



Headteacher News



I hope you all enjoyed the October break and are looking forward to this very busy yet special second term. At the start of term, on INSET day, all staff received excellent online safety training from KCC which we invited Yalding, Laddingford and St Margarets' Collier St Schools too.

For many of us, we see our online lives and offline lives as different, but children are growing up with technology and the internet and for them there isn't a difference; online life and offline life is just life. Technology can move at an extraordinarily fast pace and it can be difficult to know how to start talking to your child about what they're doing online, who they might be speaking to or discussing the potential risks and issues.

Our training emphasised the danger of banning children from their devices as the danger is them finding a way of gaining access in a clandestine way. Instead, talking regularly with your child is the greatest tool to help keep them safe online. Talking regularly and making it part of daily conversation, like you would about their day at school, will help your child feel relaxed. It also means when they do have any worries, they're more likely to come and speak to you. Please click on the link for more information: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

We also wish to urge parents to consider the validity of what is sometimes posted on social media. Please, if you have any concerns, do come and speak to us so you have more accurate information and we can hopefully allay anxieties.

This week we enjoyed showing round new families on our open day tours for little ones starting school in September 2023. Thank you to all our children who were proud to show Hunton at its best! The feedback from parents was extremely positive, with comments about our exciting learning opportunities and of course our wonderful children. There continues to be a real learning buzz at Hunton and it is great that so many visitors are impressed by the quality of provision across the school. As always, the children of Hunton were an absolute credit to their school. Thank you to the PTA for organising and serving refreshments throughout the week.



Finally, the school showed respect by holding a minute's silence on Armistice Day to remember those who valiantly gave their lives in service for us. Poppies were worn and children stood silently after our Head Boy and Head Girl rang the bell to signify the start and end of this poignant moment. Poppies were laid at our memorial stone for Arthur Borton VC, who was an English recipient of the Victoria Cross, the highest award for gallantry in the face of the enemy that can be awarded to British and Commonwealth forces.

Have a wonderful 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 31 st Oct	w/e 7 th Nov
Devas	-	-
Bannerman	Hallie	Chloe & Naomi
Porteous	Evelyn	Amber
Borton	Selby	Thomas

Grandparents who help with childcare at risk of missing out on full state pension – act NOW to protect it

(moneysavingexpert.com)

Martin Lewis has shared an important benefit that many Britons could take advantage of and claim thousands from the Government. He explained that grandparents who apply for Specified Adult Childcare Credit can add thousands to their state pension.

<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/news/2017/01/grandparents-who-help-with-childcare-at-risk-of-missing-out-on-full-state-pension---act-now-to-protect-it/>

Remembrance Sunday at St Mary's Church

The Remembrance Sunday service will be held at St Mary's Church, and many little crosses have been made for children to take into the church. The service will begin at 10.50am and all are welcome.

Dates



Monday 7 th November – 28 th November	Porteous class swimming lessons at Mote Park Leisure Centre Packed lunch required!
Mondays. 7 th November - 12 th December 3:20-4:20	Computer Coding Club
Tuesdays. 8 th November - 13 th December 3:20-4:20	Dance Club with Rachel from The Right Step Dance Company All Year Groups
Wednesdays. 9 th November - 14 th December 3:20-4:05	Science club No club on 30th November.
Thursdays. 10 th November - 15 th December 3:20-4:20	Arts & Crafts Club
Friday 2 nd December	Non-uniform day. "Bring a bottle".
Friday 9 th December 2pm – 4pm	Christmas Bazaar – details nearer the time
Monday 12 th December 9:20am	Christingle at the Church
Tuesday 13 th December	KS1 Nativity 9:20am / 2pm
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day
Thursday 15 th December 2:45pm	Christmas carols, mulled wine & mince pies in the playground.
Friday 16 th December from 1:30pm	Open afternoon – come and have a look at your child's books

Term dates for 2022/23

<https://hunton.kent.sch.uk/media/1unkaeit/term-dates-2022-23.pdf>



Hunton Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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.

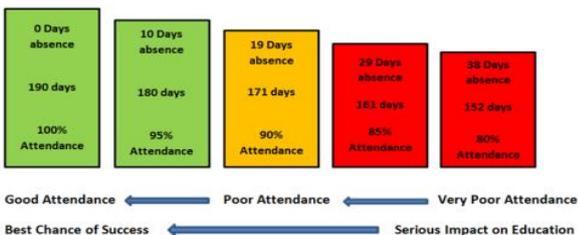
Borton and Porteous – 8:40am
Bannerman and Devas – 8:45am

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 97.4% Bannerman 89.7%

Porteous 95.8% Borton 88.5%

Well done to Devas who achieved the highest attendance for 1st – 11th November 2022.

Coats and PE kit for cold weather

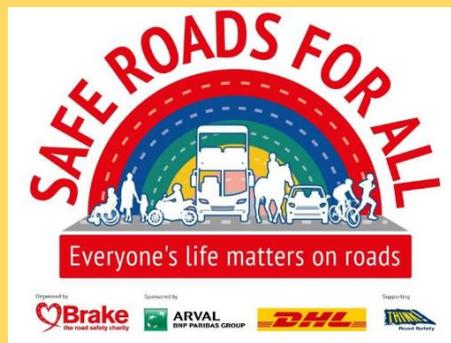
Please make sure that your child is suitably attired for school now the weather has turned colder. They do need a coat for lunch times as they will, of course, normally be outside for a period of time. Can you please also ensure that your child brings in a track suit or 'old' sweater and jogging bottoms for outdoor games lessons. Trainers are also best for outside PE. They should be left in school in your child's PE bag. It is important that all children take a full part in PE and games lessons and are suitably clothed for outdoor sessions so that they can enjoy them without getting too cold. We are sure you will support us in trying to encourage them to adopt healthy lifestyles now and in the future.



PTFA News & Events
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The preparations for our school Christmas Fayre are underway and Father Christmas has confirmed he will be able to take time out of his busy schedule to visit our Grotto. Tickets for the Grotto will need to be purchased in advance so we know how many presents we need to buy and ensure they are age appropriate. More information will be sent out shortly and the payment will be set up on School Money for anyone wishing to book the Grotto.

At previous Fayres our Chocolate tombola and bottle stalls have always been extremely popular so they will both be at the Fayre again this year. We are asking for bottle donations on Friday 2nd December (this can be a bottle of anything, doesn't just have to be wine!) From 5th – 9th December we will be asking for donations towards our chocolate tombola. This will be a competition between the classes. The class who bring in the most amount of chocolate based on **weight** will win a non-uniform day in the new year! The children are always very competitive with this challenge!!



National Road Safety Week 14-20 November
Next week is National Road Safety week. With evenings getting darker please remind your child of the importance of road safety and being seen.



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The food you kindly donated for the Harvest Festival was taken to Maidstone Homeless Care.



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Hunton Primary School,

26/10/2022

Thank you for your very kind donation to Homeless Care, we solely rely on the kindness and generosity of our community, so we can improve the lives and prospects of our homeless and vulnerable clients in our Borough.

In these difficult times, it is heart-warming to know that there are people, such as yourselves, on whom we can rely on to keep our services operational, which allows us to provide the right support to those who need it.

On behalf of Homeless Care, we thank you.

Matt Lamb – Homeless Care Manager, Staff, Volunteers and Trustees.



Donations required for our



Christmas



GIFT SHOP

at the Christmas Bazaar on 9th
December



CANDLES



GIFT SETS

If you have any new/unused items which you would be happy to donate, please pass them into the School Office before 9th December

Bath Sets

