



*Compassion, Joy, Perseverance, Respect*

### Headteacher News

School has been buzzing with activity as usual. After our successful SIAMS inspection we were asked to host a visit for staff from another school near Sevenoaks. They were very impressed by our children, their knowledge of our school vision and values, our school environment and the quality of work. Needless to say, I felt very proud showing them around our school.

The PTFA, along with the school, are busily organising the May Fayre for Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Please come along and join in the fun. We need to make the Fayre a big success- if you can donate any items or offer to help in anyway it would be so appreciated.

The children and staff have been so excited at seeing the return of Miss Blundell who has kindly come back from maternity leave earlier than anticipated. With staff illness this has really helped Porteous Class. We are really grateful to her and I know the children have settled quickly with her and Mrs Dunkley leading the class. Welcome back to Hunton, Miss Blundell!



Another success has been the collection of the blue Tesco tokens. We are so grateful to everyone for filling up the containers at Tesco stores over the last few months. The collecting was well worthwhile as Tesco will be donating £1000 to us. Our School Council will be meeting to decide how they would like to spend the money.

By now most year groups have visited Coxheath Library where Jackie, the librarian, showed them how to use the library and what gorgeous books they have to share. To think this is a free service that all of us, especially our children, can access is truly amazing. Books are expensive and can be bulky to store yet at Coxheath Library the children are free to choose from a huge range of fiction and non-fiction books. Why not go with your child- you never know they might pick a cookery book so dinner is sorted!



I am sure you will join me in wishing our Year 6 children all the very best: they will be taking their National Tests next week from 13<sup>th</sup> May along with all other Year 6 children in England. There will be tests in: Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling, Reading and Maths. These are very important tests so please ensure your children are in school on time and every day. We will be keeping an extra special eye on them and will be providing a special breakfast to make sure they are as relaxed, prepared, confident and happy as possible during this time. They always work so hard and achieve so well: we are all very proud of them already! We also know that these assessments do not measure all of the wonderful qualities that make them unique and are only a snapshot of a much bigger picture.

Finally, I really urge you to keep your child safe on line and be fully aware by talking to them about what they are accessing and how they feel about it. I have attached a poster highlighting the age restrictions for social media sites, the majority of which are 13 years and above.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Makey



# Hunton Church of England Primary School Newsletter



## 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.

	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	10 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Devas</b>	Ruben	Benett
<b>Bannerman</b>	Thomas	-
<b>Porteous</b>	Harry	Toby B
<b>Borton</b>	Wren	Amy
<b>House points winner</b>	<b>Alessia Russo</b>	<b>Alessia Russo</b>

## Clothing labels

With the warmer weather in mind, please take a moment to ensure all pieces of school uniform and P.E kit are labelled clearly with your child's name. Summer term is when we frequently encounter forgotten jumpers and sweatshirts and reuniting them with their owners is a challenge when they lack identification.



Thank you for your cooperation, and here's to a term filled with growth, joy, and hopefully a bit more of that lovely warm weather!

## 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> 13/20 May	Football Club (Yrs 3-6) 3:20-4:20
<b>Mondays</b> 13/20 May	Football Club 3:20- <b>4:05</b>
<b>Tuesdays</b> 14/21 May	Netball Club (Yrs 3-6) 3:20-4:20
<b>Wednesdays</b> 15/22 May	Acro Club 3:20-4:20
<b>Thursdays</b> 16/23 May	Sketching Club 3:20-4:20
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> May	May Fayre 12-2pm
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 3:20pm	Borton PGL meeting with parents
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June – Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 5 parents application open for Kent Test – September 2024
Weds 5 <sup>th</sup> , Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> & Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 bikeability – details to follow
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Porteous trip to London Aquarium
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 visit to Coxheath Library. 1:30pm pick-up from school
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Father's Day pop-up shop
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> 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: 95.93%      Bannerman: 95.93%

Porteous: 95.93%      Borton: 93.11%

*Well done to **Devas, Bannerman & Porteous** who all achieved the highest attendance (and same stats!) for 29<sup>th</sup> April – 10<sup>th</sup> May.*

## 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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**May Fayre – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 12-2pm**

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 17<sup>th</sup>)
- Wine
- Small party bag type toys for the lucky dip
- Raffle prizes
- Plants (vegetables or flowers)

Please drop any donations to the school office.

In order to make more money for our school, we have decided to operate some of the usual stalls ourselves (ice cream for example) so it has been great that we have had enough volunteers in order to “man” these additional stalls. A BIG “thank you” to everyone who has signed up to help on the day.

Remember, this is all for your children. Without the help of all the volunteers and donations we wouldn't be able to make events like this successful and therefore we would not be able to make money to use for additional experiences and resources for the children.

We will be setting up from 9:15am so would appreciate as much help as possible. Please come along as the more help we have, the quicker we can get everything set up and ready! Refreshments will be provided for the helpers 😊



# Hunton Church of England Primary School Newsletter

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.

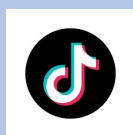
## Keeping Our Children Safe Online: A Community Responsibility

As part of our ongoing commitment to the well-being of our pupils, we have once again brought the topic of online safety to the forefront of our discussions in the classroom. It has come to our attention that some of our children are engaging with social media platforms that are intended for older audiences and some of their posted content has caused concern. We strongly recommend they refrain from using these platforms.

**Understanding the Risks** The digital world offers a wealth of opportunities for learning and connecting with others. However, it is not without its risks, particularly for young, impressionable minds.

**Resources for Parents** To assist you in navigating this digital landscape with your child, we have linked an insightful article that provides guidance and practical tips. [Place2Be: Parenting Smart: Safe social media for primary aged children](#)

**Taking Action** We urge all parents to take proactive steps to ensure the safety of their children online. It is a collective effort that requires awareness, communication, and vigilance. By working together, we can create a safer digital environment for our children to explore, learn, and grow.




## Devas trip to London

Hot off the press are some photos from Devas' trip to London yesterday. I have been excited about the trip just as much as the children. What a fabulous day we had. Devas have been learning about London and its special landmarks so it really enriched their learning seeing it all for real. How lucky we were with the weather.....



## 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>