

Compassion, Joy, Perseverance, Respect

Headteacher News

Just one more week of the academic year to go yet we still have special, memorable events to enjoy and time to reflect on experiences, the changes for improvement and the exceptional support the school has received from staff, parents, volunteers, governors and the community to making Hunton CE Primary a special place to learn.

As we approach the end of the summer term, I am thrilled to share with you the remarkable achievements of our KS2 students. Last week's performance of Ghostbusters in Hunton was nothing short of incredible, showcasing the exceptional confidence, talent and potential that our children possess. Our shining stars lit up the stage. I want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mrs Underdown who produced and directed the performance as well as creating incredible props and scenery to ensure this production was a resounding success. If you have any 5 star reviews please send them in as the children will be very proud and delighted to hear them. With such an unforgettable event, our Year 6s are heading towards the end of term on a high.



More fantastic news - our Year 6 also shone and performed significantly above national in their SATs results which came out this week though we anticipate the official results in the autumn will be:

% Achieving the Expected Standard and above	School 2024 (provisional)	National 2024	School 2024 (Provisional)
	Expected +	Expected	Greater Depth
Reading	100%	74%	25%
Writing	88%	72%	
Maths	88%	73%	50%
Combined	75%	61%	25%
SPAG	75%	72%	25%



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Equally important are other curricula and extra curricula achievements. Last week we had DT week; Mrs Lang took on the role of a Master Chef judge and blind tasted Year 5's spaghetti bolognese. She wanted to eat more! I do hope the Year 5 parents have had dinner cooked for them this week. Devas Class carefully and with dexterity used knives to create fruit aliens whilst Bannerman made smoothies and Porteous created fruit and vegetable tarts.

Along with Hunton's Got Talent, this summer term has been full of our children living '*life in all its fullness*' John 10:10.

We look forward to our very special Y6 leavers' service at the church which will be our final way of saying goodbye and sending best wishes to the Year 6s for their future. We are in such a privileged position to watch them grow and become ready for the next stage in their education.

I would also like to say a tremendous thank you to Mrs Brown who has taught Bannerman this year whilst Miss Blundell was away on maternity leave. She generously agreed to stay on whilst Miss Kelly-Morrow was absent. It is with mixed emotions that we say goodbye and we wish her all the best in her new school. I am sure you will join us in thanking her for her hard work and dedication.

Finally, I wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge your incredible support. A great deal of what we do in school cannot be achieved without your co-operation. Thank you once again for working with us to ensure our pupils are safe, happy, demonstrating our school values and encouraging belief in '*life in all its fullness*' John 10:10 as they work towards their goals and ambitions.

Have a truly wonderful summer. We look forward to seeing the children at the start of the next academic year, Tuesday 3rd September.

Mrs Makey

A message from the Chair of Governors

As the School Year comes to an end, I want to wish you all a wonderful summer. For those leaving Hunton School this year, remember the Vision and Values that have guided your education so far and use them to guide you in the future.

On behalf of the governors, I want to thank all the staff in the school for their hard work and dedication. For many, it is a vocation rather than a job. They work in the evenings, weekends and holidays to support your children's education. Please let them know how much you value what they do. It means so much.

I have been a governor for five years and the Chair for three. It has been a delight for me to see how the school has progressed during this time and how the educational attainment of the children has risen. My thanks go especially to Mrs Makey, who is a great Headteacher and leader, for the inspiration and drive that she brings to the school. I also value all that the PTFA do to support the school. I am standing down as Chair but will still be a governor supporting the school. Next year promises to be exciting; with the prospect of an OFSTED inspection looming; which will keep us on our toes.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow governors. They are all volunteers. Without them, the school would not function as well as it does.

Iain Simmons

Hunton's Got Talent

On Friday 28th June the judges were in position, the buzzer sounded and our compères eloquently introduced a vast array of acts. Along with Hunton Pre-School, the rest of the school watched amazing magic tricks, plate spinning, listened to jokes, heard beautiful singing, piano and ukulele playing as well as laughing at a very funny sketch with a whoopy cushion.

Our Head Girl and Head Boy and Rose organised and promoted the event with our judges deciding on the top three.

Congratulations to the following:

- Jenna and Tabitha for their act.
- A group of Y2 and Y3 girls who practised together singing and performing the 'Fight Song'.
- Luc, Joshua and Jacob for writing and performing a slapstick sketch which had everyone laughing.



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.

Weds 17 th July 2:15-3:15pm	Open afternoon – "book look"
Fri 19 th July 9:15am	Leavers Church service – all welcome
Fri 19 th July 1:30pm	Last day of term
Tues 3 rd Sept	Start of term 1
Mon 9/16/23/30 Sept & 7/14/21 October	Swimming lessons for Year 3 at Mote Park Leisure Centre
Thurs 12 th Sept	Kent Test (Year 6)
Thurs 17 th Oct	Results from Kent Test

Staying Safe

From 15th July, CEOP Education (child exploitation and online protection) will be launching **#SaferSummerTogether** on social media.

This national initiative provides six weeks of tips and activities with the aim of helping parents and carers to keep their children safer online this summer holidays and beyond. Every week there will be a Tip Tuesday and Family Friday posts focused on these weekly themes:

Week 1: online gaming

Week 2: socialising online

Week 3: sharing pictures and videos

Week 4: protecting personal privacy

Week 5: harmful content online

Week 6: getting help

Facebook (CEOP Education) and X @CEOPEducation
Following #SaferSummerTogether

CEOP Online Safety Tips for Parents:

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk>

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: 94%

Bannerman: 93%

Porteous: 96%

Borton: 91%

Well done to **PORTEOUS** who achieved the highest attendance for 1st – 12th July.

September reminders:

- No large backpacks. Max 30cm high x 25cm wide please.
- No personal items.
- No large, unnecessary pencil cases.
- Only small, stud earrings. No hoops.

Hunton's 'Hop the Sheep' (aka Shaun the Sheep)

Quite some time ago a white sheep turned up at school. All the children were asked to create a design to brighten him up and represent our school. As you can see the designs became reality and 'Hop' our sheep was ready for the Heart of Kent Hospice Shaun the Sheep Trail in Maidstone. Our Head Boy and Girl plus our school council representatives attended workshops at the Corn Exchange, Maidstone to promote the trail and find out more. Thank you to the Heart of Kent Hospice and to TPS who sponsored us so we could join in with this local event.



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