

Dear Parent/carer,

As we enter the last week before the Christmas holidays, a huge thank you for your parental support and cooperation this term. Thank you also to all the staff at Hunton who have worked tirelessly and their commitment to the continuous educational provision throughout the term has been greatly appreciated.

Final Christmas plans

Devas Nativity and Bannerman Christmas Performance:

The filming of these have now been completed and we will share the temporary link with you in a separate email this week. Well done to all children involved, we are very proud of you all! Please see below some of the rehearsal photos:



An enormous thank you also to Bannerman and Devas teaching teams for their considerable effort in orchestrating, filming and editing to produce two excellent performances.

PE:

Today, Monday 14th December, is the **last PE day** for all children so, other than Christmas Jumper Day, please send children in uniform for the rest of the week.

Christingle:

Porteous and Borton pupils will take part in a Christingle service held by Rev. Peter on Tuesday 15th December. Our thanks to both the PTA and Becky and her colleagues from Coxheath Parish for sourcing the oranges for the children.

Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner:

Please feel free to get festive and come to school in a Christmas jumper on Wednesday 16th December (non-uniform for rest of clothing and no donation is required). This is also Christmas dinner day.

Class parties:

In the afternoon of Thursday 17th December, each class will be having their own Christmas parties. Children may also bring in their **own small snack box** for extra food to have at the party (usual no nuts and no fizzy drinks applies). Children will be wearing school uniform for this. If the children are good for the rest of the week, they may well have a Zoom visit from Father Christmas too!

Last day

On Friday 18th December, please note that collection time is between 1:05 and 1:15pm.

Celebration Assembly

On Friday 7th December, we held another celebration assembly via 'Zoom'. The winners for last week were:

Devas: **Zuki**

Bannerman: **Verity**

Porteous: **Evie. C**

Borton: **Stanley**

Team Points:

Since the start of term 2, the classes have been competing to gain team points for their usual sports day teams. These are awarded for making the right choices and for work of excellent quality. I am pleased to announce that the term 2 winner for team points are the **Green Team!** More information will be issued next term, regarding a green team only non-uniform day as their prize!

Term Dates

Term 3

Monday 4th January- Staff Development Day

Tuesday 5th January – Term 3 begins

Friday 12th February- Term 3 ends.

A final word from Associate Headteacher, Mr Paul Ryan:

I can't quite believe that it is almost a year since I was asked to support Hunton School. It has been an interesting and rewarding experience having to juggle a second school whilst living and working with the constraints of a pandemic.

I have felt most privileged to have worked alongside the whole school community including the teaching and support staff, parents and the Governing Body. Hunton School has many special attributes and I am delighted that the new Headteacher, Mrs Makey, will be able to build on these using her considerable experience. I would like to thank everyone for assisting me in my role as Associate Headteacher.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you all a very happy Christmas and as a school, a successful 2021 and beyond.

A message from Chair of Governors, Rev. Peter Callway:

I want to express gratitude and thanks on behalf of the governing body of Hunton to all the staff, who have been fantastic during what has to be the most difficult year any of us can recall. I particularly want to thank Mr. Ryan, who leaves us as Associate Head at the end of term. Mr Ryan joined the school at Easter, just as lockdown one was happening, and has steered the school through the pandemic and the continuing education of the children magnificently, whilst keeping staff morale buoyant and dealing with all the challenges of headship.

We say farewell but not goodbye to him as he will continue to support the school in a different capacity. We look forward with great anticipation and hope to the new calendar year, and we welcome Mrs. Makey as our new headteacher.

The core message of the season of Christmas is one of peace, and joy, and hope. Hope that does not disappoint. As we put our trust in God, we pray that he will guide us through to the end of the restrictions and release the school into a new phase on our journey to outstanding.