



### Headteacher News

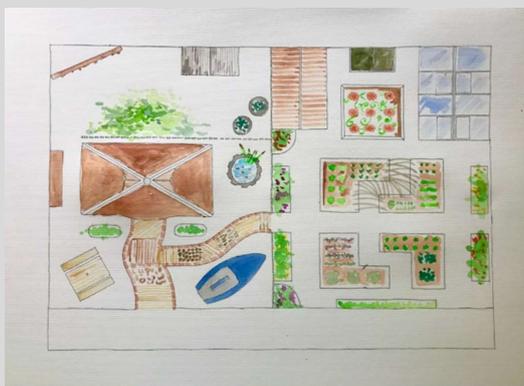
Welcome back to school. I hope you have enjoyed this last little heat wave summer has sent us. It is wonderful to see everyone return with enthusiasm (parents included) and settle so very quickly.

Our new Year R children have begun their school life incredibly well and it is wonderful to see their excitement as they embark on their next adventure. Starting school is a precious milestone and we want to ensure it is a positive experience for all involved. A special moment was when the new Devas children gave their parent a 'Bag of Love' which were beautifully made, thoughtfully filled and donated by the Mother's Union from our local Benefice. We welcome the children and the new families to our Hunton family.

Our Year 6 children have buddied up with the new YRs who they met last term, nurturing and helping them.

We also extend a warm welcome to our new staff, Mrs Wichall, our new SENCo and Mrs Eveleigh, our SEN TA who also continues her role serving lunches for us. Ms Cannon will start in Porteous Class next week whilst Ms Kelly-Morrow recovers from a much-needed foot operation. We send all our best wishes to her for a speedy recovery.

Congratulations go to our new Head Girl, Evie, and Head Boy, William, who were appointed at the end of last term. They are ready to take an active role already and are busily writing a piece for the Hunton Herald. We have not stopped commenting on how smart the children look this week and that they have all been in class on time ready for learning. The strong community ethos of the school is reinforced by the pride they are taking in looking smart in Hunton's uniform. Your support is very much appreciated with this and we would ask that all parents ensure that children come to school dressed appropriately, without nail varnish and with only plain stud earrings and watches for jewellery. Please could we also ask that children do not come to school with large bows in their hair, as this is not part of the school uniform and they will be asked to remove them.



Much appreciation must go to the families who have volunteered their skills and time to help us improve the garden area around the hut. In the summer heat, the ground was cleared and this week beautiful benches arrived. At the end of last term we made a successful bid to the Diocese for a sensory garden and we are eager to complete the project. Due to unforeseen circumstances not all went to plan so we are behind with intended progress. If anyone can help us in completing the works please let us know.

We could not have asked for more from your wonderful children in their first week back at school. Please remember to speak to a member of staff if you have any concerns or if there is anything further we can do to ease the transition.

I hope they have a restful weekend so they can come back raring to go again!

Thank you for all your continuing support to help our school grow and so your children can strive to *'live life in all its fullness'* John 10:10

Have a lovely weekend  
Mrs Makey



## RIP Queen Elizabeth II



We couldn't publish this newsletter without mentioning the sad passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II yesterday. Queen Elizabeth II held the title of "Defender of the Faith and

Supreme Governor of the Church of England" and this role involved appointing archbishops, bishops and deans of cathedrals on the advice of the Prime Minister.

As a CoE school we have the Church at the heart of everything we do. A special collective worship was held with the children this morning when we remembered her with fondness and admired her servitude for the children, parents, grandparents and even some great grandparents over 70 years. We spoke about coming together as a Hunton family and showing compassion towards her family and to everyone at school. May she rest in peace.

## Dates



Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> September – 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2022	Porteous class swimming lessons at Mote Park Leisure Centre Packed lunch required!
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> September – 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2022 3:20-4:20	Football Club Year groups 3 – 6
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September – 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2022 3:20-4:20	Dance Club with Rachel from The Right Step Dance Company All Year Groups
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> September – 13 <sup>th</sup> October 3:20-4:20	Netball Club Year groups 3 – 6
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 9am	Devas class assembly – parents/carers welcome
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Last day of term 1
<b>Tuesday</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> November	First day of Term 2

### Term dates for 2022/23

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

## Fantastic Achievement, Peter!



We are so proud of Peter in Bannerman who entered and won the KM's 'Big Writing Challenge'. The judges were impressed by a special poem he wrote about his older brother who is a soldier.

Peter received his award from Nick Butterworth, the famous author who wrote Percy the Park Keeper, in Canterbury Cathedral. Peter and his parents were treated to afternoon tea too!

## Special achievement for Elodie



Massive congratulations to Elodie in Bannerman class who received a reply to her letter from the Queen! Elodie showed her special letter earlier in the week. How poignant that it now.

Please let us know if your child has a special achievement. to share and is displaying 'life in all its fullness'.

## School Uniform reminder

Your child needs their full P.E kit in school at all times.

*Life in all its fullness*



## 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.

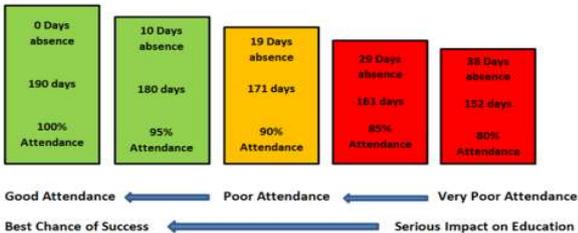
In order to ensure that the children have a settled start to the day, we would ask all parents to make sure that their children arrive before their start times.  
Borton and Porteous – 8:40am  
Bannerman – 8:45am  
Devas – 9:00am (until 23<sup>rd</sup> September)

### 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 1 weeks these were the class attendance totals:

Devas 98%                      Bannerman 97%  
Porteous 94%                      Borton 100%

Well done to **Borton** who achieved the highest attendance for 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

### Milk

If you would like your child to receive a carton of milk each morning, please register them on the [Cool Milk website](#).



PTA News & Events  
[pta@hunton.kent.sch.uk](mailto:pta@hunton.kent.sch.uk)  
FB: [HuntonPrimaryPTA](#)

Your PTA have been busy organising the calendar of events for the year ahead. In the next newsletter we will publish a list of all the dates and events so that you know what is going on in advance and you will also have the option to pay in advance or in instalments for anything that you would like your child to attend (disco's, grotto etc).

We are looking for some new people to join our PTA as we have lost some of our previous committee now their children have now gone to secondary school. We would welcome people to join the main committee – people who like to be involved, make decisions and generally make a difference to the school and the opportunities available for the children.

We would also like to start another group called "The Friends of the PTA". This is a group of people who don't want to be involved in the main committee but would be willing to offer a bit of time here and there – maybe to help out at events or wrap up a few presents for one of our pop-up shops.

Your help really does make all the difference as the more helpers we have, the more the workload is spread so it's not the same people doing all the work behind the scenes.

If you are interested in joining either group you would be most welcome. Please send an email to [pta@hunton.kent.sch.uk](mailto:pta@hunton.kent.sch.uk) or speak to Cheryl Larmour.

We are pleased to report that using the money raised at the May Fayre we have been able to buy 3 new picnic benches for the playground area. These will be very useful for the children to use at play times and for outdoor learning.



## School Crossing Patrol



Steve & Sue have asked us to pass this message to you all:

*"We would like to say a big "thank you" to students, parents, carers and staff for*

*the wonderful gifts, cards and good wishes we received on our retirement. It was an emotional day for both of us and we will miss you all. Keep safe and take care crossing the road!  
Steve and Sue"*

K.C.C are still trying to recruit a new crossing patrol for us. If you know anyone who would be interested in the job or a job share, or even someone who can only do the morning session or the afternoon session please do ask them to contact K.C.C

<https://recruitmenthub.solutions/members/modules/job/detail.php?record=6160>



## Eat well to train with your national heroes

Buy any Eat Well product for the chance to win hundreds of prizes, such as exclusive merchandise and match tickets, and even the chance to win a training masterclass for your school or football club with their national team!

<https://www.marksandspencer.com/football>

Login to your Marks & Spencer's online account and find our school (postcode ME15 0SJ)

Each time you buy an Eat Well product and scan your Sparks card, we will be given an entry into the prize draw.

Thank you for your support!

## Hunton Fireworks – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November

The Friends of St Mary's Church, Hunton will be hosting their first ever Fireworks event on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November on the playing field next to the hall. There will be a huge bonfire, BBQ, drinks, music, build a guy competition and most importantly a firework display. They have been kind enough to offer every child at Hunton Primary School a free entry ticket – these will be available to collect from the school office once we have received them. When they are available, we will send out a message to you.

Additional tickets can be purchased here but please be quick as there's a limited number.

<https://fb.me/e/2gbz4XBVs>

Under 5's are free and do not need a ticket.

## Keeping up to date

Please keep yourself up to date with dates and information which we are continually updating on the school website [www.hunton.kent.sch.uk](http://www.hunton.kent.sch.uk). You can also see all the exciting things we get up to on a daily basis by following us on Twitter @HuntonCEPrimary.

We try hard to ensure a variety of school life is shown over the week. Please note we may have back or side of head shots of any pupil but they should not be recognisable if we do not have your permission. Please do always speak to the class teacher or let the office know if you have any queries about Twitter.



@huntonceprimary

## Your child's learning this year and this term.

Please click on this link

<https://hunton.kent.sch.uk/curriculum/class-curriculum-information/> to view the plans for teaching and learning for your child not only for this term but also across the academic year. So many exciting opportunities have been planned for their learning.



School Nurses are available 9:00am – 5:00pm, Monday to Friday, for staff and parents to speak confidentially about any topic on 0800 0113 474.

<https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/service/school-health/>