



Headteacher News

Somehow Christmas seems to be creeping close very quickly. I hope it's not too early to mention it.

The buzz around the school has started, planning for festivities and hearing the sound of children singing songs for their Christmas performances. I can't begin to tell you what a joyful sound this is – definitely the main perk of the job!

We are so looking forward to all the Christmas events coming up. Please note all the dates to join us at this special time of year. If you can help us in anyway at the Christmas Fayre we would be very grateful.

In collective worship this week the children have been learning about the Advent Wreath. There seem to be so many different kinds of Advent calendars in the shops now containing all sorts: chocolate, candles, jam, make up, to name just a few. However, it is important for us to remember the true meaning of Advent and that the word means, 'coming', the 'arrival'. Each day this week we have placed a candle on the wreath; one for hope, love, joy and peace. It will be ready to light after the first Sunday in Advent on 4th December.

Last week I was very proud of the children when five headteachers from local schools came for a tour. The headteachers observed lessons and spoke to children about their learning. The feedback from the afternoon was how excellent the children's behaviour for learning was and how enthusiastically they articulated their learning. Hunton is part of a collaboration group which means that termly, myself and the headteachers visit and moderate learning in each other's schools.



Finally, I have to congratulate our children on their sporting abilities and achievements. Bannerman challenged themselves on a rock-climbing trip. They climbed up so high! Our KS2 children also entered the Kent Teach Games Cross Country. It was a challenging, long and undulating course as well as being really muddy! The children showed perseverance, even with some of them saying that it wasn't their thing! One special comment to me was, 'It wasn't my thing but I'll do it again next year as I can't let Hunton down'.



Enjoy the 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 17 th Nov	w/e 24 th Nov
Devas	Zoe	Polly-Anna
Bannerman	Jack O'B & Phoebe	Hallie & Pippa
Porteous	Lexi & Zuki	Freddie
Borton	Amelia	Violet-Lou
House points winner	Alessia Russo	Bear Grylls

Christmas Fayre help

The current house points score for parent helpers at the Christmas Fayre....

Team	Points	Number of Parent helpers
Green	30	7
Yellow	16	5
Red	10	3
Blue	8	3

Green team are winning!!!!!!

We still need 10 parents to help out on the stalls, please sign up on the rota.

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.

Monday 27 Nov & 4 Dec	Coding Club 3:20-4:20
Tuesday 28 Nov & 5 Dec	Christmas Crafts Club 3:20-4:20
Wednesday 29 Nov & 6 Dec	Tennis Club 3:15-4:15
Thursday 30 Nov & 7 Dec	Badminton Club 3:20-4:20
Saturday 25 th November	Christmas Fayre in St Marys Church, Hunton 3:30-6pm
Thursday 30 th November	Year 4 library visit
Friday 1 st December	Non-uniform day – "Bring a bottle" donation for the Christmas Fayre
Monday 4 th – Friday 8 th December	Chocolate competition – the class who bring in the heaviest amount of chocolate wins
Wednesday 6 th December	2pm Devas & Bannerman Nativity performance
Friday 8 th December	Christmas Fayre 2pm – 3:45pm
Tuesday 12 th December	Christmas dinner day – wear your Christmas jumper
Friday 15 th December	Last day of term 2. Come in and look at your child's books from 2pm
Wednesday 3 rd January	First day of term 3
Friday 9 th February	Last day of term 3

Help needed to put our sensory garden to bed!

We are asking for help to tidy up our raised beds ready for winter. If you can offer any time we would be so grateful.



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: 88% Bannerman: 89%
Porteous: 93% Borton: 95%

Well done to **BORTON** who achieved the highest attendance for 13th – 24th November 2023.

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.



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

Friday 1st December – non-uniform “bring a bottle” day.

In exchange for children wearing their own clothes to school we are asking you to please bring in a bottle for our bottle tombola at the Christmas fayre.

Although a bottle of wine or beer is more traditional for a bottle tombola, we will gladly accept any other bottles that you think people may like to win (remember to check the use-by date on any bottles you are donating).

Please donate what you can.

During 4th – 8th December we will have a **chocolate competition**, whereby we ask for donations of chocolate and then the class who donate the most amount of chocolate (based on weight) will win a non-uniform day in the new year!

The results will be pro-rated so the smaller classes (Devas & Borton) won't miss out. Therefore if you see any chocolate on offer over the next week, check the weight and stock up!

We are still collecting donations of:
Good quality toys and games and new gift sets,



bath bombs, candles, socks or anything new that we can sell in our Christmas shop – “Elfridges”. And also any Christmas jumpers/clothing.

Please drop any donations off to the School office, anytime before 9am on 8th December. Thank you in advance for your support.

Maidstone Mosque

Last week the Iman from Maidstone Mosque and Mr Ali came to talk to all the children about being a Muslim and how they worship. We found out that there are many similarities to Christianity. They too pray to God, have a holy book and a special place to worship.



Our RE curriculum includes learning about other religions and making connections between them. The visit meant that we could ask as many questions as we wanted in order to find out more.

All correspondence that you are sent can be found here: <https://hunton.kent.sch.uk/parents/parent-correspondence/>

If you have mislaid a letter from school or forgotten details about an upcoming school trip, please check the website.

The school are looking for sensory and fidget toys. If you have any at home that you no longer need, please pop them into the school office.

Thank you to everyone who purchased from the Scholastic book sale that we had in school in October. Every item you purchased gave the school a % of credit and we managed to get £180 to spend at Scholastic. The school council will be choosing the books for the school to order

Thank you for all the donations towards "Slide Away" we have raised £107, which will be sent over to the charity.

Sanell

On 31st October we received the sad news that Sanell had passed away in Kings Hospital, London. As a school we really want to convey our sympathy to the family but also our thanks too for all that Sanell did for our school. She was relentlessly so supportive, often coming up to staff to say thank you whether it be a thank you for supporting her girls or for events and experiences we put on for the children. Even more so, Sanell frequently volunteered at school at PTA events as well as improving the environment for your children. I will always remember Sanell, Hentie and their girls coming to help us prepare groundwork at weekends so Eden, our hut, could be erected and the sensory garden built. This weekend will be her funeral; we will be there, as well as continuing to be as supportive and nurturing as we can here at Hunton. Rest in peace, Sanell, and our blessings go to the family.



Sending our sympathy and love to the Pienaar family

Morning café



The Village Club is offering to open its doors for refreshments once a term after drop off. If this is something that you would like to happen please contact the office.



Admission to

Primary school in Kent 2024

Apply online at

[kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](https://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)

Opens Friday 3 November 2023 and closes at
midnight on Monday 15 January 2024

For children born between
1 September 2019
and **31 August 2020**,
Transferring to Primary school
in **September 2024**

What to do

Choose a school

It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form.

Read the guide to Primary admissions at www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.

You can name up to three Primary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.

Apply for a school place

A simple, fast, convenient process which opens **Friday 3 November 2023** and closes at midnight on **Monday 15 January 2024**.

You will first need to set up an online account. The applicant is you, the parent/carer; you will then need to add your child's details before starting an application. You will receive a confirmation email that your application has been correctly submitted.

You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.

Receiving your offer

On offer day (**Tuesday 16 April 2024**) an email will be sent after **4pm** informing you of your offer.

You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by **Tuesday 30 April 2024**. A link to a guide with information you will need to provide the school with will be in your offer email.

If it has not been possible to offer your child a place in your preferred school, you have the right to appeal. You can also add their name to the school's waiting list.

Moving house during the application window will likely complicate your application and we therefore advise you to pay special attention to key dates in the admissions process. KCC has no discretionary authority to vary the process for parents who cannot complete address moves in time to make use of them for admissions purposes. If you have queries relating to this, please email the team on one of the email addresses below.

Key dates

Friday 3 November 2023	Online application process opens. Go to www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions to register and apply.
Monday 15 January 2024	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk
Tuesday 16 April 2024	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm .



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