



Compassion, Joy, Perseverance, Respect



Headteacher News

Welcome back to school and the first newsletter of the year. I hope you all had a great summer break. It's hard to believe that only 4 days have passed since the children returned to school as everyone has settled in so well. A warm welcome goes to our youngest learners in Devas, our newcomers and the families who are new to Hunton. We are genuinely excited about collaborating with every one of you and brimming with enthusiasm as we embark on what promises to be an enriching first term. We would also formally like to welcome Mrs Russell, our new teacher in Bannerman though it already feels she has been at Hunton for some time as she has fitted into our team so well.



On Wednesday morning, I had to share some sad news with the children. Mrs Devas who has always passionately supported our school passed away. For many years Mrs Devas has come in to school with Daisy, her reading dog, to hear the children read. The children loved reading to her and Daisy. Likewise, she showed interest in all the staff, making each one of us feel that we were doing a special job, making a difference for all the children. Not only has she been a chair of governors at the school but most notably and generously with Mr Devas donated part of their land for a new school to be built in 1963. This was when she lived at Hunton Court. We have such fond memories of her kindness, generosity and loyalty. The children have loved playing, reading and singing to her in her beautiful garden. How wonderful it has been to have had such an exceptional lady support us over the many years.

Mrs Devas always read our newsletters and I know she would have been interested in the visit we had today from Katie Lam, MP. It is quite unusual for an MP to visit a school, especially a small, rural one so we had our questions ready for her. Such as 'Why can't the play equipment be repaired at Hunton Park?' 'Can SMART phones be banned for children?' 'Can we all have free milk?' 'Why do we have to be tested on nonsense words in the Y1 phonics test?' 'Why, as a rural school, do we have to pay more for swimming lessons because of the cost of a coach when Maidstone children do not?' We are really hoping to visit the Houses of Parliament to learn more about democracy and how our voice can be heard.



Please keep yourself up to date with information and forthcoming events. Remember that all correspondence and newsletters can be found on our website: www.hunton.kent.sch.uk

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Makey



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As in previous years, we have signed up with Cauliflower Cards so that the children can send their artwork off to be made into Christmas cards, tags, wrapping, notebooks, mugs and (new for 2025) playing cards!

Information and forms will be sent out later in September and orders need to be submitted by 13th October, so – we know it is early – but please start thinking about getting your child to practise their designs/pictures. They don't have to be Christmas related, maybe they can create a design for a notebook that they can use all year round or gift to a family member.

Tea, coffee & cake – TBC

Every year the PTFA hold a meeting to report on how the finances and events have gone for the previous year and to hopefully get some new members.

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.

We will send out the date and more details soon...

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: 100% Bannerman: 100%

Porteous: 95% Borton: 100%

Well done to the 3 classes who achieved the highest attendance for 2nd – 5th September 2025.

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.

Tuesday 9/16/23/30 Sept 7/14 Oct	Netball Club 3:20-4:20pm
Tuesday 9/16/23/30 Sept 7/14 Oct	FT Kids Club 3:20-4:20pm
Wednesday 17/24 Sept 1/8/15 Oct	Street Dance 3:20-4:20pm
Thursday 11/18/25 Sept 2/9/16 Oct	Tennis Club 3:20-4:20pm

Mon 8/15/22/29 Sept, 6/13 Oct & 3/10 Nov	Swimming lessons for Year 3 at Mote Park Leisure Centre
Thursday 11 th Sept	Kent Test (Yr 6)
Thursday 18 th September	Flu immunisations
Tuesday 23 rd September 2:30pm	SENCo Social – Helping your child to manage big emotions. All welcome.
Thursday 16 th October	Kent Test results emailed to parents after 4pm
Friday 17 th October	Last day of term 1 9:15am – Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church. All welcome.
Tuesday 28 th Oct	First day of term 2
Friday 31 st October	Deadline to apply for Year 7 Secondary School place for Sept 2025



Our new logo

You may start to notice a new logo appearing. We are in the process of designing a new website with a promotional company and a new logo complement this. This involves a lot of work and will be ongoing for the year so there is no need for you to be concerned about having to get new uniform with a new logo vet.

Thank you for coming to the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions this week so we could share how you can support your child's learning and understand the expectations for the year. We hope that it helped you to understand what your child will be learning. Please remember that all class curriculums can be found on our website. These will show you what your child will be studying each term and the books they will be reading.

Thank you to the Coxheath Mothers' Union once again for making the 'Bags of Love'. The first day of school is an emotional one yet the little bags do put a smile on the mum's faces as their child passes over a bag.



Summer reading challenge

Don't forget to finish your summer challenge before the end of September! Help our school to come in first place with the most amount of children who have completed the challenge.
<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>

Secondary school places – September 2026

Applications are open for all year 6 children who will be starting secondary school in September 2026. Please ensure you apply before 31st October.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places>

Millbrook – plant a daffodil – Saturday 27th Sept

Millbrook are once again offering their 'plant a daffodil' event, where children can go along and plant a mini daffodil into a planter. You need to book on their website at a cost of £1 per child (all money goes towards their chosen charity).

<https://www.millbrookgc.co.uk/webshop/events/621014/plant-a-little-daffodil-with-millbrook-staplehurst-sept-2025>



Join us for Coffee and Cake on the Green

Saturday 13th September
10.00 am – 1.00 pm
outside Holy Trinity Church
Coxheath





Healthy Snack

At Playtime Devas and Bannerman children receive a free piece of fruit. Children in KS2 may bring a healthy snack to be eaten at break time. We recommend a piece of fruit, carrot sticks, bread sticks, plain biscuits, cheese, etc. Please do not send your child in with crisps, chocolate biscuits or sweets (unless it is their birthday!)



Changing Weather

Due to the changeable weather at the moment please can we ask parents/carers to

ensure that their children have a coat in school. Even if it is raining slightly we will still have playtimes outdoors.

P.E Kit

Your child should have a P.E kit in school at all times.



P.E is part of the curriculum and all the children need to participate. If your child needs to take their kit home, please ensure they take it on Friday and return it on Monday.

Clothing should be suitable for the weather and outdoor conditions especially in the winter months when it can be wet and muddy outside.



Monkhouse (our school uniform supplier) offer free delivery if you choose to have your items delivered directly to school.

<https://www.monkhouse.com/school/hunton-c-of-england-primary-school-urn-118726>

Please donate any pre-loved uniform with the Hunton logo to the PTFA.

Clothing/textile bank

Reminder! It's spring and that time of year when many of us have a clear out. Please remember to bring unwanted clothing to our recycle bin as we receive money in relation to the weight of textiles in the bin.

Our PTFA also collect (and re-sell) pre-loved uniform with the Hunton logo on.



✓ WE TAKE

- Clothes
- Shoes
- Bed Linen
- Accessories
Such as belts, hats, gloves, scarves, handbags
- Soft Toys

✗ WE CAN'T TAKE

- Duvets or Cushions
- Off Cuts
- Carpet or Curtains

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.