start times.
Borton and Porteous – 8:40am
Devas and Bannerman – 8:45am

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 these were the class attendance totals:

Devas 88.4% Bannerman 88.5%
Porteous 83.5% Borton 90.7%

*Well done to **Borton** who achieved the highest attendance for 7th – 18th March 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.

Uniform

Please can we remind you that we only allow small, school coloured bows as hair accessories and only stud earrings and watches for jewellery. Your child should be able to remove their own earrings for PE sessions and it is sometimes a good idea to provide a box to keep them safely during the lesson so they don't get lost. Of course, we do not expect children to come to school with temporary tattoos or nail varnish. Please see here for our uniform expectations as a reminder <https://www.hunton.kent.sch.uk/parents/uniform>

Please do email the PTA if you wish to purchase our great priced 'nearly new' uniform pta@hunton.kent.sch.uk

We welcome donations of any pre-loved **uniform with the Hunton logo**. Please do not donate shirts, dresses, skirts or trousers without the Hunton logo as we are unable to re-sell these.

Playtime Snacks

Children can have fruit to eat at playtime but please no snacks in wrappers. We have spoken to the children about this as we have become aware that some of them are taking items out of their lunch boxes to eat.

New Sports Equipment

This week some much needed new sports equipment arrived that we have managed to purchase with our Sports Premium. Sport really is a strength here at Hunton and our children deserve some new equipment to match their skills.





Breakfast club

We offer breakfast club every morning from 8:00am at a cost of £4 per child, per day (£3 for additional siblings attending).



You can use breakfast club on an ad-hoc or regular basis.

Milk

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

The milk costs 25p per day.



Maidstone Hockey Club
 South Park, Armstrong Road, ME15 6AZ
maidstonehockey.org



All Ages, Genders and Skill Levels Welcome!

- High quality coaching
- Fantastic facilities
- Chance to represent Maidstone
- Great social programme
- Welcoming family club

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JUNIORS-
maidstonehockeyjuniors@gmail.com

NOW Recruiting




PTA News & Events
pta@hunton.kent.sch.uk

Easter raffle

Please can we ask for donations of Easter related items for our raffle. If you can bring anything in before Thursday 23rd March, we will be drawing the raffle on Friday 24th March.

Tickets are 20p each. Please bring cash in a named envelope to the school office before 4pm on Thursday 23rd March.

To save paper we won't be issuing physical tickets, instead, all names will be entered into an online generator. Therefore, it is important that you clearly write your name on the envelope with your cash.

Thank you for your support.

Mothers Day pop-up shop

We will be holding a Mothers Day pop-up shop where your child has a chance to come along and buy a gift for the special lady in their life. Gifts are £2 each and will be wrapped and labelled.

Please remember to either pay the money in to the PTA bank account before 24th March or give your child £2 to bring along to the shop. Please don't give the money in to the School office or pay money into the school bank account as this is a PTA run event.



Hunton Community News

Village website:
<https://www.huntonparishcouncil.org.uk/>



The Smoothie bike

All the children enjoyed preparing the fruit for their smoothie and using the bike to blend the fruit into a smoothie to drink. More photos are on our Twitter page!

