



Headteacher News

A warm welcome back to Term Four which now means that we are half way through the school year. The children settled straight back in to their classes; to discover more about their learning this term please look at your child's Term 4 overview on the website. Our supportive PTA are also busily organising events for Mothers' Day and Easter.



Already there is so much to tell you and thanks to give. Once again, some parents generously gave up part of their weekend to help complete the sensory garden. I am sure you will appreciate the time and work a few parents have put into this project which has been supported by St Mary's Church and funded through the Rochester Diocese. Without voluntary help the project would have been halted. It is to benefit your children, so I am sure that you, like me, are incredibly thankful to parents and staff giving up their time.



Last Saturday evening was a resounding success especially for one group of parents! It was the PTA Curry and Quiz Night. Congratulations to "The 3 Diners" who won. The staff were well represented and came organised with nibbles, drinks, candles and party lights; we somehow thought this might up our game but it did mean that we had loads of fun and laughs. The desserts which were auctioned looked delicious and certainly helped to raise a little bit more. What a great way to spend a dull February evening. I have had comments on how wonderful it felt for adults in the school community to come together and we should do it more often. A huge thank you to the PTA, Kathy Reid and Cheryl Larmour in particular as well as Phil, our local neighbour, for compiling and hosting the quiz.

How could we not mention World Book Day! What an array of words and costumes – once again I could hear myself saying, 'Why didn't I think of this?' Thank you so much for your support and creativity; thinking of the words and costumes must have taken some time. There are great photos on Twitter.

At Hunton we have 4 Christian values and this week we have been highlighting respect. In particular we are reminding ourselves about manners. I do hope the children have spoken to you about this and displaying more at home. As I mentioned in the last newsletter table manners would be a focus and indeed the children have been learning the importance of eating with their mouths closed as well as the 'stab, slide, saw' technique for using cutlery appropriately. [Learning to use a knife and fork - YouTube](#) Please look at the link and help us by encouraging the correct use of cutlery at home. Lunchtimes are an important social time of the day; we encourage the children to socialise and talk calmly. At times the noise level does increase and I hope you understand that it is at these times when we remind the children to talk and not shout.

Have a lovely 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 24 th Feb	w/e 3 rd Mar
Devas	Evie	Louie
Bannerman	Arthur	Olivia
Porteous	Jacob	Tabitha
Borton	Violet-Lou	Amelie

Sponsored Read



The **MORE** that you
READ, the more things
you will **KNOW**.
The **MORE** that you
LEARN, the more places
you'll **GO**.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the sponsored read. We are overwhelmed with the amount of reading that took place and we are pleased to say that we have raised over £500 so far. It's not too late to

bring your sponsorship money in or pay it via School Money. The money will go towards new books and improving book corners.

Social Media

One reason for highlighting this is we urge you to contact us with any concerns that you have. Whilst social media (including WhatsApp) has many advantages and is used by all of us, there have been situations where issues have been raised and made other parents unnecessarily anxious, often with incorrect information shared. Please think before you post and contact us to find out more about any issues you may have to resolve your concerns in the expected way.

Dates




Mondays 27 th Feb – 27 th March 3:20-4:20	Mindfulness Club
Tuesdays 28 th Feb – 28 th March 3:20-4:20	Dance Club with Rachel from The Right Step Dance Company
Wednesdays 1 st - 29 th March 3:20-4:20	Badminton Club - FULL
Thursdays 2 nd – 31 st March 3:15-4:15	Creepy Claws Club
Friday 11 th March	GREEN team – non-uniform day
Friday 17 th March	Mother's Day pop-up shop
Friday 17 th March 2:30pm	Devas – Special ladies tea party
Monday 20 th March	Devas trip to Kent Life
Thursday 30 th March	Easter Egg hunt

2023 Calendar for Messy and Muddy Church In St Nicholas Church Linton

Muddy Church	Saturday 21st January (3-4pm)
Messy Church	Saturday 18th February (3-5pm)
Muddy Church	Saturday 18th March (3-4pm)
Messy Church	Saturday 15th April (3-5pm)
Muddy Church	Saturday 20th May (3-4pm)
Messy Church	Saturday 17th June (3-5pm)
Muddy Church	Saturday 15th July (3-4pm)
Messy Church	Saturday 19th August (3-5pm)
Muddy Church	Saturday 16th September (3-4pm)
Messy Church	Saturday 21st October (3-5pm)
Muddy Church	Saturday 18th November (3-4pm)
Messy Church	Saturday 16th December (3-5pm)

St Nicholas Linton hosts Messy Church and Muddy Church for the United Benefice of Coxheath, East Farleigh, Hunton, Linton and West Farleigh. Everyone is welcome. Muddy Church is a place for people to gather together, outside and to connect with the space and God. The heart of Muddy Church is to offer spaces to 'wander and wonder' together.

Messy Church is a way of being church for families and others. It is Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration.

 The United Benefice of Coxheath, East Farleigh, Hunton, Linton and West Farleigh
Website - <http://unitedbenefice.church>

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
100%	96%	92%	Below 90%
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

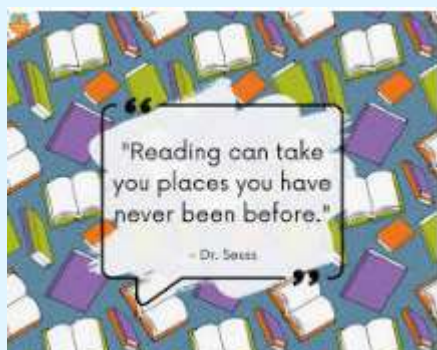
Please don't let your child miss out on the education they deserve.

For the past 2 weeks these were the class attendance totals:

Devas: 91.3% Bannerman: 91.5%

Porteous: 92.5% Borton: 90%

Well done to **PORTEOUS** who achieved the highest attendance for 20th February – 3rd March 2023.



PTFA News & Events

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Thank you to everyone who supported us at the Curry & Quiz night. It was another lovely evening with great food and a great atmosphere. We raised an amazing £630 towards the re-vamp of the outdoor seating/prayer area.

Our next fundraising event is the Mother's Day pop-up shop on 17th March. This is a chance for the children to come along to our shop and choose a gift for their mum/nan/sister/aunty/carer. The children all enjoy this opportunity and it's lovely to see and hear their excitement when they find a gift that they know their recipient will like (or that they like for themselves!)

Look out for the new playground markings coming next week.....



Reading



Thank you for your positive comments regarding the new home-reading book system.

Our books are now categorised and children are enjoying choosing books and working through the units.

Please do keep reading at home, and nurturing your child's love of books. For more information about each unit please visit: [Hunton Primary School](https://www.huntonprimaryschool.co.uk)



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Fire Practice and Lockdown

This term the whole school has practised a fire evacuation and a 'lockdown'. The children were amazing and practised both with no fuss. All schools must practise both procedures. There is a wide variety of scenarios which may trigger a lockdown such as a warning of a risk locally, a stray dog, air pollution, extreme weather or an intruder. A lockdown could potentially occur for a number of reasons and it is important the children know what the alarm would sound like and how to keep safe.



Congratulations to our Numbots and TT Rock Stars winners this week! It is really important children log-in on a weekly basis to improve their number bonds and times tables. Please help support your child with this.

A special well-done to Jacob, Thomas and Riley who have proved they are faster than Mr Ming with their times tables; I wonder who else can beat him!

	w/e 24 th Feb
Devas	Bethany
Bannerman	JJ
Porteous	Jacob
Borton	Thomas



Girl's Football World Cup

On Monday 27th February, Hunton CEP School represented Canada at the Girls' Football World Cup at the Gallagher Stadium, Maidstone. There were 34 teams on the day, and we were impressed with the girls' resilience and positive attitude. It was also amazing to see how girls' football within the borough has progressed and developed over the last 12 months."



Maidstone Literacy Festival 2nd - 8th October

Maidstone Borough Council (MBC) has announced that the town is going to have its own Literary Festival this October with a programme of events to celebrate the love of books and work of authors, including some of Kent's finest writers. MBC is hosting the festival which will be for adults and children in order to celebrate diverse writers and support the school curriculum's 'pleasure for reading' goals set by the Department for Education.

The Council is working with a specialist team which includes editors of children's books, local authors and education specialists to deliver the festival which will include a variety of authors appearing at events for adults and children in and around the town centre. Read the full article here:

https://news.maidstone.gov.uk/home/news/2024/march/mbc-launches-first-literary-festival-on-world-book-day?fbclid=IwAR1_SfuCFGRFz-dKCK55P3ADnEkuXnA1fVaPNVpMR32CSEEW-86TnRBcw8Y

World Book Day 2023





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Life in all its fullness