



*Compassion, Joy, Perseverance, Respect*

### Headteacher News

There is always so much to celebrate at Hunton CE Primary. In the last two weeks the children have excelled in so many ways and I am happy to say have had experiences which were prevented from happening last year. The learning experiences our teachers are providing continue to be truly wonderful: lots of hands-on experiences, full of awe and wonder, always ensuring that we continue to provide a truly unique 'culture of opportunity'. But don't just take our word for it – have a look at our twitter feed @HuntonCEPrimary which shows us in action.

Year 6 are in their final weeks with us and to support their transition we visited Rochester Cathedral. As a church school, being part of the Rochester Diocese, we were able to access parts of the cathedral the public could not. The children had sessions on Hopes and Dreams. They made memory strings and thought about change.

Borton Class have returned from their residential trip to Marchant's Hill. I'm pleased to say they have now dried out – they returned with soggy clothes, big smiles and hugs. Learning is not all about assessing data, it is about developing the whole child. Their independence grew, their resilience developed through the week and they challenged themselves in ways they would never have imagined. Rafts were built, great heights climbed and friendships deepened. Mr Ming ended up in the water so I'm not sure what happened to his raft. The joy seen in the photos is almost tangible. Much appreciation goes to Mr Ming and Mrs Underdown for ensuring the children had a great experience; both said how much they enjoyed the trip with our amazing children.

All classes have had trips and, on each staff have said how proud they were with the manners and politeness your children showed. We really benefitted as on every trip whether it be Herstmonceux, Museum of Kent Life or Rochester Cathedral we were the only school and we had lots of attention!

Somehow the rain stayed away from Hunton for a little bit this week. It was just enough for the children to have fun on our Sports Day and we know this is one of the opportunities where children really can excel. The children challenged themselves and cheered for each other. Working in their teams for the circuit challenges the noise through encouraging their team mates was loud! Together with the sprints, relays, jumping and throwing events Blue Team were the overall winners. Congratulations goes to all the children in Blue Team. We are also proud of all the other teams and the sportsmanship they showed. Isabell really moved me when she said, '*I wish all the teams could be one brown team because we are all one community and team*'.

This week we have also had to say a goodbye to Mrs Tompkins who has worked at Hunton for over 7 years. She has worked in Breakfast Club, as a Teaching Assistant, a Mid-day Meals Supervisor and of course, in the office. The children wrote heart felt messages, made cards and even sang. We send her our thanks for all her support as she will be greatly missed, but we wish her the very best in her new venture.

Our cheery 'hellos' have been said to the new parents of YR children who start in September and Miss McGregor who will be our new Devas teacher. On a hot evening we welcomed them and although transition is not what we planned we have visited all the children in their preschools. The new Devas children came to school this week and sat on our field to hear a story from Miss McGregor. We are so looking forward to them joining us. As we start to move towards the end of the academic year I would like to draw your attention to the expectations for uniform from September. We will be using Simmonds for our uniform and will be able to send you a link to their website soon!

We were truly disappointed that parents other than Year 6 could not attend Sports Day. We thank you for your continued patience and support with this. As you will have seen we are having two open sessions for you to spend time with your child and look through their work. Borton and Porteous on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> and Devas and Bannerman parents on Friday 16<sup>th</sup>. We have done this because you are an important part of your child's learning journey and also to keep bubbles as separate as possible. Once you have finished, you are welcome to take your child home.

Have a restful and enjoyable weekend – whatever the weather!

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 the star in the last two weeks! Congratulations for all their hard work.

|           | w/e 25 <sup>th</sup> June | w/e 2 <sup>nd</sup> July |
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| Devas     | Zuki                      | Pippa                    |
| Bannerman | Joshua                    | Ronnie & Neve            |
| Porteous  | Lavinia & Albie           | Minè & Percy             |
| Borton    | Anya                      | Stanley                  |

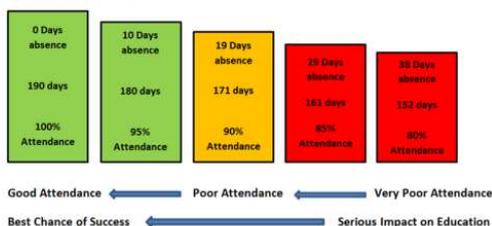
## Attendance

### 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 month of June, these were the class attendance totals:

Devas 92.2%  
Bannerman 96.3%  
Porteous 97.8%  
Borton 97.6%

Well done to Porteous who achieved the highest attendance for June 2021.

## Dates



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| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July         | Non-uniform day. Donate £1.                                  |
| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 12pm   | School Council meeting                                       |
| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2:30pm | PTA meeting  |
| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 5pm    | School production  |
| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July       | Fire safety talk   |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> July      | Devas trip to Leeds Castle                                   |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> July      | Borton and Porteous open afternoon –provisional              |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July        | Devas and Bannerman open afternoon – provisional             |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July     | Last Day of term. <b>Finish at 1:30pm</b><br>Leavers service |

### Non-uniform day – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July

We invite all children to wear non-school uniform for a donation of £1. All money raised will go towards maintenance for our school pond.

### Breakfast club – help needed

We are looking for someone to help us run breakfast club in the mornings. The job is from 8am-9am every weekday (term-time only). The rate of pay is £9.55 per hour and your child can attend breakfast club for free if required.

The job application will be available on [Kent Teach](#) from Monday.

### Fire Safety talk

On 13<sup>th</sup> July we have an Education Officer



from Kent Fire & Rescue Service coming in to talk to all the children about fire safety.

## Milk

Our school now provides a milk scheme that is available to all of our pupils and we would like to invite you to register your child if they would like to receive a carton of milk each day.



School milk is free for under-5s, and for over-5s it is available at a subsidised price of 22p per day.  
Website registration link: [Cool Milk](#)

## Eat well .... For less

The BBC One programme are currently looking for families / households who would like to eat well and save some money on their weekly shop. Would you be willing to get involved?

“The show is on a mission to prove that it is possible for families and households to save money on their food budget without scrimping on taste and nutrition. We hope that by analysing the shopping habits of UK families, we can help to show where they can source the best and cheapest quality food.”

Get in touch with them to apply or find out more!

Call: 0117 970 7632

or e-mail: [eatwell@rdftv.com](mailto:eatwell@rdftv.com)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/EatWellForLess](https://www.facebook.com/EatWellForLess)

Twitter: @EatWellForLess

## Raising money for our School whilst you shop online

We are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/raisemore/get-started#>

## Uniform – new online supplier

We are in the process of setting-up an account with Simmonds uniform providers. This will enable you to order online or pop into one of their shops at Notcutts or Paddock Wood.

Donations of pre-loved Hunton uniform are gratefully received and can be left at Reception. We have pre-loved uniform in stock which we sell for a fraction of the cost, so if you are looking for anything, please email [office@hunton.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@hunton.kent.sch.uk)

We currently have “Hunton” baseball caps which are £4 each.

## Help us Celebrate the NHS's anniversary this July 5th!

Our Education division are running a colouring competition for primary school children to celebrate the NHS's 73rd anniversary.

As the term draws to an end there is an opportunity to have a bit of fun and so what better time to let the children stretch their creative legs.

We have created [this template](#) for your child to colour in and would love to see as many versions as possible - the more colourful the better! The winning entries will receive a £25 Smiggle voucher. They will also be featured on our website and social media channels as part of HR GO Recruitment's Let's Celebrate our NHS campaign.

All entries must be submitted by 5pm on 30th September.

Completed entries can be scanned or photographed and emailed to [edu-southeast@hrgo.co.uk](mailto:edu-southeast@hrgo.co.uk) or posted to HR GO Recruitment, Education SE, Wellington House, Church Road, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1RE.

Please remember to include your child's name, age, and school!