



Compassion, Joy, Perseverance, Respect

Headteacher News

Welcome back - I hope you all enjoyed the break since my last newsletter. We have had a super start to this term already – it is arguably the busiest of the school year, with lots of activities and events on the horizon.

In the last week we have had the national Y1 Phonics Test, Y4 Multiplication Timetables Check as well as our own assessments for Y3,4 and 5. Our Y6 have also successfully completed 'Bikeability' to ensure they are aware of the potential hazards on the road. We are super-proud of the children for their determination and focus.

In the coming weeks, we have a packed schedule with school sports day events, PGL residential trip, transition events, celebration assemblies, the Year 6 leavers' service, trips, Hunton's Got Talent show, DT – food week, —and so much more. The stage is certainly set for an exciting final term, particularly with our much anticipated, Hunton's Got Talent and the end-of-year 6 production. Rehearsals are well under-way for both which will be showcasing the incredible talent of our children. We really are living our school vision of '*Life in all its fullness*', *John 10:10*.

Additionally, we are beginning to welcome our new families for September. The new YR children will be coming for their transition mornings and to meet their buddies.



Last week Porteous Class had their trip to the Sealife Aquarium in London. Although their excitement was palpable and the trip well-deserved, their behaviour was impeccable. It was a delight to see them wanting to find out more about the abundance of sea creatures and reading all the signage and information. They also looked after me as we walked on a glass bridge over some rather large sharks! At the end of our visit the fire alarm did sound yet the children were attentive and knew how to behave from practices at school.

I would like to thank Mrs Dunkley, Mrs Eveleigh, Mrs Evans and Mrs Lane for coming with us.

Don't forget – the curriculum plans are on our website so you can keep up to date with what they are learning this term <https://hunton.kent.sch.uk/curriculum/class-curriculum-information/>

Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm as we navigate this busy and exciting period.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Makey



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.

Our house colours are named after people who reflect our vision of 'life in all its fullness' and we are sharing weekly results of house points.

	w/e 7 th June	w/e 14 th June
Devas	-	-
Bannerman	-	Phoebe
Porteous	-	Henry & JJ
Borton	All of Borton	Christina
House points winner	Oliver Jeffers	Alessia Russo

Farewell to Mrs Edwards

Mrs Edwards has sadly resigned for personal reasons, but remains a member of our Hunton community, and we wish her all the very best. We would like to share our thanks to Mrs Edwards for her nurturing support of all Hunton children, and wish her the very best for the future.

We are delighted to confirm the appointment of Mrs Warde who will be joining us at the end of the month. Mrs Warde has more than twenty years of experience as a teaching assistant and will be supporting children across the school with specific needs, as well as supporting staff across the school.

Dates



Please note that dates are subject to change. Where possible, we will always try to give as much notice as we can if we need to change a date.

Mondays 17/24 June 1/8 July	Football Club (Yrs 3-6) 3:20-4:20
Tuesdays 18/25 June 2/9 July	Multi-activity Club 3:20-4:20
Wednesdays 19/26 June 3/10 July	Acro Club 3:20-4:20
Thursdays 27 June 4/11 July	Netball Club (Yrs 3-6) 3:20-4:20
Monday 3 rd June – Monday 1 st July	Year 5 parents application open for Kent Test – September 2024
Mon 17 th – Fri 21 st June	Borton at PGL
Weds 26 th June 12:45pm	Sports Day (back up Sports Day 28 th June)
Fri 5 th July 5pm	Year 6 performance
Weds 17 th July	Open afternoon from 2:15pm
Fri 19 th July 9:15am	Year 6 - Leavers Church service – all welcome

Medical Appointments

Could we please remind parents again that where possible dentist and medical appointments should be made outside of school hours so that they don't impact on attendance at school. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



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: 97% Bannerman: 94%

Porteous: 89% Borton: 98%

Well done to **BORTON** who achieved the highest attendance for 3rd – 14th June.

Kent Libraries – Summer reading challenge

This year the theme is “Marvellous Makers”. Children have until 7th September to read a selection of 6 books and earn stickers along the way.

Being a member of the library is free and they offer free activities over the holidays.



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Thank you to all the families who supported us by filling their Smarties tube. Hopefully you benefitted too from the tasks the children were given to earn money for their tube. We raised an incredible £163.70 and 44 children took part! Well done to everyone involved.



Father's Day pop-up shop

Thank you to everyone who supported the Father's Day pop-up shop today. We sold 102 gifts and the children were so excited to pop along to the shop to choose a gift for their special person.

Big thanks to all the helpers who wrapped the gifts ready for the shop.

Sports Day BBQ

On Sports Day we will be selling BBQ food for the parents/families to buy. As always, we will take pre-orders for this so we know how many burgers etc to buy. Please look out for the email next week if you would like to pre-order your BBQ food.

Year 5 Parents/Carers - Kent Grammar School Tests 2024 for secondary admission September 2025

Online registration opened for the Kent Grammar School Tests (11+) on the 3rd June and closes on the 1st July 2024.

Year 5 parents wishing their child to sit the tests in September 2024 should apply via

www.kent.gov.uk/ola

Results will be sent to parents via email in October. Y5 parents were sent a leaflet about this with more detail last week.



Acro and The Right Step Dance Company

We are so proud to see that The Right Step Dance Company who deliver the Acro after school club have written a blog based on the sessions they hold here at Hunton:

<https://www.therightstepdc.co.uk/acro-performance>

Acro will continue to be offered as an after-school club on Wednesdays from September, however, the Right Step Dance Company is being taken under the wing of Arts Point from 31st July 2024. Our lessons won't change, but there will be a different logo on documents and the dance teachers will have a different logo on their T-shirts. The people organising and running our lessons will be the same and all of the high standards they currently have will continue.

HotShotz Tennis

We are grateful to HotShotz Tennis for coming in this week and running some Tennis lessons with each class. All the children had a great time and we are looking to add Tennis to the after-school club agenda again.

HotShotz offer holiday clubs over the summer:

<https://hotshotztennis.co.uk/events/>

Read about them here: <https://www.paperturn-view.com/?pid=ODc8791075&p=3>

School Dinner price increase from September

Contract Dining have announced that from September the cost of a hot school dinner will be £2.75 per day.

Thank you to Owlets Fruit Juice and Loddington Farm Shop

Owlets and Loddington Farm Shop very kindly provided prizes to Arwyn, Ruby and Wren who creatively decorated plates promoting Earth Day and why supporting British farmers matters for a healthy planet. You can see the plates displayed at Loddington Farm Shop. Well done, girls!



Shaun the Sheep trail – Maidstone

This starts from 29th June and runs until 30th August. It is an exciting free art trail that will take you around 50 large individually decorated Shaun



sculptures placed around the parks, river walks and town centre.

Keep your eye out for one of the "little Shauns" decorated by the children at our school!

<https://shaunheartofkent.co.uk/>