



Headteacher News

A superhero came to Hunton this week! Captain Wonderweb (sponsored by the NHS) came with her assistant to tell the children how to live healthily and how to manage their mental health. Resilience, eating healthily, having a good sleep and making sure that we are not on our devices/screens too much were the messages given to the children through a fun, interactive performance. I hope the children have told you all about it.

Our Vision and Values Day – Friday 13th October

We are busily preparing for our exciting Vision and Values Day on Friday 13th October. Our aim is to continue to embed our Vision and Values making it accessible and meaningful to their lives.

Our Christian Values are *Compassion, Joy, Respect, Perseverance*

An effective vision and values set is not just a list of words displayed around a school. It reflects every part of school life from behaviour, actions, words and learning. We want them to remain the heartbeat of our school.

Our Vision

Following in Jesus' footsteps, pupils at Hunton make positive and courageous choices to open up the world and challenge themselves by stepping outside their comfort zone in order to 'live life in all its fullness' *John 10:10*. We relate to the story of Peter stepping out of the boat and walking on the water. He decided to follow Jesus, and was stepping out of his comfort zone, taking a risk. When he started to sink, Jesus caught him and helped him. (*Matthew 14*)



Each teacher has taken one of our values and is making plans for extraordinary, memorable experiences. We also have Buckmore Park Forest School coming for the day; their challenge for the children will take place in Hunton Woods, culminating in building a fire. The outdoor pursuits will certainly encourage the children to strive outside of their comfort zone. I can already see and hear the way the children will compassionately support each other. Thank you to everyone who contributed towards this experience for all of the children.

A huge thank you to our PTFA who organised an AGM with tea and cake this week. The PTFA organises a busy programme of exciting events throughout the year for the enjoyment of our children and to help raise money for the school. These events are an important part of school life and help to create a thriving school community. We hope to be able to continue to offer an exciting and successful range of activities for the next school year, however to do this the PTFA do need some help. There are lots of ways of contributing, setting up for events, designing posters, manning a stall, cake making, ticket selling, coming up with new ideas, the list goes on. We would love to hear from you, every bit helps. Please contact pta@hunton.kent.sch.uk if you can support in any way, no matter how small.

Memorable learning experiences are at the heart of all we do and every child deserves to be successful and our role is to help them blossom and believe everything is possible. We are a small school with a big heart and we can't wait to share news and photos of our special Vision and Values Day. Jesus said, '*I have come that they may have life in all its fullness*' *John 10:10*.

It looks like it's going to be a sunny weekend so enjoy the outdoors.

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.

Our house colours are named after people who reflect our vision of 'life in all its fullness' and we are sharing weekly results of house points.

	w/e 29 th Sept	w/e 6 th Oct	
Devas	-	-	
Bannerman	Katie & Penelope	Theo	
Porteous	Peter & Savannah	Mya & Jacob	
Borton	Gracie	Elsie	
House points winners	Bear Grylls	Oliver Jeffers	Alessia Russo

Important notice

Please respect everyone's right to feel safe and secure on our school site. Aggressive or intimidating behaviour, swearing or shouting **is not acceptable** and will **not be tolerated** by our school community.

If you are feeling upset or frustrated please raise your concerns with the appropriate member of school staff in a calm and respectful manner.

Offensive emails or written correspondence will also not be tolerated.

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 9/16 Oct, 6/13 Nov	Porteous Swimming at Mote Park Leisure Centre
Mondays 9/16 Oct	Football Club Years 3-6 3:20-4:20
Tuesdays 10/17 Oct	Netball Club Years 3-6 3:20-4:20
Wednesdays 11/18 Oct	Tennis Club Years 1-2 3:20-4:20
Thursdays 12/19 Oct	Arty Crafty Club Years 1-6 3:20-4:20
Monday 9 th October	Devas class visit to St Marys Church
Wednesday 11 th October	Borton at The Climbing Experience 10:15-2pm
Wednesday 11 th October	PTFA meeting, from 5:30pm at the Musket Brewery
Thursday 12 th October	Reading cafe
Friday 13 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visions & Values Day • School Disco 3:15-4:15
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th Oct	Scholastic book fayre – pop-up book shop within School
Friday 20 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day of term 1 • Harvest Festival – 9:20am in St Marys Church • Cakes & sweet treats for sale after School
Tuesday 31 st Oct	First day of term 2
Tuesday 31 st October	Deadline to apply for Year 7 Secondary School place for Sept 2024
Wednesday 1 st November	School photos – individual and sibling photos
Friday 3 rd November	Sept 2024 Primary School admission applications open
Thursday 9 th November	Bannerman at Lower Grange Farm 9:15-1:30pm
Friday 8 th December	Christmas Fayre 2pm – 3:45pm
Friday 15 th December	Last day of term 2



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: 97.9% Bannerman: 93.8%
Porteous: 91.1% Borton: 95.2%

Well done to **DEVAS** who achieved the highest attendance for 25th September – 6th October 2023.

All correspondence that you are sent can be found here: <https://hunton.kent.sch.uk/parents/parent-correspondence/>

If you have mislaid a letter from school or forgotten details about an upcoming school trip, please check the website.



PTFA News & Events
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Thank you to the parents who came along to our Coffee & Cake AGM. It was lovely to be able to share our ideas and plans whilst listening to other suggestions for fundraising and events.

Unfortunately, this is the first year that we haven't had any new PTFA members come forward which is making us question the longevity of Hunton's PTFA.... Without the help of additional parents/carers we cannot continue to provide the experiences for the children.

In order to run we also need a secretary – someone who is able to take brief notes at our meetings (4 meetings per year), nothing formal, meetings are about 1 hour long. This role can be split if we have 2 people who would like to job share.

Our 1st PTFA meeting of this academic year will be on Wednesday 11th October. We meet at the Musket Brewery in Loddington Lane and children are very welcome to come along. We will be there from 5:30pm and aim to have a quick meeting about 6:15pm.

On Wednesdays the Musket serve pizzas and curry so you can get some food too. Please come along if you would like to get involved. Whether you can help out at 1 event per year or 5 events, you would be most welcome.

If you have any questions about joining the PTFA please send us an email pta@hunton.kent.sch.uk



Friday 13th October
3:15-4:15

Don't forget to book your child a place at

the disco before Wednesday. Payment to be made in cash to the office or on School Money.



Maidstone LitFest Events for Children

Join us for free author workshops for children
Saturday 7 October
Kent History and Library Centre in Maidstone

10.30am – 11.30am - Meet Stuart Heritage and hear him read his picture book **'Don't Say Elephant'**

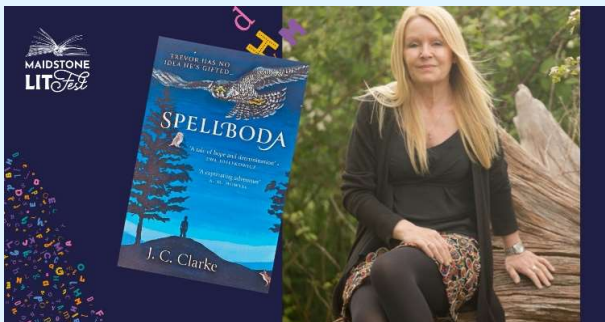
Suitable for children up to 9 years old



11.30am – 12.30pm - Meet J C Clarke and hear her read from her new book **'Prophecy'**
Followed by an interactive talk about this and her popular book **'Spellboda'**

Suitable for children 8 years and over

Crafts activities available all morning to keep the whole family entertained!



maidstonelitfest.org/

Open mornings – We can't wait to show you around!

If you have a child who will be starting school in September 2024 put a date in your diary to attend one of our open sessions in the week beginning 6th November. Likewise, if you know of anyone who would like a tour please spread the word. Contact Mrs Lang to book in!



Compassion, Joy, Perseverance, Respect
'Life in all its Fullness' – John 10:10

We are a small school with a big heart!

For parents whose children are starting school September 2024

Open Day

Monday 6th November at 10am or 1.45pm

Tuesday 7th November at 10am or 1.45pm

Thursday 9th November at 10am

Please contact the school office to book an appointment or for any further information.

Parents are invited to have a look around the school and meet Mrs Makey and other staff. We look forward to seeing you at one of our open days.

Parent consultations

We are starting these at an earlier time as many of you request times around 'pick up' time. The children will remain learning in class and will finish at normal time. These meetings will be an opportunity to find out how your child has settled in to their class along with an overview of what to expect during the year ahead, plus time to respond to any concerns, questions or queries you may have.

Twitter



[@huntonceprimary](https://twitter.com/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.



Oh no we haven't

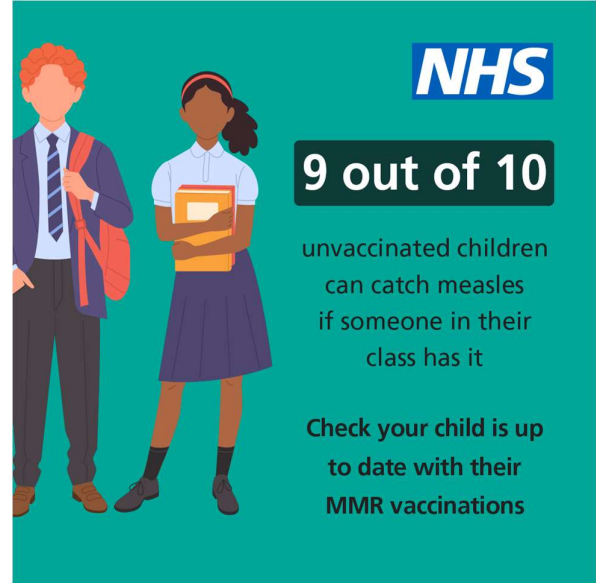
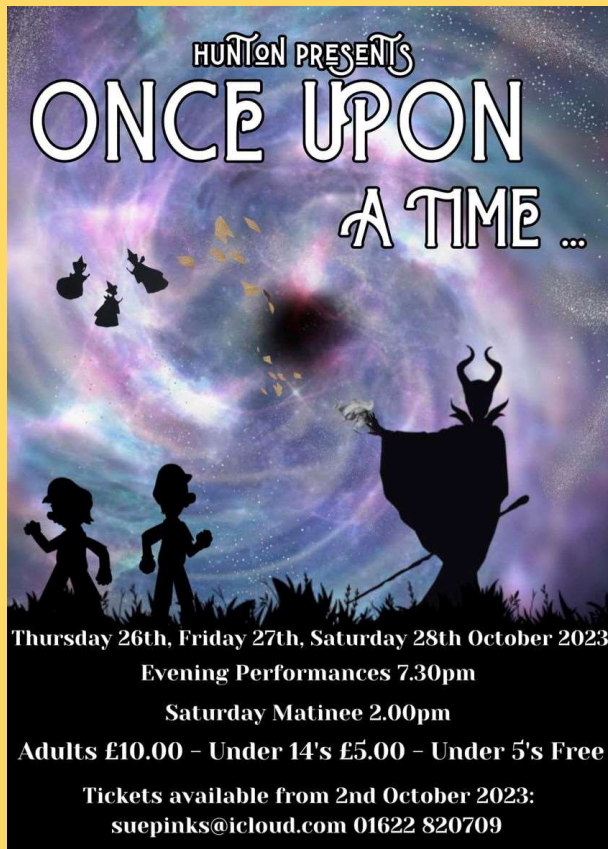
Free Half Term activity.

The School has secured 25 free tickets to the dress rehearsal of the Hunton Pantomime, "Once Upon a Time". The show includes current and past pupils from Hunton School and there are lots of songs to sing along with, and many familiar characters.

The venue is Hunton Village Hall. The date is Wednesday 25th October. The time is 7:30pm and there will be a bar serving soft and alcoholic drink.

Please let the office know how many tickets you require. The tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Tickets for other dates (including a matinee on Saturday 28th) are available – please see the poster below.



If you're having a clear-out at home before Christmas, please donate any items to us for our Christmas Fayre.

At the Christmas Fayre we will have a toy stall and also our "Elfridges" shop where the children can come in and choose a gift for a family member or friend.

We would love donations of:

Good quality toys and games and new gift sets,

bath bombs, candles, socks or anything new that we can sell in our Christmas shop – "Elfridges".



Please drop any donations off to the School office, anytime before 9am on 8th December. Thank you in advance for your support.

Please ensure that your child doesn't bring any nut products in to School as a snack or in their lunchbox. You need to check the ingredients and be aware of what foods do actually contain nuts. We do have children within School who have nut allergies.