

Headteacher News

Wow, what a busy two weeks we have had and what extra opportunities there have been for the children this term so far; I just don't know where to start.

Firstly, we had a fantastic sports day and it was lovely to see so many families joining us for the event. I am sure you could see (and hear!) how much the children enjoyed it and didn't they show all our school values of respect, joy, perseverance and compassion. This year, for the first time, the children shouted the new names of their houses and had been creative producing banners and even practising chants for the day. Well done to all of them and especially the **Blue Team**. This could not have gone ahead without the organisation from Mr Ming and the staff as well as the generous amount of time members of our PTFA gave. Thank you so much for the burgers, sausages and drinks and for helping us set up and pack away for the day. The ice poles provided by the PTFA were also very much appreciated. When parents email in to thank the staff it makes a huge difference.



Last Friday, our Y6 were able to attend a very special day at Rochester Cathedral alongside other schools in the Diocese. We spent the day thinking about the promise of Jesus found in Matthew, 'I am with you always.' (Matthew 28:20). The day was full of workshops from singing, to making beaded key rings and reflecting on their time in primary school as well as thinking about their future journey ahead. I am sure our Y6s came away with their own special thoughts for their future.

As I hope you appreciate, we have really tried to keep the cost of school trips to a minimum whilst ensuring our children still have opportunities to enrich their learning. Bannerman visited Leeds Castle this week and were full of excitement on their return to school the next day. No-one got lost in the maze and they thoroughly enjoyed the cinema! Once again, to hear praise from the staff at the Castle over the respect and good behaviour from our children makes us immensely proud.



We also welcomed the RNLI this week. Each class learnt about water safety which is especially important with the summer holidays coming up and the River Medway being close by.

Can your child recall the 4 rules to remember when they are around water?



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We have also been proud of our sporting achievements in the Kent Teach Games. Due to other commitments it meant that on the Monday I was Hunton's Football Manager rather than Mr Ming! I certainly cannot take the credit but our players can, as we were delighted, after 4 matches to get to the quarter finals. It is so humbling and exciting to see our children's talents outside the classroom. There was a lot of cheering and an ice lolly at the end. Then on the Thursday Mr Ming and Mrs Underdown supported the netball team. This time we got to the semi-finals! The perseverance and sportsmanship shown are attributes we are so proud of. Well done to all our players!



Finally, Year 6 are in full swing of rehearsals and the sound of 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang' is beginning to fill the air. The year 6 production is a final chance for the year group to come together as a team and is a wonderful end of year celebration of their time at Hunton CE Primary School. After watching all their hard work and rehearsals, I cannot wait to see the show. The PTFA will also be at the evening performance selling a range of cold drinks for us all to enjoy.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Mrs Makey



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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 23 rd June	w/e 30 th June
Devas	-	Thomas
Bannerman	-	Emilee & Pippa
Porteous	-	Ellie
Borton	-	Miné
House points winner	Bear Grylls	Oliver Jeffers

A reminder that after and before 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.

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 3 rd /10 th July	Art & Watercolour Club Years R-6 3:20-4:20
Tuesdays 4 th /11 th July	Dance Club with Rachel from The Right Step Dance Company 3:20-4:20
Wednesdays 5 th July	Volleyball Club Years 3-6 3:20-4:20
Thursdays 6 th July	Netball Club Years 3-6 3:20-4:20
Friday 7 th July 5:30pm	Year 6 play to parents
Monday 10 th – Friday 14 th July	PGL
Wednesday 19 th July 2:15-3:15pm	Open afternoon – details to follow
Friday 21 st July	9:20am – Leavers service at the Church Last day of term 6
Monday 4 th September	Start of term 1

Breakfast Club supervisor – from September

We are looking for someone to help run Breakfast Club in the mornings 8:00-8:35am, alongside Mrs Evans. This is a paid role and your child/ren can attend breakfast club for free.

Please speak to Mrs Lang.



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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: 97.4%

Bannerman: 92.8%

Porteous: 95.3%

Borton: 95.4%

Well done to **DEVAS** who achieved the highest attendance for 19th – 30th June 2023.

Twitter photos

We try our best not to include children in photos on Twitter when their permission hasn't been granted but sometimes they may appear in the background of a photo. Please email/call us if you notice this and would like the photo removed.



PTFA News & Events

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FB: [HuntonPrimaryPTA](https://www.facebook.com/HuntonPrimaryPTA)

Thank you to everyone who bought BBQ food and/or drinks from our stall at Sports Day. It was lovely to be able to provide a salad alongside the BBQ, using lettuce grown in the planters at school.

As a PTFA we have one more event to run this academic year – selling cold refreshments at the Year 6 production – and then we can put our feet up until September!

It has been an amazing year for fundraising and the additional opportunities that we have been able to provide the children with, thanks to money raised.

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!

Enter the RSPCA Young Photographer Awards!

- It's completely free to enter.
- Some fantastic prizes on offer.
- Awards ceremony at the Tower of London.
- Send them your amazing animal images.
- Categories for under 12s and over.
- Use a camera or a mobile phone

The RSPCA Young Photographer Awards are open to anyone aged 18 or under

The prestigious annual competition is open for entry until 15 August 2023. It's a fantastic opportunity for young people to get outside, learn about the natural world, and practise their photography skills.

They have some brilliant prizes on offer and the chance to attend an awards ceremony, presented by RSPCA President Chris Packham. So please get creative and send them your best animal images.

<https://young.rspca.org.uk/ypa/home>



Pierced Ears

Only stud earrings can be worn I school. For health and safety reasons earrings cannot be worn in PE Lessons. Children must take them out. If you are considering having your child's ear pierced we suggest this happens at the start of the summer holiday.

From our policy:

14.2 Earrings

Wherever possible, earrings must be removed before all PE lessons, Sports Clubs or Physical Activity sessions. Children must be able to remove their own earrings or they should be removed by a parent before school. Staff must not remove a child's earrings for them. Kent County Council have adopted the AfPE 'Safe Practice in PE and School Sport' (2020) manual as county policy for safe practice and we adhere to this.

If a child is unable to remove their earrings then these can be covered with **tape only if this would make them safe for the activity that the child is preparing to participate in** eg: running activities.

Taping cannot make earrings safe for any ball games. If tape is to be used, the pupil must be able to apply and remove the tape themselves.

If the earrings cannot be removed or made safe, then the child must not participate and the guidance for non-doers should be followed. Parents / carers will be reminded of this guidance at the start and end of each year, either by letter or in the newsletter.



The Reading Agency and libraries are excited to introduce this year's Summer Reading Challenge, Ready, Set, Read!

The Summer Reading Challenge 2023 is a celebration of reading, sport, games and play.

Developed in collaboration with the Youth Sport Trust, the 2023 Summer Reading Challenge will celebrate play and participation, encouraging children to engage in games and sports in any way that best suits them. Ready, Set, Read! will showcase how reading can be active and engaged, and can itself involve teamwork and community. The challenge is brought to life by the brilliant children's writer and illustrator Loretta Schauer.

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

There is an opening event for this on Saturday 8th July from 10am at the Kent History & Library Centre where they'll be sporty games and activities. More information here:

<https://www.facebook.com/MaidstoneLibraries>

Millbrook – Summer holiday events

Millbrook in Staplehurst have many fun events happening over the summer holidays. They do fill up fast though, so remember to book as soon as you can!

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