



Headteacher News

'Getting ready' for Christmas is well underway; the children have decorated trees, made decorations, as well as presently filling the school with the joyous sound of singing. As you know, we set some dates for Christmas events but our plans for these now have to be a little different this year, with Covid safety measures in mind. This was a situation that we so wanted to avoid as I am all too aware how special and memorable Christmas events in primary school are for children and their families. We have not had to cancel just had to rethink and rearrange as you will have read in the letter we sent out on Wednesday. The awe, wonder and magic of the Christmas season are still felt in school.

What we can assure you is that we are delighted that the children are as accommodating and respectful of all systems in place and are blissfully unaware of most things. Mostly they are just loving school, the run up to Christmas and life in general - exactly what we would want for them!

One thing does not change and that is the magic of Christmas for us all. The excitement and preparations will still be happening at school and we will all ensure, come what may, it will be a Christmas to remember.

Our village school sits right in the middle of Hunton and we are very much aware of how we play our part in the life of the village. Last week Borton and Bannerman classes tasked themselves with visiting King George V playing field to clear it of litter. Donned with their reflective jackets and litter pickers the children filled 5 bags as well as finding a precious bunch of keys! Respect is one of our 4 Christian values; this was one which the children truly showed to their local environment.



Sunday 28th November marked the beginning of Advent. Advent Season is a very special time of year that sometimes gets lost in the bright lights of the Christmas season it precedes. The first day of Advent is the first day of a new Liturgical (or church) calendar and begins a four-week period of preparation in anticipation of the nativity of Jesus at Christmas. We shall mark this season with a candle for each Sunday on our beautiful Advent wreath. I wonder if your child can tell you the meaning of the word Advent?

As this is winging its way to you today, we appreciate the support you are giving us. We especially look forward to Wednesday 15th December when the children will be singing their carols on the playground with mince pies and mulled wine available. Although it may be chilly holding the event outside at least it will bring some festive cheer and I'm sure there will be some Santa magic in school too.

Thank you for being so supportive.

Enjoy the weekend.

Mrs Makey

Contacting School

Please send emails to office@hunton.kent.sch.uk rather than directly to staff / class email addresses.

Thank you



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 the star this week! Congratulations for all their hard work. We are so pleased that we can invite parents in again to celebrate the Stars of the Week together.

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Devas	Finn
Bannerman	Toby L
Porteous	Harry
Borton	William



As temperatures drop, it can be quite chilly in the classrooms some of the time so please do ensure you dress your child with layers so they are warm in school. They can wear their coats in class but we are trying not to do this as they then feel chilly when outside for play or lunch. We are doing our best to keep a balance between clean fresh air and warmth.



Dates



Monday 13 th December	Pop-up shop for children to purchase Christmas gifts for parents/carers/family members. £2 per gift & a maximum of 2 gifts per child.
Wednesday 15 th December	Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day. 3pm - Mulled wine & mince pies for sale after school. Along with the tombolas.
Thursday 16 th December	Devas & Bannerman nativity. Parents welcome
Friday 17 th December	Term 2 ends
Wednesday 5 th January	Term 3 begins
Friday 7 th January	Porteous non-uniform day
Saturday 5 th February	Curry & Quiz night

Hunton PTA Curry & Quiz Night

TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

Venue: Hunton Village Hall

Date: Saturday 5th February 2022

Time: 7 - 11.30pm. Quiz starts at 7:30pm.

Tickets: £20 per person

Contact: pta@hunton.kent.sch.uk

Curry will be provided by the fabulous Kashmiri Kitchen.

Hosted by Quiz Master Extraordinaire Phil Nichols.

There will be a sumptuous desserts auction and a chance to win a magnificent hamper of goodies.

Bring your own drink. A limited amount will also be on sale on the night.

If the event has to be cancelled due to covid, all tickets will be refunded.

To reserve your seat(s) please email the PTA. Everyone welcome and there is a limited number of places, so please be quick!



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

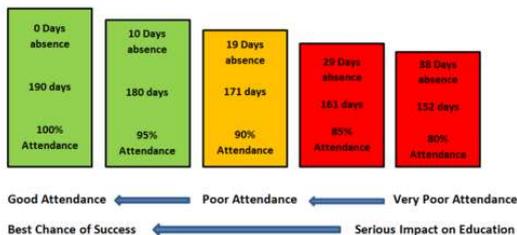
Devas and Bannerman – 8:45am

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 95%

Bannerman 91%

Porteous 91%

Borton 91%

Well done to **Devas** who achieved the highest attendance for 29th November – 10th December 2021.

Twitter



@huntonceprimary

Remember to check out our Twitter page which is updated on a daily basis with information and photos about what the children have been up to.



PTA News & Events
pta@hunton.kent.sch.uk

Christmas Fayre

We were all disappointed when we had to make the hard decision that it was for the best to cancel this year's Christmas fayre. We have been overwhelmed with the generosity of everyone who has donated bottles and chocolate for our tombola's and we are therefore planning to set up a stall next week after school in order for you to have a chance to have a go at the tombola's. Messages will be sent out in advance with the information on what stall will be on offer at the end of the school day.

Santa's grotto – bookings

Thank you to everyone who booked Santa's grotto in advance and we are pleased that it was still able to go ahead. The children loved seeing Santa in his grotto and telling him their Christmas wishes.



Pop-up shop

On Monday 13th December the children will have a chance to visit our pop-up shop to purchase a gift or 2 for parents/carers or other family members. Cost is £2 per gift, maximum of 2 gifts per child. Please can your child bring in the correct change or alternatively please make payment into the PTA bank account.

If you do pay money directly into the PTA bank account, please send us an email so we know pta@hunton.kent.sch.uk

Many thanks,
Andrew Martin, PTA Chairman

Breakfast club

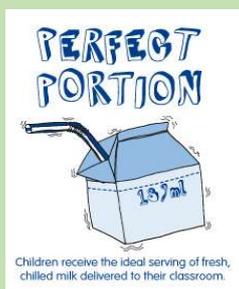
We offer breakfast club every morning from 8:00am at a cost of £4 per child, per day (£3 for additional siblings attending).



You can use breakfast club on an ad-hoc or regular basis.

Milk

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



Chocolate donations



Thank you to everyone who bought in chocolate in various shapes, sizes and weights. We are pleased to announce the results:

<i>Devas 8,836g</i>	<i>Bannerman 9,413g</i>
<i>Porteous 17,187g</i>	<i>Borton 10,669g</i>

This means that **Porteous** will be able to have a non-uniform day on Friday 7th January. Well done!

Special Christmas Eve Carol Service at St Mary's, Hunton

Friday 24th December at 6:30pm

All are welcome to join the congregation at a traditional Christmas service of carols and readings, followed by mulled wine. Do bring your friends and family to start Christmas in a festive manner (though we cannot guarantee snow!). There will also be a service on Christmas morning at 10:30am.

Connect with nature through festive crafts

With colder and shorter days, December can be a quiet time in the garden. So, take advantage of a more relaxed gardening month by bringing nature to life with some fun festive crafts whilst supporting winter wildlife with the RHS.

[How to make an easy festive wreath](#)

[Bird feeder garland](#)

ChristMATHS time!

If you are looking for some fun activities to get children reasoning deeply, look no further than Gareth Metcalfe's wonderful 'I see maths' website where you can find the 'I See Maths Christmas Challenges'! There's 'Dressing elves' (aimed at KS1), 'Christmas favourites' (pitched at Y2-4), 'Inside Santa's workshop' (Aimed at Y4-6) and 'Whose present?' (designed for Y5-6).

<https://www.iseemaths.com/christmas/>

Christmas stalls

As a lot of effort went into arranging stalls for the Christmas fayre, we would still like to bring these stalls to you. Therefore next week each class and the PTA will be setting up stalls in the playground from 3pm so you can buy items that your child has made or have a go at the chocolate tombola, bottle tombola, guess the sweets or guess the name of the teddy.

Please bring cash with you.

Monday 3pm – Devas stall

Tuesday 3pm - Borton stall

Wednesday 3pm - Bannerman stall, Chocolate tombola, bottle tombola, guess the sweets & guess the name of the teddy.

Thursday 3pm – Porteous stall

Please note that all the money raised from the class stalls goes directly into each classes fund and all money raised from the PTA stalls goes directly in to the PTA fund which pays for resources and equipment that the school needs for the children.