



Compassion, Joy, Perseverance, Respect

Headteacher News



Another Friday, another reason to celebrate our fantastic, supportive community here at Hunton CE Primary after our SIAMS inspection. SIAMS inspections focus on the impact of Church schools' Christian visions on pupils and adults.

Although we wait for the final report and judgement to be made and shared with you, we want to say a massive THANK YOU! A week ago, we were busily preparing the final timetable for our SIAMS inspection. The ten-hour inspection included meetings with parents, children, staff and governors as well as sessions with Mr Ming and myself.

I really appreciated the parents who gave their time and came in to meet the inspectors. I also know that the staff were incredibly grateful to the parent who provided cakes and cookies to get us through the day. Thank you!

Here's to the incredible pupils of Hunton: your positive behaviour and achievements make us proud every day. The children were more than brilliant, articulating how our vision of 'life in all its fullness', *John 10:10* and the story of Peter (*Matthew 14*) showing trust in Jesus when he stepped out of his comfort zone to walk on water actually affects their lives. Enthusiastically they relayed times when they not only challenged themselves academically but also personally. Tales of rock climbing, football, swimming achievements, showing sheep and learning to ride a bike were just a few. They also shared our values too, especially describing compassion here at Hunton and how we all help and listen to one another. Towards the end of a long day, when there had been so much to celebrate and share with the inspectors, two children excitedly told us that we had nothing to worry about as they had told the inspector that Hunton is 'brilliant' and 'outstanding'. Words are hard to find but I am so proud of our children and staff.

World Book Day last week was a very special, fun day which I'm sure won't be forgotten. It was the first time we have asked the children to dress a potato as a book character. If only you could have heard the buzz in the morning as the children and staff were in awe of the creativity and skill. The children loved talking about how they had made them with you – it was obviously a special parent and child moment so thank you for the amazing creations.



Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Makey



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 th Mar	w/e 15 th Mar
Devas	Benett	Gabby
Bannerman	Evie	Emilee
Porteous	Pippa	Naomi
Borton	Arwyn	Amber
House points winner	Alessia Russo	Alessia Russo

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 18/25 March	Football Club (Yrs 3-6) 3:20-4:20
Tuesdays 19/26 March	Netball Club (Yrs 3-6) 3:20-4:20
Wednesdays 20/27 March	Acro Club 3:20-4:20
Thursdays 21 March	Creepy Claws Club 3:20-4:20
Mon 18 th March	Devas trip to Kent Life
Fri 22 nd March	Sweet sale after school
Mon 25 th – Thurs 28 th March	Tickets for Easter raffle on sale at school office
Tues 26 th March	PTFA Easter Egg hunt
Tues 26 th March 2:30pm	SEnCo Social – pop along to meet Mrs Wichall
Thurs 28 th March	Last day of term 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 9:20am – Easter Service at St Mary's Church. Everyone welcome. ▪ Easter raffle draw ▪ 2pm – "Book look" come in to look over your child's books
Monday 15 th April	First day of term 5
Wednesday 17 th April	Bannerman class trip to London
Fri 10 th May	Non-uniform day – donate a bottle of wine for May fayre
Sat 18 th May	May Fayre 12-2pm

2024 Calendar for Messy and Muddy Church at St Nicholas Church, Linton



Saturday 16th March 3-4pm

Saturday 20th April 3-5pm



All are welcome!

Muddy Church is outside and allows participants to wander and wonder about God and the world together. Messy Church is about being church together. It's Christ-centred, for all ages and based on creativity, hospitality and celebration



The United Benefice of Coxheath, East Farleigh, Hunton, Linton and West Farleigh



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: 95.71% Bannerman: 95.67%

Porteous: 87% Borton: 92%

Well done to **DEVAS** who achieved the highest attendance for 4th – 15th March.

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>



PTFA News & Events

pta@hunton.kent.sch.uk

FB: [HuntonPrimaryPTA](#)

Pop-up shop

Thank you to all the children who visited our pop-up shop and bought gifts for the special lady in their life. We sold a total of 110 gifts! Big thanks also goes to the amazing team of helpers who wrapped all the presents and to those who helped at the shop on the day. The pop-up shops are always so special and it is lovely to see the children looking at all the gifts and choosing something that they know their recipient will like.

May Fayre

Behind the scenes we are busy planning ahead to the May Fayre. Next week we will be putting up a stall rota on the main school doors in the hope that you're able to put your name down to help out on the day. We do need help before, during and after the event in order for it to go ahead so please do help where you can.

Over the next couple of months we are hoping for donations of:

Raffle prizes

Toys, games & books

Plants – (for plant stall)

If you are able to donate anything from the above list, please drop it into the school office before 18th May.

Sweet sale

There will be a sweet sale after school on Friday 22nd March where we will have Easter goodies for sale. Any donations of sweets/cakes would be most welcome.



Millbrook events over Easter

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

Millbrook are holding lots of different activities over the Easter holidays. Booking is essential



Hunton Pre-School

Easter Bazaar

Saturday 23rd March

9am-11:15am

Hunton Village Hall, ME15 0RR

Tombola and raffle. Amazing raffle prizes including our amazing hampers. Raffle draw 11am.

Refreshments for sale: bacon rolls, cakes, tea & coffee.

Activities for children, lucky dip, Easter goodies and sweets to buy.

Smiggle stall & pre-loved toy stall.

Cash and card/contactless payments taken.



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.



Step into Spring!



Family Workshop - Wednesday 3rd April

Sessions at 10.30am-12pm and 1.30pm-3pm

Activities include:

- Hunt for signs of Spring - join us on a scavenger hunt to find all the signs that Spring is in the air!
- Grow your own soup - go home with the seeds/seedlings to grow your own tasty soup at home.
- Get cooking- prepare and eat a delicious Spring pesto.



Learn about growing food while having fun outdoors



CommuniGrow Centre
Park Farm, East Malling/Ditton

£5 per person

BOOK HERE:



<https://communigrow.org.uk/welcome-to-communigrow/shop/>



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Bredgar and Wormshill Light Railway



For anyone whose children are interested in trains or if you're just looking for a fun day out, BWLR have lots of

activities on over the Easter holidays (and all year round).

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/bredgarrailway/events>