



### Headteacher News

Our school vision is to explore '*life in all its fullness*' *John 10:10*, and I can see that this term we will be striving for those opportunities, ensuring that the children have the perseverance to move outside of their comfort zones and challenge themselves in all they do.

The summer terms come with assessments and also trips and summer fun. The PTA are already busily organising our May Fayre for 20<sup>th</sup> May so please save the date and come along; any support would be appreciated too. The children will be singing.

We are also planning lots of lovely things for the Coronation of King Charles III. The children have already designed and created plates with the theme of a crown. These will be strung up as bunting and then reused at Hunton village's celebration on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May at Hunton Village Hall. The children are ready to wave their flags and sing some fabulous songs at our playground party when we have also invited those who kindly gave grants, donations or gave their own time for 'Eden', our playground hut, plus our sensory garden. Do come along at 2.50pm and we will sing them to you too.



Of course, this term includes tests for children in many year groups. The first summer term is always busy as we head towards those all-important end of year assessments: we appreciate the wonderful support you give at home with listening to your children read, learning spellings and practising multiplication tables. Thank you for this as it truly helps with your child's progress.

All tests are carried out in classrooms and we always try to ensure these are as child friendly as possible with adults in the classrooms to support where we are allowed to.

Please do look at our curriculum section of our website to see year group overviews to see what your child is learning this term. <https://hunton.kent.sch.uk/curriculum/class-curriculum-information/> And there is so much more to come: teachers have planned lots of excellent lessons along with events and trips so that our culture of opportunity and ambition continues. Your continued support, particularly with helping out with events is greatly appreciated.

Have a wonderful, long weekend.

Mrs Makey





# Hunton Church of England Primary School Newsletter



## 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 21 <sup>st</sup> Apr	w/e 28 <sup>th</sup> Apr
<b>Devas</b>	Theo	Bethany
<b>Bannerman</b>	Jack	Freddie
<b>Porteous</b>	Benjamin	Rose D
<b>Borton</b>	Caydon-James	Maisie
<b>House points winner</b>	<b>Alessia Russo</b>	<b>Rosa Parks</b>

## Dates



<b>Mondays</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> /22 <sup>nd</sup> May 3:20-4:20	Football Club Years 3-6
<b>Tuesdays</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> April – 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 3:20-4:20	Dance Club with Rachel from The Right Step Dance Company
<b>Wednesdays</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> April – 24 <sup>th</sup> May 3:20-4:20	Arty Crafty Club Years R-2
<b>Thursdays</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> April – 25 <sup>th</sup> May 3:20-4:20	Netball Club Years 3-6
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Porteous trip to Kent Life
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2:50pm	Kings Coronation celebrations
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Non-uniform day – "bring a bottle of wine"



Everyone  
welcome!

## Hunton Coronation Celebrations

Sunday 7 May

3-6pm

Hunton Village Hall



Reservation required. Please email:  
huntonpc@googlemail.com to book your place.  
RSVP before Tuesday 2nd May

## What our children deserve!

We are delighted to inform you that we have managed to purchase new iPads and laptops for the children. As you can appreciate this has been quite an expense but one that will continue to develop the children's computing skills as well as being able to use them for and practising times tables and spellings.

The new carpets and decorated classrooms have not only made their learning environments look beautiful but also emulate high expectations for the children.

*Life in all its fullness*

@huntonceprimary

## 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
<b>100%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>Below 90%</b>
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: 96%                      Bannerman: 95%

Porteous: 95%                      Borton: 93%

Well done to **DEVAS** who achieved the highest attendance for 17<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023.



PTFA News & Events

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**May Fayre – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May. 11am – 2pm**

Please add this date to your diary as we would love your support at our fayre.

We are looking for donations of good condition or new toys, games and books, donations of cakes/savouries (please bring along to the fayre or drop off in the office on Friday 19<sup>th</sup>), donations of wine bottles (empty and full) – a non-uniform day on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May is planned where we will be asking you to bring along a full bottle of wine for our wine tombola please.

Next week we will be putting up a helping rota on the main school doors, so if you are able to help set-up the fayre, tidy up afterwards or 'man' a stall for 90 minutes, your help would be most appreciated, please add your name to the list.

We are also looking for raffle prizes so if you have anything you could donate or maybe you're able to offer a voucher, that would be great.

## Maidstone Library – Coronation event

Kent History and Library Centre in Maidstone will be holding a Coronation Party! Everyone is welcome to this free event - Saturday 6 May from 10.30am. They will be live-streaming the Coronation, with tea and cake available to enjoy it with!

There will also be a special themed storytime, with a reading of 'The Kings Pants' by Nicholas Allan, and 'Winnie-the-Pooh meets the King' by Jane Riordan, followed by craft activities. This will be at 10.30am - 11.30am. Celebratory squash and biscuits will be available!

They also have a regular Lego club at 2.30pm, which will have a royal theme.

A Coronation trail, and activity packs will also be available all day. This is a free event, and no booking is required. Everyone is welcome!

Kent History & Library Centre, James Whatman Way  
Maidstone, ME14 1LQ



## What a challenge this was – just for us at Hunton CE Primary!

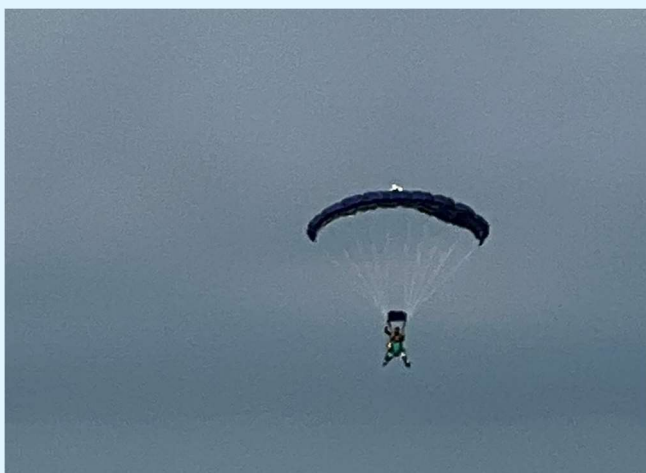
After many cancellations, due to the weather over the last few months, Ms Spinks has finally completed her challenge of a skydive. After the first cancellation ( and there were more!) Ms Spinks kindly gave us the money she raised so work could start on the prayer area. The prayer area was originally set up some years ago in memory of a member of staff but over the years it had become overgrown and unusable.

This quiet and reflective outdoor space has a beautiful horseshoe shape bench. We have cleared the undergrowth and brambles and are presently getting quotes for a pagoda so we can use it once again.

Without generosity such as that from Ms Spinks these projects to benefit your children would not be possible.

We are so appreciative of her generosity and of course her bravery too

A huge thank you to Ms Spinks!



## Our new sensory garden – thank you to everyone who donated flowers, fruit, vegetable and herb plants.

