



Headteacher News

Welcome back to all our families after a lovely summer break. We do hope it was enjoyable with rest and time to see family and friends. It has been lovely seeing the children's smiley faces and hearing chat and laughter throughout the school. We are so impressed that your children have come back and settled in so well especially if they have moved to a new class. We hope that they have told you all about their first few days and that they are feeling happy. Please do always let us know if you need to talk to your child's teacher or just want to check in with the teacher. I would particularly like to welcome Mrs Brown as Bannerman's class teacher, Mrs Tadman as Devas TA and Mrs Ashbridge who works in Breakfast Club, as well as children and families who are beginning their learning journey with us at Hunton this term.



Our new Year R children have begun their school life incredibly well and it is wonderful to see their excitement as they embark on their next adventure. Starting school is a precious milestone and we want to ensure it is a positive experience for all involved. A special moment was when the new Devas children gave their parent a 'Bag of Love'. These were beautifully made, thoughtfully filled and donated by the Mother's Union from our local Benefice. We welcome the children and the new families to our Hunton family.



The school over the summer has not felt the same without our wonderful children in and now has its buzz back. Over the holidays, teachers have been working hard preparing their learning environments for their new classes and making sure they are ready for the children's return. Lots of work has been carried out around the school such as new carpets in communal areas, decorating and the erection of a pergola over our prayer seat.

Thanks to Evie's mum who raised the money for us by jumping out of a plane and Hentie from Tambookie Ltd who built it ready for the start of term.

<https://www.facebook.com/tambookieltd>

We have not stopped commenting on how smart the children look this week and that they have all been in class on time ready for learning. The strong community ethos of the school is reinforced by the pride they are taking in looking smart in Hunton's uniform. Your support is very much appreciated with this and we would ask that all parents ensure that children come to school dressed appropriately, without nail varnish and with only plain stud earrings and watches for jewellery.

I hope you enjoy this last little heat wave summer has sent us.

Mrs Makey



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

Lost property

To ensure that your child's uniform, coats, shoes etc don't go missing, please ensure that you label each item with their name.



Clothes without names will be stored for a short time before being sent to charity for recycling.

If your child is missing an item please check in the lost property box.

Nasal Flu Immunisation Programme

Please remember to opt in or opt out of the Flu vaccination for your child:

<https://childconsent.co.uk/kchft/consent/search>

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 11/18/25 Sept 2/9/16/23 Oct 6/13 Nov	Porteous Swimming at Mote Park Leisure Centre
Mondays 11/18/25 Sept 2/9/16 Oct	Football Club Years 3-6 3:20-4:20
Tuesdays 12/19/26 Sept 3/10/17 Oct	Netball Club Years 3-6 3:20-4:20
Wednesdays 13/20/27 Sept 4/11/18 Oct	Tennis Club Years 1-2 3:20-4:20
Thursdays 14/21/28 Sept 5/12/19 Oct	Arty Crafty Club Years 1-6 3:20-4:20
Wednesday 4 th Oct 2:15pm	PTFA Annual General Meeting (AGM) tea, coffee & cakes
Friday 20 th Oct	Last day of term 1
Tuesday 31 st Oct	First day of term 2
Tuesday 31 st October	Deadline to apply for Year 7 Secondary School place for Sept 2024
Wednesday 1 st November	School photos – individual and sibling photos
Friday 3 rd November	Sept 2024 Primary School admission applications open
Friday 8 th December	Christmas Fayre

Congratulations go to our new Head Boy, Adam, and Head Girl, Arwyn, who were appointed at the end of last term. They are ready to take an active role already and will soon be writing their piece for the Hunton Herald.



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. Payment is made via School Money.



Twitter



@huntonceprimary

Remember to check out our Twitter page which is updated on a daily basis with information and photos about what the children have been up to.

Summer reading challenge – ends tomorrow!

For a small school, Hunton are doing well with the reading challenge. This ends tomorrow so remember to complete the challenge – if you haven't already.

RANK	SCHOOL	2 Books Read	4 Books Read	6 Books Read	% of school medals
1	Loose Primary School	12	15	112	175
2	Thurnham CEI School	8	7	33	67
3	St Margaret's CEP School, Collier Street	6	2	15	31
4	Hunton CEP School	3	3	12	25
5	Staplehurst School	6	7	46	88
6	Lenham Primary School	9	14	20	63
7	Roseacre Junior School	20	9	39	80
8	Senacre Wood Primary School	6	3	19	37
9	Palace Wood Primary School	7	6	36	77
10	Allington Primary School	16	11	40	97
11	Yalding St Peter & St Paul CEP School	13	5	13	50
12	Laddingford St Mary's CEP School	1	3	6	12
13	Coxheath Primary School	14	4	31	68
14	Oaks Primary Academy	4	1	13	21
15	West Borough Primary School	2	5	32	57
16	East Farleigh Primary School	3	7	13	30
17	Bearsted Primary Academy	4	6	13	40
18	St John's CEP School, Maidstone	13	3	24	66
19	St Paul's Infant School	7	4	14	36
20	Sandling Primary School	13	11	21	86

Medals for 2023. School and logo names for 2023. All © The Reading Agency 2023.

Kent Family Hub services consultation



We want your help to shape Family Hub Services in Kent

Take part in the public consultation at:
kent.gov.uk/familyhubservices
 Closes 13 September 2023



Congratulations



Congratulations to Miss Blundell on the birth of her baby girl, who they have named Hadley Rose.

I'm sure you will join us with wishing them all the best for their exciting times ahead!

Is my child too ill for school?

Find out when it's best to keep your sick child at home and when it's OK to send them to school or nursery.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Millbrook – plant a daffodil – Saturday 30th Sept

Millbrook are offering a free event where children can go along and plant a mini daffodil into a planter. You need to book, although it is free:

<https://www.millbrookgc.co.uk/webshop/events/620262/plant-a-little-daffodil-with-millbrook-staplehurst>



Chairman of Governors Message

Dear Parents and Carers, on behalf of the Governing Body, I wanted to welcome you to Hunton School for the new year. It was a joy for me, in July, to meet with those whose children have now entered the Reception Class. I hope that through the coming year you will get the chance to engage with, the Governors at the school.

The summer has been very busy at the school with continuing refurbishment and new equipment arriving. The staff have been recharging their batteries and have been preparing to make this year even better for the children.

Hunton is a small village, but it has a strong and thriving community. I hope that over the coming year, those of you who do not live in the village will appreciate the role that the school plays within the village, as well as the role that the village plays in supporting the school. The August edition of the village newsletter, the 'Hunton Herald', had a leading article about the excellent school play, 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.' The Herald is delivered to every house in the village but can also be viewed on line at www.huntonparishcouncil.org.uk

The annual Beer and Gin Festival took place on September 2nd, it was attended by over 300 people, making it a real family event. The next big event will be the village pantomime at the end of October. I support the panto backstage. It is pleasing that we have current and recent pupils from Hunton School taking part. So, do join us for this special event.

And finally, apart from being a Parish Councillor, I have recently become the Churchwarden for our village church. We hold services on the first and third Sunday of the month at 9:30. You will always find a warm welcome.

Do enjoy the gorgeous weather this weekend.

Iain Simmons



PTFA News & Events

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FB: [HuntonPrimaryPTA](https://www.facebook.com/HuntonPrimaryPTA)

Tea, coffee & Cake – Wednesday 4th October 2:15pm

Every year the PTFA hold a meeting to recruit new members and also to report on how the finances and events have gone for the previous year. Please come along if you can, it will be held in the school hall on Wednesday 4th October. Tea, coffee and cake will be served at 2:15pm and the meeting will start at 2:30pm.

We are looking for parents and grandparents who would like to help us run some fundraising events to raise money for the school. All the money that the PTFA raise goes towards providing the children with extra-curricular experiences.

So come along to our AGM and hear all about what we do.

Toys 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 8th December and we would appreciate any donations. They can be dropped at the office.



Help & advice

We all need a little help from time to time, but sometimes we don't know where to turn. If you are looking for support please come and speak to us in complete confidence as there are a number of services we can signpost you to for further support.

Here are some links to services that can support families.

* **Foodbanks** – if you are in need of food and essentials. You can find more information about food banks and food vouchers on [Trussell Trust website](#).

To find a local food bank: [Find a food bank - Kent County Council](#)

* **Citizens advice** –to help you find a way forward, whatever the problem
www.citizensadvice.org.uk

* **Domestic Abuse** - domesticabuseservices.org.uk

Wellbeing and mental health

Child and Young Persons Mental Health Service (CYPMHS)

[Kent & Medway Children & Young People's Mental Health Service \(CYPMHS\) | NELFT NHS Foundation Trust](#)

YoungMinds have a parent's helpline, information and resources.
(www.youngminds.org.uk)

Samaritans – Get in touch about anything that's troubling you no matter how big or small the issue is. [Contact Us | Samaritans](#)

Involve -supporting children's health and wellbeing [Children & Families | Involve Kent](#)