



Compassion, Joy, Perseverance, Respect

Headteacher News

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a wonderful summer and have managed to re-charge your batteries ready for a busy term. It has been great to see everyone again looking so smart and eager for the start of term! All the children have settled in extremely well, especially our new pupils in Devas and the teachers, along with parents, felt really proud watching them all come through the doors on the first day, dressed so smartly and with such big smiles. We look forward to welcoming all our new families to our Hunton School family and aim to make the transition into our school as smooth as possible for your children. Please keep yourself up to date with dates and information which are continually updated on the school website [Hunton Primary School](https://www.huntonceprimary.com) and on the dates section of this newsletter. You can also see all the exciting things we get up to on a daily basis by following us on Twitter/X @HuntonCEPrimary

Next week Borton Class are off to Buckingham Palace followed by Porteous later this month. We were one of the few schools who were extremely fortunate to get tickets and we look forward to the workshops Buckingham Palace are putting on for us. Having visited myself in the summer holidays it really should be an extraordinary and memorable trip.

Congratulations go to our new Head Girl, Gracie, and Head Boy, Tommy, who were appointed at the end of last term. They are ready to take an active role already, coming up with a list of fundraising ideas and are busily writing a piece for the Hunton Herald.

We have had a great few days back and it has been a pleasure spending time in all the classes, watching everyone reacquaint themselves with friends, teachers and routines. We are all very excited to be back and are looking forward to all that the Autumn Term brings.

I hope they have a restful weekend so they can come back raring to go again!

Thank you for your continuing support to help our school grow and so your children can strive to *'live life in all its fullness'* John 10:10

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Makey

Absence

Absence that is due to religious observance can be classed as authorised. Absences must be recorded as unauthorised for reasons such as: · Holidays · Birthdays · Shopping trips · Having a haircut · Special treats · 'Couldn't get up' · Closure of a sibling's school for INSET day or other purposes · Failure of car to start / unavailability of family transport (where the child lives less than 3 miles from school).

If you wish to seek approval for any request of absence for your child(ren) from school, then you must email the office, and only remove your child(ren) if the absence has been authorised and you have been notified in writing by the school. Any exceptional circumstances must be clearly set out in the written request to the Head teacher who will consider each case upon its merits. If you then choose to take your child out of school during term time and it is not deemed to be exceptional circumstances and / or has not been approved by the school, then this will be coded as an unauthorised absence. Please refer to our policy for more information.



Secondary school places – September 2025

Applications are open for all year 6 children who will be starting secondary school in September 2025. Please ensure you apply before 31st October.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places>



Millbrook – plant a daffodil – Saturday 28th Sept

Millbrook are once again offering their 'plant a daffodil' event, where children can go along and plant a mini daffodil into a planter. You need to book on their website at a cost of £1 per child (all money goes towards their chosen charity).

<https://www.millbrookgc.co.uk/webshop/events/620727/plant-a-little-daffodil-with-millbrook-staplehur>

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 16/23/30 Sept 7/14 Oct	Football Club Years 3-6 3:20-4:20pm
Tuesday 17/24 Sept 1/8/15 Oct	Netball Club Years 3-6 3:20-4:20pm
Wednesday 11/18/25 Sept 2/9/16 Oct	Acro Club Years 1-6 3:20-4:20pm
Thursday 12/19/26 Sept 3/10/17 Oct	Tennis Club Years 2-6 3:20-4:20pm
Mon 9/16/23/30 Sept & 7/14/21 October	Swimming lessons for Year 3 at Mote Park Leisure Centre
Mon 9 th Sept	Borton trip to Buckingham Palace
Thurs 12 th Sept	Kent Test (Year 6)
Mon 23 rd Sept	Borton boys football tournament
Fri 27 th Sept	Porteous trip to Buckingham Palace (details to follow)
Fri 11 th Oct 3:10-4:30pm	PTFA School disco
Thurs 17 th Oct	Results from Kent Test
Thurs 24 th Oct	Visions & Values Day
Fri 25 th Oct	Last day of term 1
Sat 23 rd Nov 3:30pm-6pm	Hunton Christmas market at St Mary's
Sat 30 th Nov 6pm	Wreath making – PTFA event at Hunton Village Hall
Fri 6 th Dec 2pm-3:45pm	PTFA Christmas Fayre



Uniform

We have a uniform policy that is agreed by our school governors and we have high expectations that our children come to school looking smart. Classes have frequent school trips and visits during the year and we often receive compliments on their excellent behaviour and high standard of uniform. Please help us continue these very high standards by ensuring your child has the correct uniform at all times, including their PE kit. Our uniform list is on our school website. Please can we urge parents to make sure every item of uniform is labelled with your child's name! Every term the lost property box is overflowing with unmarked coats, cardigans, shoes, etc. which unfortunately go unclaimed. Very often the wrong item of clothing goes home with another child after a PE lesson and it is much easier to give back to the correct child if it has a name in it. Thank you

Healthy Snack

At Playtime Devas and Bannerman children receive a free piece of fruit each morning at break time. Children in KS2 may bring a healthy snack to be eaten at break time. We recommend a piece of fruit, carrot sticks, bread sticks, plain biscuits, cheese, etc. Please do not send your child in with crisps, chocolate biscuits or sweets (unless it is their birthday!)

Lateness

Could parents / carers please sign their child(ren) in / out at the school office if they are arriving late in the morning, collecting or returning a child for / from a medical appointment or if you are collecting late at the end of the school day. A child arriving AFTER the registers have closed must be classed as an UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE (unless there is a valid explanation such as a doctor's appointment). In cases of extreme difficulty (weather / sudden road closures / breakdown of vehicle / problems with the official bus) the period of time the registers are 'open' will be extended.



PTFA News & Events

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AGM

We will shortly announce the date of our AGM (Annual General Meeting). This is an opportunity for you to come along and hear about our fundraising efforts over the last year and also our plans for the year ahead. If you are interested in joining the PTFA and would like to learn more then the AGM is a great opportunity for you to do this. We always welcome new members and can assure you that it's not a time-consuming role. The main PTFA committee are supported by an amazing group of helpers so the workload is spread over the 2 groups.

Toys and raffle prizes needed



If you're having a sort out at home and have any toys or books in good, clean condition please donate them to us. The PTFA will have a toy stall at the Christmas Fayre on 6th December and we would appreciate any donations. They can be dropped at the office.

We would also love any donations of new toiletry sets, chocolates, candles or anything that we can sell in our Elfridges shop. The children always enjoy visiting Elfridges to choose a gift for a parent/carer or family member.

Summer reading challenge – ends tomorrow!

This ends tomorrow so remember to complete the challenge – if you haven't already.

For a small school, Hunton usually do really well with the percentage of children from our school who complete the challenge! Well done to all the children who have already completed it and proudly brought their medals in to show their school friends.



Hot school dinners

If your child is in years 3-6 and you pay for their school dinner, please can we ask you to **book your child in** for any hot school dinners using the School Money / Teachers2Parents app/website. You need to book them in before 9pm on the day before they would like a hot school dinner – for example, if they would like school dinner on Fridays, please book them in before 9pm on Thursday.

This only applies to children in years 3-6 who pay for their school dinners. Anyone who receives free school meals doesn't need to book in.

If you book your child in for a hot school dinner and they are off school on that day, you will receive a refund/credit.

When you book them click on "meal" for whatever day(s) that week they would like a school dinner. You don't need to log any packed lunches as their class teacher will ask them each morning what dinner option they are having that day.

Marketing working party

Hunton CEP School are exploring options to promote our school in our local area and beyond. It has become apparent that many people do not know that our wonderful school exists at the bottom of Hunton Hill.

Decisions around marketing and branding can have long term effects for an establishment like ours, and as such we would want our community to have a say.

We are looking to convene a working party to put together our ideas and would ideally want a representative from:

- The Governing Body
- Parent Governor
- PTFA
- Parish Council
- Church
- Staff
- Parent/carer

The Headboy, Headgirl and school council will also have a voice (at the appropriate time).

Depending on how many can attend, we would like to hold our first meeting on Thursday 12th September 2024 at 3.30pm. A cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake for all who attend.

If you are interested in taking up the position, please inform Mrs Lang

office@hunton.kent.sch.uk

Breakfast club

We offer breakfast club every morning from 8:00am at a cost of £4 per child, per day (£3 for additional siblings attending).

You can use breakfast club on an ad-hoc or regular basis. **Please book your child in** and pay on Teachers2Parents.

