

Compassion, Joy, Perseverance, Respect

Headteacher News

Welcome to Term 5! It used to be called the summer term which seems rather incredulous at the moment. Nevertheless, we have so much news to share with you.

You may have noticed that the mud has now gone! Over the Easter holidays Mr Pienaar worked hard laying a soft playground surface so our children have more space to play especially when the field is unusable. He has also constructed a much-needed PTFA shed enabling volunteers to store and access equipment more easily. Thank you, Mr Pienaar!



Talking about the environment, Bannerman and Devas classes were fortunate enough to visit Mr & Mrs Heaton's small holding. We learnt all about Herdwick sheep and even managed to stroke a lamb which was a few days old. The children learnt about shearing, fleeces, chickens and why dandelions are important for bees. We are so very fortunate to have our school in such a beautiful rural setting; there aren't many schools that have opportunities like this on their doorstep.



It is bluebell time in Hunton and again the children have headed in to the woods just behind our school to experience the breathtakingly blue carpet and fragrance. It certainly creates special memories for them.

And there is so much more to come: teachers have planned lots of excellent lessons along with events and trips so that our culture of opportunity and ambition continues. Your continued support, particularly with helping out with events is greatly appreciated.

I hope the children buzz with excitement when they tell you about their special enrichment days.

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 19 th Apr	26 th Apr
Devas	Ruben	Jesse
Bannerman	Thomas	Chloe
Porteous	Harry	Mariela
Borton	Wren	Michael
House points winner	Alessia Russo	Alessia Russo

The first summer term is always busy as we head towards those all-important end of year assessments: we appreciate the wonderful support you give at home with listening to your children read, learning spellings and practising multiplication tables. Thank you for this as it truly helps with your child's progress. Please do make sure that your child is in school.

All tests are carried out in classrooms and we always try to ensure these are as child friendly as possible with adults in the classrooms to support where we are allowed to.

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 29 April 13/20 May	Football Club (Yrs 3-6) 3:20-4:20
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Tuesdays 30 April 7/14/21 May	Netball Club (Yrs 3-6) 3:20-4:20
Wednesdays 24 April 1/8/15/22 May	Acro Club 3:20-4:20
Thursdays 2/9/16/23 May	Sketching Club 3:20-4:20
Wednesday 1 st May	Bannerman trip to Pizza Express
Thursday 2 nd May	Year 3 library visit – collect your child from school at 1:30pm
Thursday 9 th May	Devas trip to London
Fri 10 th May	Non-uniform day – donate a bottle of wine for May fayre
Sat 18 th May	May Fayre 12-2pm
Thursday 6 th June	Porteous trip to London Aquarium
Mon 17 th – Fri 21 st June	Borton at PGL



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: 99% Bannerman: 93%

Porteous: 95% Borton: 96%

*Well done to **DEVAS** who achieved the highest attendance for 15th – 26th April.*

Termly Overview

Remember to look at the curriculum section of our website to see year group overviews of what your child is learning this term.

<https://hunton.kent.sch.uk/curriculum/class-curriculum-information/>



PTFA News & Events

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FB: [HuntonPrimaryPTA](#)

May Fayre – Saturday 18th May 12-2pm

All the stalls are booked in and the plans are in place, all we need now is some nice weather!

We are looking for donations of:

- Good condition or new toys, games and books
- Cakes/savouries (please bring along to the fayre or drop off to the office on Friday 17th),
- Wine bottles (empty and full)
- Pre-loved/new uniform
- Small party bag type toys for the lucky dip
- Raffle prizes
- Plants (vegetables or flowers)

Please drop any donations to the school office.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help on the day. If you are able to “man” a stall for 1 hour it would be appreciated. Please add your name to the rota on the door to reception, we still have a few slots available.

Please spread the word with your friends, family and neighbours. Let's help to make this event a great success for our children!

For the first time in the history of Hunton PTA, we now have our own shed! We are very thankful to the school and Hentie for making this happen and it will be great to have all our things stored in one place.

A group of volunteers will be sorting out uniform next week so will be able to sell some items after school. Details to follow....



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.

Andrew Parry Music – Summer Rock School

Andrew Parry Music are pleased to let you know they are running their Summer Rock Schools again this summer. The primary courses are from Year 2 - 6, the secondary courses Year 7-10, and they are also running an Advanced course this year which is really exciting. It's a great opportunity if your child is learning an instrument and wants to get experience playing in a band, but it's also a great opportunity to try out some new instruments for the first time.

Please see their website for more info about the rock schools:

<https://www.andrewparrymusic.com/rock-schools>

If you have any other questions though please do get in touch with them:

andrewparrymusic@gmail.com. They have courses in Maidstone as follows:

Maidstone - at MGS:

Primary course - Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th Aug

Secondary course - Wednesday 7th - Friday 9th August

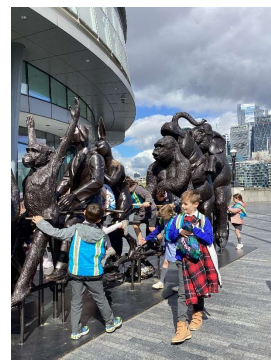
All courses end with a concert where families are invited to come and watch.

The Advanced course will take place Monday 5th - Thursday 8th August near Maidstone, venue TBC - please email Andrew if you are interested in this course to get more details:


andrewjamesparry@googlemail.com

Bannerman – London Trip

Trips for our children have either taken place or are being busily organised by our staff. Bannerman went to The Unicorn Theatre in London where they watched a show called "I wish", they also added their wishes to the wishing tree in the theatre. They also walked along the Thames where they saw HMS Belfast, The Shard, The Gherkin, the walkie talkie building, Tower Bridge, the Tower of London and some of the Gilly and Marc sculptures.



X (Twitter)

 @huntonceprimary

Remember to check out our social media posts on X which is updated on a weekly basis with information and photos about what the children have been up to. <https://twitter.com/HuntonCEPrimary>

Many apologies for not seeing any posts on Twitter. Over Easter our broadband provider changed; this process inadvertently blocked Twitter meaning we could not post and tweets. We hope that things will be back to normal this weekend so you can see the wonderful learning opportunities your child receives.



Earth Day

Thank you so much to Sam Smith and Mandy who led an amazing Earth day for all the children and to Arwyn, Jenna and Amber from the green team for putting together a presentation and a quiz on Bear Grylls.

There were lots of activities going on throughout the day; Key stage 2 re-purposed old t-shirts into bags, Devas turned old socks into sock puppets and Bannerman used their artistic skills to draw various fruit and vegetable items.

All the children spent time discussing where different foods come from and the impact on the environment. They then all got the chance to taste a variety of different apples and apple snacks, before pressing and making apple juice! We learnt that there is over 2000 different varieties of English apples!



Thank you to everyone who donated money to the non-uniform day today. We raised **£90**, which is a great amount.

If you did still want to donate, the payment is set up on School Money.

Thank you for all your support.

Plants, local produce, cakes & refreshments for sale at Hunton Village Club Saturday 4th May 12pm-4pm

We are very fortunate in Hunton by having some keen gardeners and some lovely gardens. There will be snacks available for purchase and the bar will be open for everyone to buy drinks.

The Club will be open on Friday 3rd May from 4-6pm to accept donations and on Saturday from 8:30am.

Donations of any type of plants, produce including fruit, vegetables, eggs & honey, as well as cakes, will be very welcome. Proceeds will go towards further refurbishment of the Club.



Term-time holidays

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 your child's annual report you will be able to see 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.