



Compassion, Joy, Perseverance, Respect

Headteacher News

What a vibrant start we have had for Term 4! This week Bannerman performed a brilliant assembly exuding confidence and show casing how their learning relates to our vision of *'living life in all its fullness'* *John 10:10*. Art work, descriptive writing, rockets (which travelled in the air), historical knowledge about Neil Armstrong and multiplication facts were areas of learning explained to us. Their courageous advocacy with the cake sale for the homeless charity, Porchlight, was highlighted too. Thank you to our Year 1 and 2 children, Mrs Brown and Mrs Shephard – you are amazing!



Saturday night was an entertaining night also. Songs from musicals and the movies were rousingly performed by Artform, voluntarily I would like to add. The Village Hall was full and decorated beautifully. A huge thank you to Nicola Rivaud and Artform as well as the PTFA who organised a fabulous evening with drinks and games too. Thank you as well to all the families who came to enjoy the evening. We must never forget that without fundraising your children would not be benefitting.

We much appreciate those of you who have completed the parent survey. Your responses help us to move forward with our school improvement. The results are shared with our governing body and also with yourselves in the next newsletter.

Talking about improvements, to match the hard work the children put in here, you may have heard that the classes now have the joy of new furniture. What a difference it makes to their learning environment.



Please always contact us if you have any queries. Whilst social media is a convenient way to contact each other, please be vigilant and be conscious that rumours and inaccuracies can occur.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Makey



Uniform donations

If your child has grown out of any uniform with the Hunton logo (jumpers, hoodies, cardigans, dresses or PE t-shirts) please donate them to us. The PTFA hold a stock of pre-loved uniform and would welcome any uniform which is in good, clean condition.

Equally, if you are looking for an item of uniform please email pta@hunton.kent.sch.uk and we will see what we have in stock.

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 23 rd Feb	w/e 1 st Mar
Devas	Jesse	George
Bannerman	Bethany	Elodie
Porteous	Rose D	Sebastian
Borton	Rose B	Jochebed
House points winner	Alessia Russo	Rosa Parks

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 4/11/18/25 Mar	Football Club (Yrs 3-6) 3:20-4:20
Tuesdays 5/12/19/26 March	Netball Club (Yrs 3-6) 3:20-4:20
Wednesdays 6/13/20/27 March	Acro Club 3:20-4:20
Thursdays 7/14/21 March	Creepy Claws Club 3:20-4:20
Thurs 7 th March	World Book Day
Friday 8 th March	Mother's & others pop-up shop
Monday 11 th March 2:15pm	Devas Mothers & others tea party
Thurs 14 th March 1:30-2:45	Devas and Year 6 Library visit
Mon 18 th March	Devas trip to Kent Life
Fri 22 nd March	Sweet sale after school
Sat 18 th May	May Fayre 11-2pm

As a Christian school we discuss our values in the classrooms and children reflect them so well. The children 'model respect admirably' across the school and I do think it's important that as a school community we do the same. It has been brought to my attention that there are class WhatsApp groups that perhaps may not adhere to this value and I must request and remind us all that it is important to use these groups for their purpose of class communication and building a community. If not managed well these groups can gas light, inflame and miscommunicate information as well as hold negativity around my team. If you wouldn't want to read it about yourself, please don't write it about others. We value feedback so please do make an appointment to come and see your class teacher or me if you have concerns rather than raising them through these forums so that they can remain positive and healthy for all. If you feel the WhatsApp group isn't being used appropriately please let us know so that we can protect our team and class communities from defamatory comments and rumours.



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			
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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: 97% Bannerman: 93%

Porteous: 89% Borton: 95%

Well done to **DEVAS** who achieved the highest attendance for 19th February – 1st March.

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>



PTFA News & Events

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Songs from the Movies & Musicals was a great success. It didn't feel like we were in a village hall in Hunton, it was just like being at a London show! The singers were absolutely fantastic and the compere kept us all laughing throughout. Big thanks to the PTFA members who helped to set up the hall and run the bar and to all the people who helped tidy up after the event. With so many people helping, the tables, chairs and piano were cleared away in record time. After paying for the pianist and splitting the remaining money with Artform, we are pleased to say that we raised just over £300 from this event. So, not only was it a great way to spend a Saturday evening, we also raised a nice amount of money for the children at Hunton Primary. Thank you also goes to everyone who donated bottles of drink for us to sell at the bar.

MAY FAYRE – Saturday 18th May 11am-2pm

We will soon start organising our May Fayre and we are looking for people who are able to help either before the event (this could be buying things needed, arranging stall holders, sorting stall rotas) or on the day (helping to set up or pack away, helping on a stall etc).

It would be great to get as many helpers as possible to enable us to split the workload, otherwise it ends up with the same few people doing everything and this isn't an option this year. Unfortunately, without your help we will be unable to run the May Fayre. If you are able to offer any help at all, it would be greatly appreciated. Please email pta@hunton.kent.sch.uk

Thank you to Rachel Kelly photography for setting up such a lovely Spring photoshoot last Friday. She voluntarily spent 3 hours taking photos for the photo garlands. We hope that the parents who ordered them will be happy with the results. Orders are due in next week!





Kent County Council are once again advertising to fill the role of School Crossing Patrol outside the school.

It's for 8.75 hours per week and can cover the Morning and/or afternoon.

<https://recruitmenthub.solutions/members/modules/job/detail.php?record=9775>

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.

Easter Egg raffle



There will be an Easter egg raffle on the last day of term (28th March). 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners will be drawn at midday.

Donations of Easter Eggs and chocolate will be most welcome.

Please drop donations into the school office. "Tickets" will be sold in school or at the gate w/c 25th March.

To save paper we won't be issuing physical tickets, instead, all names will be entered into an online name-picker. Therefore, it is important that you clearly write your name on the envelope with your cash.

Entries are 20p each.



**St Mary's Church,
Hunton**
'Mothering Sunday'
service
10th March
9:30am

Mobile phones in schools

The DfE have just published 'Guidance for schools on prohibiting the use of mobile phones throughout the school day'. Thank you to all our parents for not allowing children to bring phones into school. We would just like to reiterate that pupils must not bring phones on to the school site. Please read the document in the link for further explanation

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65cf5f2a4239310011b7b916/Mobile_phones_in_schools_guidance.pdf

"Mothers & others" pop-up shop

The PTFA will be holding a "Mothers & others" pop-up shop where your child has a chance to come along and buy a gift for the special lady in their life. Gifts are £2 each and will be wrapped and labelled.

Please pay on School Money or give your child £2 to bring along to the shop on Friday 8th March. Please don't give the money in to the school office. Children are welcome to buy more than 1 gift, they'll need to bring extra cash along on the day.



Lent

We are seventeen days into the season of Lent, which began on Ash Wednesday during the half term break and ends at sunset on Maundy Thursday 28th March. In collective worship we have been thinking about 'Taking Up rather than Giving up'. We looked at 40 acts we could do. Are there any you could do too?

40 Acts

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| Write out your favourite Bible verse as a reminder to keep going for the next 40 days! | Start a giving jar and collect up loose change or donate some of your pocket money. | Make some cakes or biscuits to share. | Buy a treat for a friend or someone who needs one today. | Send someone a message to let them know you are thinking about them. |
| Make a card for someone you know who is unwell. | Pick up ten pieces of litter today. | Write out one of your favourite Bible verses and share it with someone. | Go on a prayer walk. Find places to stop and pray (e.g. on your route to work). | Be neighbourly: say hello or drop a card round to one of your neighbours |
| Be generous with your words: pay compliments today. | Have a proper chat! Phone Granny, a cousin or a friend you haven't spoken to in a while. | Write a megalist of all the things you are grateful for and then decorate the paper. | Find out about your local foodbank; what 'treat' could you donate today? | Spend less time looking at screens, and play board games or share other activities. |
| Draw a large heart and write in it all the ways you can love someone. | Send an anonymous gift to someone you know. | Tell a friend something you really like about them today. | Secretly chalk a nice message on a neighbour's or friend's drive/path/front step | Smile at ten people today |
| Donate some clothes, toys or hobby items to charity. | Hide encouraging notes in unexpected places. | Give someone flowers – buy them, pick them from your own garden or make some out of paper | Plan a fundraising idea, such as a cake sale | Make someone special a cup of tea (or whatever they like!) |
| Leave coins taped to a car park/vending machine or in a supermarket trolley. | Say hi to someone outside your usual circle today. | Climate change: what can you do to save energy today? | Make a generosity kit and give it away. Add some pens, a £1 coin, tissues, sweets – what else? | Get to know the name and say 'hi' to your local shopkeeper, lollipop person, bus driver |
| Mother's Day. Make cards, buy flowers and tidy the house for the people who care for you. | What are you really good at? Could you use your talent to help or teach someone else? | Give someone a Fairtrade Easter egg. | What horrible jobs need doing? You could empty the bins or wash the car/dog! | Say sorry first, even if you think it wasn't your fault. |
| What have you promised to do & forgotten? Remember and put your words into action! | Say hi to someone outside your usual circle today. | Your Giving Jar should be filling up nicely. Research what charity you want to donate the money to. | Give out anything with chocolate. | Well done; you have reached 40! Work out which of the 40 challenges you could carry on doing after Easter. |

Did you know...? Lent lasts 40 days and the number 40 is a significant number for Christians. Jesus spent 40 days in a desert. Noah had to wait 40 days for his ark to float. And Moses, along with his followers, travelled through the wilderness for 40 years before reaching the Promised Land. Lent comes from the Middle English word "lente," which means springtime.