



Headteacher News

Compassion, Joy, Perseverance, Respect

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful New Year and a restful festive break with your loved ones. It has been a pleasure to see the children's smiling faces, full of stories and energy for the term ahead. We are looking forward this term packed with high-quality teaching, deep learning opportunities and rich experiences for every child. Please go to our website to see what your child is learning this term.

Children have collaboratively been problem solving. In Borton Class the challenge was to make a pulley to lift a cup from the floor to the table without touching it. This is in readiness for Hunton's DT week at the end of the term.

Let's talk about: Attendance

Why do we go on about it?

Why is it so important? Attendance is about learning. The evidence is clear - children with higher attendance make more progress and do better in school. Every time a child misses a day of school, they miss the learning that takes place that day. They miss the sound that the class were learning in phonics, they miss learning mathematical concepts that they will need in later lessons and they miss social learning – those interactions with staff and other children that help them to grow as people. Everything they miss has an impact on what comes next. Sometimes - if they are vomiting or have a temperature, for example - a child may be too unwell to come to school. However, symptoms like a sniffle or a blocked nose or a headache are not, by themselves, a reason to keep a child off. They would far rather feel a little under the weather in school with their friends than at home, missing out on learning. These gaps in learning are also the reason why we don't authorise holidays during term time. We are here to teach your child to learn and flourish in so many different ways - we're good at it - and when children are not here they are missing out.

As the weather turns colder it is the perfect time for a gentle reminder regarding our school uniform policy. Do ensure your child comes to school with a coat. Our uniform is a fundamental part of school life and helps all our pupils to feel like a unified team. It is compulsory for all children from YR to Year 6 and contributes significantly to the positive, focused atmosphere we strive to maintain. Please check your child's uniform and ensure they are looking smart and ready to learn.

Finally, it is with great disappointment that we had to take the decision to suspend Twitter/X, the forum we used for sharing your child's learning with you. Online safety is paramount and risks seem to be increasing and mutating all the time. In the meantime, we will be sharing as much as we can on the newsletter. Please do look at the 'Wake Up Wednesday' advice we send out to you so you and your children are safe on family devices.



Bannerman had fun in music playing instruments to create aquarium sounds.



Devas enjoyed using the pastels to make their own Northern Lights background.

Have a good weekend and maybe start practising for the Great Hunton Bake Off!
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: 95% Bannerman: 95%

Porteous: 97% Borton: 91%

Well done to PORTEOUS who achieved the highest attendance for 6th – 16th January 2026.



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.

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 9 th Jan	w/e 16 th Jan
Devas	Sophia	Laurie
Bannerman	Sheralie	Lillian
Porteous	Mila	Evie
Borton	Seb	Olivia M
House points winner	Bear Grylls	Bear Grylls

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 12/19/26 Jan 2/9 Feb	Make & Bake Club 3:20-4pm
Tuesday 13/20/27 Jan 3/10 Feb	Ball Games Club 3:20-4:20pm
Tuesday 13/20/27 Jan 3/10 Feb	FT Kids Club 3:20-4:20pm
Wednesday 7/14/21/28 Jan 4/11 Feb	HotShotz Tennis 3:20-4:20pm Click here to book
Thursday 28/15/22/29 Jan 5/12 Feb	Science Club 3:20-4:05pm Click here to book

Mon 19 th Jan	Devas "Make it groovy" workshop
Fri 6 th Feb	Year R & Year 6 Coxheath library visit. Collect at 1:30pm
Thurs 12 th Feb	Hunton "bake off" competition and bake sale
Fri 13 th Feb	Last day of term 3
Mon 23 rd Feb	First day of term 4
Fri 27 th Feb	Devas trip to Kent Life
Fri 13 th March	Year 4 Coxheath library visit. Collect at 1:30pm
Mon 16 th March 2:30pm	Devas Mothers Day tea party



PTFA News & Events
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We have now taken delivery of all the ex-stock from Monkhouse. **All available items are on the SchoolMoney shop.**

In the coming weeks we will also upload all the pre-loved uniform to the online shop to make it easier for you to see what is available.

If you have any queries regarding uniform or you would like to see/try the different sizes please email pta@hunton.kent.sch.uk

Although the school logo has changed recently and any new uniform will be embroidered with the new logo, your child will still be able to wear the old logo and buy pre-loved uniform with the old logo.

Please remember that we are happy to take in any old uniform for our pre-loved shop as long as it is in clean condition with no holes, rips etc. We can take anything with the school logo. If you have any other clothing to be recycled, please remember to drop them into the green clothing bin.

The PTFA are busy behind the scenes putting dates together for this year's events. If you have any ideas for any events that you would like to see please do email us pta@hunton.kent.sch.uk as we are always looking for different ways to raise money.

IMPORTANT Nut Allergies in School

There are a number of children at the school who suffer from severe nut allergies, which in some cases could be fatal. We would therefore be very grateful if parents could avoid sending in food items that contain nuts in their child's snack or packed lunch. Many thanks for your help.



Please remember to treat our staff with courtesy and respect. We will not tolerate any abusive behaviour.

Remember to set high standards for the children in our school by treating other people how we would like to be treated. Please see our policy on our website.

<https://hunton.kent.sch.uk/media/rejfvooov/parent-and-visitor-code-of-conduct-2024.pdf>

Please can we respectfully ask that waste is placed in the correct bins or taken home.



During the very icy spell last week, a staff member was left with the nauseating task of having to empty out food, cans and domestic waste from the salt bin at the school entrance.

THIS IS NOT A RUBBISH BIN!



Top tips for parents and carers

1. Talk to your child about how important it is to attend school every day.
2. Open communication about your child's day. For example, how was your day? What did you do today? What was your favourite lesson?
3. If your child is trying to avoid school find out why by opening the lines of communication and reach out to school for support.
4. Help your child to keep to routines, for example in the morning and evening and for homework.
5. Where possible, arrange medical appointments outside of school hours and ensure your child attends school before or after appointments.
6. Encourage your child to take part in after school and extra-curricular activities.
7. Discuss any changes in behaviour or presentation with a member of the pastoral team as soon as possible.
8. Let the school know in advance if your child is going to be absent.
9. Post the school calendar and times of school day on your refrigerator or another prominent place.
10. Ensure that school has up to date contact details for you.
11. Remember that habits are formed early.

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.

A P.E kit in school is also helpful if your child gets muddy/wet at breaktime and needs a change of clothes.

Children's oral health

The Kent Oral Health team have composed a list of songs to help encourage your child to brush their teeth.

They also have lots of resources available on their website for you to use.

<https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/service/dental-services/oral-health-promotion-resources/>

<https://hunton.kent.sch.uk/media/ql2beaau/tooth-brushing-songs.pdf>





CALLING ALL YOUNG BAKERS!

The Great Hunton Bake Off Fundraiser



Do you love baking cakes, cookies, brownies or bread?

Then put on your apron and join our School Bake Off – you could be a winner!

Who can take part?

All children are welcome – no matter your baking skill level!

What's happening?

- Bake your favourite homemade treats at home
- Bring them into school for our special Bake Sale on **Thursday 12th February 2026**
- Mr Ming and the school council will decide the winners
- All baked goods will be sold to help raise money for the school.

Why join?

- Show off your baking skills
- Have fun and be creative
- Help support your school
- Win a prize!



Start planning your delicious creations now and **let's bake, sell and make a difference together!**

