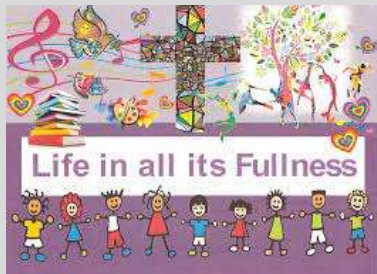


### Headteacher News



Whilst the Year 6 and Year 2 children are relieved to have completed their end of year SATs, other year groups are still working on their summer assessments. This week our Year 1 children have completed their Phonics Screening and Year 4 have done their Multiplication Check – results for both will be shared when we have them. We are super-proud of the children for their determination and focus.

I have been struck by how all our visitors to Hunton in this last term (how has that come around so fast?) have remarked on the contagious energy and vibrancy around the school. The children's thirst for knowledge and interest in the world around them really shines through - it is an absolute pleasure to see! Even though we are heading towards the end of term, the school diary is busier than ever with much enrichment and enhancement. We really are living our school vision of 'Life in all its fullness', John 10:10. Please note the dates. Thank you to our wonderful staff team who plan and provide these opportunities.

Year 6 and us are very much making the most of the last few weeks of their time here at Hunton. It really is a busy time with such memorable experiences. I was immensely proud of their achievements in Bikeability, though moreover by the comments from the instructors who mentioned that our children have shown the most respect and good manners than any other school in the Maidstone area.



This week Borton Class have visited the British Library. You can read all about it below. Trips allow our children to embrace new experiences and take their learning outside of the classroom. As always, the pupils have represented Hunton by being exceptional while on public transport, showing respect and being courteous to other passengers. I hope you have appreciated that we have actively tried to keep all trip costs down for you. By using the train or asking parents to transport children to local venues it has still enabled the children to have wonderful opportunities.

Yesterday saw a special welcome to our YR children and families who will be joining our school this September. How does it come around so quickly? It is always a special occasion when we warmly meet them and can tell them all about joining the school family. In the next few weeks the children will be coming for their transition mornings and a Teddy Bear's Picnic with their Year 5 buddies.

I must finish with another thank you to our PTA who have held a very special pop-up shop this week. As I am writing this Friday's disco is all organised and ready thanks to their help once again. We cannot underestimate the work this involves as well as the joy it provides for the children.

Have a lovely weekend in the sunshine.

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.

As the children have chosen names for their houses of people who reflect our vision of 'life in all its fullness' we are now sharing weekly results of house points on our newsletters.

	w/e 9 <sup>th</sup> June	w/e 16 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Devas</b>	-	Phoebe
<b>Bannerman</b>	-	Aaliyah
<b>Porteous</b>	-	Leo
<b>Borton</b>	-	Lavinia
<b>House points winner</b>	<b>Alessia Russo</b>	<b>Bear Grylls</b>

## National Curriculum Assessment Information for Parents

If you wish to know more please [click here](#)  
The DfE have updated their collection of information for parents. This now includes links to all national curriculum assessment leaflets for parents, including leaflets for the:

- KS1 and KS2 national curriculum tests
- reception baseline assessment (RBA)
- phonics screening check
- MTC

## 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.

<b>Mondays</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> /26 <sup>th</sup> June and 3 <sup>rd</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> July	Art & Watercolour Club Years R-6 3:20-4:20
<b>Tuesdays</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup> June and 4 <sup>th</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup> July	Dance Club with Rachel from The Right Step Dance Company 3:20-4:20
<b>Wednesdays</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> /28 <sup>th</sup> June and 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Volleyball Club Years 3-6 3:20-4:20
<b>Thursdays</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> /29 <sup>th</sup> June and 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Netball Club Years 3-6 3:20-4:20
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2:30pm	Football tournament - Greenfields
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2:30pm	Devas – Fathers Day celebration
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 3:15pm	Borton meeting regarding PGL 2023
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	KS2 Netball tournament
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 6 trip to Rochester Cathedral
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Bannerman trip to Leeds Castle
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 12:45 – 3:15	Sports Day Please arrive between 12:20-12:45pm
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Reserve sports day (in case of bad weather on 28 <sup>th</sup> )
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 5:30pm	Year 6 play to parents – details to follow
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	PGL
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2:15-3:15pm	Open afternoon – details to follow
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	9:20am – Leavers service at the Church
	Last day of term 6



# Hunton Church of England Primary School Newsletter

## 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: 95%

Bannerman: 88%

Porteous: 94%

Borton: 96%

Well done to **BORTON** who achieved the highest attendance for 6<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

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.



## PTFA News & Events

[pta@hunton.kent.sch.uk](mailto:pta@hunton.kent.sch.uk)

FB: [HuntonPrimaryPTA](#)

The PTFA have had a very busy Friday! First of all we held the Father's Day pop-up shop where the children each came in and chose a gift for their dad/special man in their life.

We had a selection of 18 different gifts and it was lovely to see the children taking their time and looking at all the items in the shop to choose something that they know their recipient would like.

Next up was the Disco – where 91 children danced, ate, drank and played party games. Thank you to Lissa from "Let me entertain you" and also to the PTA, staff and parent helpers for ensuring that the children had the best time.

The money raised from these 2 events will go towards our prayer area/outdoor classroom re-vamp project. So thank you to everyone who has attended the disco and/or pop-up shop.

## Attendance

We are getting more and more requests for leave of absence during term time due to families having booked holidays. Please can we gently remind you that, unless the circumstances are genuinely exceptional, these cannot be authorised.

Currently if a child's attendance is below 90% we send a letter, which can be followed by more formal processes if attendance does not improve. **If your child's attendance is below 90% they will have missed at least 20 days over the year: this is like missing a whole month of school.** On the annual reports we will be adding how many days of school your child has missed, as well as their % attendance. Please help us keep our attendance at a minimum of 97%. Thank you for your support with this.



## Borton's trip to the British Library

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June, Borton went on a trip to London to visit the British Library where they toured round to look at King George III's book collection, the conservation of books and the treasure of books exhibition. Also, the class attended a 'Sacred Texts' workshop, where the children got to examine real, old and sacred books from a range of religions, analysing why they think the book was sacred to people of different cultures. A member of the public on the London Underground praised the class's behaviour as, "impeccable" and the workshop facilitator commented that the class were "the best group she ever had" for their deep-thinking answers and their respectful nature. We are very proud of all the children. Well done Borton!



**If your child will be starting in Year 6 in September, these are the dates for the Kent Test**

### Key dates

<b>Thursday 1 June 2023</b>	Registration opens at <a href="https://www.kent.gov.uk/kenttest">kent.gov.uk/kenttest</a> . You will receive a confirmation email when registration is complete.
<b>Monday 3 July 2023</b>	Registration closes at midnight.
<b>Thursday 7 September 2023</b>	Children who attend a Kent primary school sit the test in their school.
<b>Saturday 11 September 2023</b>	Children who attend primary schools outside Kent, or are Educated at Home sit the test in a Test Centre.
<b>Wednesday 18 October 2023</b>	Kent Test Decisions emails are sent after 4pm to the email address used to register the child.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test#tab-1>

As a school, we will hold any outdoor activities in areas of shade whenever possible and will always encourage children to play (and relax!) in shady areas during their break and lunch times.

## Stay Safe In The Sun



**Cover up**  
- with loose clothes, a hat, sunglasses



**Seek the shade**



**Use sun cream**



**Drink plenty of water**

## Devas Teaching Assistant E.Y.F.S - Part-time

Due to the sad departure of Mrs Adams, we have a vacancy for a Teaching Assistant who can support Mrs Seal in Devas class. The role is 15 hours per week – Wednesday PM, Thursday & Friday.

Please share with anyone you know who may be interested. Closing date: 26<sup>th</sup> June.

<https://www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=119938>