

8<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Reception 2025 intake open days are 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> November. If you know anyone looking for a primary school for their child please send them our details and they can book onto one of our open days.

#### Compassion, Joy, Perseverance, Respect

#### **Headteacher News**

I hope you had a well-deserved October break after such a long and busy term for the children. There were exciting weeks with our new Devas children settling in so well, fabulous learning activities, trips and sports events.

The awe and wonder the children showed on our Vision and Values Day at Howletts Animal Park was a true delight to see. What a memorable and fantastic day the whole school had. It was so special being together and seeing the Year 6 take so much care of their YR buddies. Bannerman were especially delighted to see a real tiger after reading 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. In relation to our school vision, being courageous and stepping outside of our comfort zone many of us saw and did things we had never done before. That included me! Thank you Darcie for



holding my hand as we walked through the lemurs' enclosure. Phew! The lemurs did not jump on us.

The children were so grateful and constantly said 'thank you' during and after the day. We could not have had our special trip without the work that went in to all the organising from staff and volunteers. Thank you so much especially the volunteers who joined us and had a group on the day. Thank you also for the feedback a few parents gave to us. It certainly means a lot.

Many parents joined us for our Harvest Service at St Mary's Church at the end of term. The pupil participation and the Head Boy and Head Girl's leading of the service made it exceptional. Thank you for all your food donations which were reverently placed at the foot of the altar and received by Becky Parnham and Iain Simmons. They were swiftly taken to Maidstone Homeless.

You may have noticed some banners and leaflets advertising our open days next week for prospective YR pupils in September 2025. Our school is a little hidden gem and we want to make more families aware of the academic achievement, special opportunities and nurture here. If you know anyone with a 3 or 4 year old please encourage them to visit us.



Finally, I am delighted to welcome a new member of staff here at Hunton. Mrs Kenyon has joined us as a SEN TA. We are so fortunate to have her join us with her experience and expertise.

Once again there is a lot to fit in this term and it's hard to believe that we will soon be preparing for the Christmas events. Please take note of the important dates and be aware that new ones may be added.

Have a lovely weekend Mrs Makey







#### **Attendance**

Every School Day Counts

Please don't let your child miss out on the education they deserve.

For the past week these were the class attendance totals:

Devas: 90.83% Bannerman: 99.58% Porteous: 92.74% Borton: 92.19%

Well done to **BANNERMAN** who achieved the highest attendance for  $5^{th} - 8^{th}$  November.



# 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 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov
Devas	-
Bannerman	Gabby
Porteous	Finn
Borton	Rose D
House points winner	Oliver Jeffers

#### **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	Netball Club Years 3-6
11/18/25 Nov	3:20-4:20pm
2 Dec	
Tuesday	Christmas Crafts Club
12/19/26 Nov	Years 1-6
3 Dec	3:20-4:20pm
Wednesday	Acro Club Years 1-6
13/20/27 Nov	3:20-4:20pm
4 Dec	0.2020p
Thursday	Tennis Club Years 2-6
14/21/28 Nov	3:20-4:20pm
5 Dec	3.20 1.20p
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Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Remembrance Sunday
10:50am	service at St Mary's Church.
	Everyone welcome!
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Photo garland – book on
Nov	SchoolMoney
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Flu immunisations
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Hunton Christmas market at
3:00pm-5:30pm	St Mary's Church
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 5 visit to Coxheath
1:30pm pick-up	library
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Non-uniform day "bring a
	bottle" for the tombola
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Wreath making – PTFA
6pm	event at Hunton Village Hall
29 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Chocolate competition –
	bring in chocolate for
	tombola
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Devas & Bannerman nativity
2pm	to parents
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Fayre
2pm-3:45pm	
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Borton Leeds Castle trip
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Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9:15am – Christingle church
	service. All welcome.
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of term 2.
	Come in and look at your
	child's books from 2pm
	china 3 books from 2pm





#### Your child's learning and progress

We hope you found parents evening informative about your child's learning and the next steps they need to make. Thank you for attending and remember that we are always available. Please contact the office and an appointment will be made. Our partnership with you truly develops a child's learning in a positive way.

This term's learning plans are on the website for you. <a href="https://hunton.kent.sch.uk/curriculum/class-curriculum-information/">https://hunton.kent.sch.uk/curriculum/class-curriculum-information/</a>

"REMINDER: The Immunisation Service is coming to school on 19<sup>th</sup> November to carry out the Flu Immunisation Programme for pupils in Years R to 6 – don't forget to consent or decline before the cut-off date via their website <a href="https://family.kentcht.nhs.uk">https://family.kentcht.nhs.uk</a> Click on the blue button "Immunisations" to complete.

Thank you to everyone who purchased from the Scholastic book sale that we held in school last term. Every item you purchased gave the school a % of sales and we managed to get £297.38 to spend at Scholastic. The school council will be choosing the books for the school to order





Millbrook have a lot of Christmas themed events over the next month. All need to be booked in advance:

https://www.millbrookgc.co.uk/webshop/events/events-staplehurst





PTFA News & Events pta@hunton.kent.sch.uk FB: HuntonPrimaryPTA

#### Toys, gifts etc needed

We are 4 weeks away from our Christmas Fayre and we are looking for donations of the following items. If you have anything you can spare please drop them into school before 9am on 6<sup>th</sup> December:

- Children's games, toys, puzzles etc
- Lucky dip toys
- Sweets and other kids items for the children's tombola
- Good quality/new gifts for our Elfridge's shop (candles, toiletry sets, socks, stationery, bath bombs etc)

#### Class chocolate competition

During 29<sup>th</sup> Nov – 6<sup>th</sup> December we will have our annual **chocolate competition**, whereby we ask for donations of chocolate towards our beloved chocolate tombola and then the class who donate the heaviest amount of chocolate will win a non-uniform day in the new year!

The weight will be pro-rated so Devas (the smallest class) won't miss out.

So if you see any chocolate on offer over the next few weeks, check the weight and stock up!

#### Christmas Fayre – help needed

Can you spare some time on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December to help us with the fayre? We are looking for help to set up in the morning (10am-12:30), help to "man" the stalls (2pm-3pm or 3pm-3:45pm) and also to help tidy at the end (3:45-4:15pm).

If you can help at any time, please add your name to the rota on the main school doors or email the PTFA. Without a bit of help from our school community we will be unable to run the fayre.

### Hunton CEP PTFA



Santa in his grotto will be back for the Christmas Fayre. The cost is £4 per child and siblings who don't attend Hunton Primary but will be coming along to the fayre are welcome too. Please email pta@hunton.kent.sch.uk if you would like to book your child's sibling/s into the grotto.

There aren't any timeslots, your child can visit the Grotto anytime between 2pm-3:45pm. If you do book your child into the grotto and they're not in school on 6<sup>th</sup> their present will be saved for them.

Please pay on SchoolMoney/cash <u>before 27<sup>th</sup></u> <u>November</u> to give us enough time to buy and wrap the gifts. We are unable to take any requests after this date.

Thank you to everyone who came to our sweets & treats sale on the last day of term. We raised an amazing £151.30 which will go towards paying for the Visions and Values day.

#### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November – nonuniform day "bring a bottle"



In exchange for children wearing their own clothes to school we are asking you to please bring in a bottle for our bottle tombola.

Although a bottle of wine or beer is more traditional, we will gladly accept any other bottles that you think people may like to win (remember to check the use-by date on any bottles you are donating).

Please donate what you can.



# Hunton Church of England Primary School

## **Hunton Church of England Primary School Newsletter**



Wednesday 13th November (during school day)

Photoshoot with Christmas Beaded Garland, 5 Retro Prints and Digital Copies included. Presented in a beautiful hessian Christmas bag.

£25.00 All proceeds go to DTFA Dlease pay on;School Money' to book a slot The perfect gift











# SEND INFORMATION ADVICE AND GUIDANCE ROADSHOW FOR MAIDSTONE

10AM - 1PM 20TH NOVEMBER

THE VINE, BOUGHTON LANE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME 15 9QF

#### Calling all...

Maidstone families whose child or young person has or may have special educational needs and/or disabilities and wants to meet with services that are available in your area!

Come along, be informed, have a chat and maybe meet with other parents and carers.

No need to book! Just come along anytime between 10am and 1pm. If you have any questions or accessibility requirements please email sendroadshows@kent.gov.uk









