

18th October 2024

Reception 2025 intake open days are 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> November. If you know anyone looking for a primary school for their child please send them our details and they can book onto one of our open days.

Compassion, Joy, Perseverance, Respect

#### **Headteacher News**

What a really busy term this has been (and a long one too!). Firstly, I have to say, 'Well done' to our children in Devas Class and praise them for the way they have settled in and quickly become a delightful part of our school. A special thank you must go to them for their class assembly this week. Wow — what confidence they showed not only in front of the school but also their parents too. They put a smile on all of our faces. Thank you to them and to Mrs Seal, Mrs Rance and Mrs Tadman for ensuring the children have the Hunton sense of belonging and are able to share their learning with all of us.



Bannerman Class also showed confidence with a visit from River's Reptiles and Rodents – they are certainly braver than me! The knowledge they have gained about different animal groups was enhanced by them touching snakes, a lizard, guinea pigs and seeing a rat!



And indeed, learning here at Hunton encompasses not only the academic but also the physical, creative, investigative and social aspects too. Instilling the importance of our children having a 'moral compass' is imperative. We are fortunate that children show compassion and want to volunteer whether that is in the form of being an eco, digital, school council leader, on the salad bar, litter picking or organising a cake sale. The children's wish to help makes Hunton the nurturing school it is.

However, for your child to thrive and flourish attendance is paramount. Already we have children being taken out of school, away from learning and when they return we can see the anxiousness of them trying to grasp the learning they have missed. There are 175 days a year when your child is not in school – plenty of time for treats and holidays. It is also worth noting that by missing 2 weeks of school your child misses over 40 lessons! We look forward to seeing you next week at our parent consultation sessions so you can see the progress your child has made in Term 1.

At the weekend I visited Howlett's in order for the final preparations for our Vision and Values Day next week and have shown photos and spoken to the children about it in Collective Worship. It will be a wonderful trip and we will send you more details next week. As you know we are attempting to fund the trip through fundraising and donations throughout the year. We are extremely grateful to those of you who have donated so far, especially children who have given some of their pocket money! All donations will be gratefully received.

Have a lovely weekend Mrs Makey







#### **Attendance**

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: 92.5% Bannerman: 93% Porteous: 91.77% Borton: 92.26%

Well done to **BANNERMAN** who achieved the highest attendance for 7<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> October.



# 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 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	w/e 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct
Devas	-	-
Bannerman	Zoe	Рорру
Porteous	Arthur	Katie & Zuki
Borton	Darcie	Jacob & Michael
House points winner	Oliver Jeffers	Oliver Jeffers

#### **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.

Monday	Netball Club Years 3-6
11/18/25 Nov	3:20-4:20pm
2 Dec	·
Tuesday	Christmas Crafts Club
12/19/26 Nov	Years 1-6
3 Dec	3:20-4:20pm
Wednesday	Acro Club Years 1-6
6/13/20/27 Nov	3:20-4:20pm
4 Dec	
Thursday	Tennis Club Years 2-6
7/14/21/28 Nov	3:20-4:20pm
5 Dec	
Mar 24 St Oak	C in view Was 2 at 11
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Swimming - Year 3 at Mote
(last session)	Park Leisure Centre
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> – Thurs	Scholastic book fayre in
24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	school
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct &	Parent consultations
Weds 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Visions & Values Day –
+b	Howletts
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9:15am Harvest Service at St
= . o=th o .	Mary's. All welcome
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Sweets & treats sale after
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Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Last day of term 1
Thurs 31st Oct	Deadline to apply for a
	secondary school place
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	First day of term 2
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Applications open for
	Reception 2025 places
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Individual & sibling school
	photos
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Hunton Christmas market at
2.20	St Mary's Church
3:30pm-6pm	
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Wreath making – PTFA
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov 6pm	Wreath making – PTFA event at Hunton Village Hall
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Wreath making – PTFA

We've currently raised £425.50 towards our Visions & Values day. This is thanks to the cake sale, non-uniform day and some one-off donations from parents and children.

Thank you everyone!





#### Borton football at Gallagher Stadium

Over the past few weeks, both the Borton boys and girls football teams competed in a tournament at Maidstone United's Gallagher Stadium. Despite wet and cold conditions in both, we were so proud of how both boy and girls worked incredibly hard as a team. Our congratulations to the boys for qualifying out of the group stage and into the last 16 of a 36 team tournament; and to our girls for keeping spirits high and competing right to the end! As one of, if not the smallest school competing, we are always incredibly proud of our children's perseverance, positive attitude and their respectful nature when playing the game.

## HCTSHOTZ

Coach Paul will be running a new 'Prime Video Girls' tennis course at Paddock Wood Community Centre, during October half term. It's girls only aged 4yr-10yrs and will be held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October, from 9am-12pm.

It costs £35 and the girls will all receive 6 hours on court coaching, racket, balls and T-Shirt from Amazon Prime Video.

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

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

#### Library

This week Year 3 visited Coxheath Library. We are incredibly fortunate to have this library in our community. Please do go and visit with your children in half term. They may even find a recipe book and cook dinner for you! It is free to join the library and you can visit any library in Kent.

#### Half-term events

#### Millbrook:

https://www.millbrookgc.co.uk/webshop/events/even ts-staplehurst

#### **Maidstone Museum**

October event! Half Term Make It! Crafts 2024. Tuesday 29th - Thursday 31st October 2024 - 10:30 - 2.30.

3 sessions per day: 10.30am – 11.30am, 12pm – 1pm and 1.30pm – 2.30pm. Ideal for ages 4 – 11 years.

£3.50 per child per session. An adult must stay with child/ren. Activities take 30-50 mins to complete.

For more information and tickets go to: <a href="https://museum.maidstone.gov.uk/.../october-half-term-2024/">https://museum.maidstone.gov.uk/.../october-half-term-2024/</a>

#### The Boathouse, Yalding 01622 814359

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Reptile & creepy crawly experience.

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October – Pizza making session. Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Movie day Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Kids party Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Reptile & creepy crawly experience.

Advance bookings required.

#### **Musket Brewery, Loddington Lane**

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October – kids party

There will be a kid's entertainer providing an interactive kids party in our stretch tent. With games, bubbles, glow sticks & stickers.

Tickets are £8 per child aged 3+ (recommended age range 3-11). Children aged 2 or younger go FREE with a ticket holder. Up to 2 adults per booking included.

Limited tickets available! Bookings required via email to <a href="mailto:dawn@musketbrewery.co.uk">dawn@musketbrewery.co.uk</a>

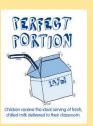
Tickets are non-refundable - if cancellation is necessary after purchase, please email in as above.

Children must be supervised at all times by their



### Milk

If you would like your child to receive a carton of milk each morning please register them on the <u>Cool Milk</u> website.



https://customers.coolmilk.com/v2/register/