



*Compassion, Joy, Perseverance, Respect*

### Headteacher News

All of us at Hunton really have been living up to our school vision of living *'life in all its fullness'*, *John 10:10*. and our Christian values. I must thank our whole school-staff team for enabling the children to do this.

This week Tommy enthusiastically articulated the need for us all to participate in the RSPB Garden Birdwatch which starts today. He really has worked hard to promote it so the whole school can participate, organised contributions of bird food and ensured that we understand how the nation's garden birds are faring in the face of disease, climate change and threats to their habitat. With birds and other wildlife now facing so many challenges due to the nature and climate emergency, every count matters. Thank you, Tommy.



Leading Lights are another example of children 'living life in all its fullness' outside of the classroom. Last week they actively led collective worship by not only acting out the story of the Good Samaritan and engaging the children but by leading reflection and discussion on how the story could affect their actions in school. We are so grateful to them.

As we navigate through Term 3 – I want to tell you how proud all the staff are of every single child in school. This week we held pupil progress meetings where class teachers discussed the attainment and progress of each child with Mrs Wichall, Mr Ming and myself. We also had 6 local deputy headteachers come to tour the school focusing on our pupils' writing. Once again, the learning behaviour and manners of the children were highly complimented. As it has been with two supply teachers, one who said, 'Wow! I actually teach all the time rather than have to deal with behaviour.'

We are almost half way through this academic year and there are so many achievements to celebrate which is testament to the children's hard work and determination– and to your ongoing support and partnership in your children's education! Thank you.

Finally, I would also like to celebrate the tremendous efforts our staff team put into creating a nurturing, purposeful and educational atmosphere across school. I am especially grateful to all of them especially Mr Ming and Mrs Lang whilst I have been recovering from my injury. The gifts from the staff of a shower mat and handle along with a sling displaying 'life in all its fullness' made us chuckle in the Makey house! Having had bad luck with my accident I feel very lucky to have such fantastic staff and wonderfully caring children.

Enjoy counting the birds this weekend!

Mrs Makey



## Milk

If you would like your child to receive a carton of milk each morning please register them on the [Cool Milk website](https://customers.coolmilk.com/v2/register/).



<https://customers.coolmilk.com/v2/register/>

## 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 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	w/e 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan
<b>Devas</b>	Ben	Harry
<b>Bannerman</b>	Shaelie	Jaydon
<b>Porteous</b>	Olivia	Ellie
<b>Borton</b>	Jenna	Sora
<b>House points winner</b>	<b>Alessia Russo</b>	<b>Alessia Russo</b>

## 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.

<b>Mondays</b> 29 Jan & 5 Feb	Football Club (Yrs 3-6) 3:20-4:20
<b>Tuesdays</b> 30 Jan & 6/20 Feb	Netball Club (Yrs 3-6) 3:20-4:20
<b>Wednesdays</b> 24/31 Jan & 7 Feb	Acro Club 3:20-4:20
<b>Thursdays</b> 25 Jan & 1/8 Feb	Craft Club 3:20-4:20
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Devas – Make it Groovy workshop
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb 1:30-2:45	Year 5 visit to Coxheath Library
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb 2:30	Devas stay and read
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Bannerman & Year 6 cake sale
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Safer Internet Day
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parent consultations
Weds 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parent consultations
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Borton trip to London
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Last day of term 3
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	First day of term 4
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Bannerman trip to London
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Non-uniform day "bring a bottle"
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb 7pm	Movies & musicals cabaret night, Hunton Village Hall
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> March	National offer day for Secondary school
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Mother's Day pop-up shop
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> March 1:30-2:45	Devas and Year 6 Library visit
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Devas trip to Kent Life
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of term 4
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of term 5



## 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
<b>100%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>Below 90%</b>
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 3 weeks these were the class attendance totals:

Devas: 94%                      Bannerman: 93%

Porteous: 90%                      Borton: 87%

Well done to **DEVAS** who achieved the highest attendance for 15<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> January.

## 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.



PTFA News & Events

[pta@hunton.kent.sch.uk](mailto:pta@hunton.kent.sch.uk)

FB: [HuntonPrimaryPTA](#)

Our next fundraising event is on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February where Artform will be hosting a "Musicals and Movies" cabaret evening.

Many of you know Nicola Rivaud, whose son Arthur is in Bannerman, but maybe you didn't know that she used to sing in various musical theatre shows and on Seabourn Cruise Ships and for the past 8 years she has been part of Artform production company

(<https://www.artform.org.uk/>) who put on various fundraising events to raise money for their company and other organisations.

The evening will consist of a group of super talented singers who will put on a brilliant cabaret-style show performing all the favourites from musicals and movies, so get some friends together and come along! Older children are also welcome too, if this is something that they will enjoy.

Doors open at 7pm for a 7:30pm start. The PTFA will be running a licensed bar serving alcoholic, non-alcoholic and hot drinks.

Cash and card payments will be taken at the bar. Please bring along your own nibbles.

Tickets available here:

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/artform](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/artform)

We have a limited amount of tickets available, so please don't delay if you would like to come along. All profit is split between Artform and Hunton School PTFA.

Please bring some cash along with you on the night as there will be a raffle and a couple of games with cash prizes!

There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February where we are asking for donations of bottles of drinks (soft or alcoholic) to sell at the event to raise some money.



## Winter Mini Challenge 2024 Why not visit over half-term?



Following the brilliant success of the Summer Reading Challenge, the Winter Mini Challenge is running until 19<sup>th</sup> February and will be continuing the Ready, Set, Read! theme brought to life once more by the amazing

illustrator, Loretta Schauer.

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.

Hunton School PTFA and Artform present...

**SONGS FROM THE MOVIES & MUSICALS**

Performed Cabaret style

Saturday 24th February  
Hunton Village Hall, West Street  
ME15 ORR

Doors Open at 7pm - Show at 7.30pm

Early Bird Valentine's Ticket - £13.50  
Latecomer tickets from 15th February - £15  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/artform](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/artform)

Licensed Bar will be open!!! Tea & Coffee available

**harlequin**

**FEBRUARY**

Holiday club 2024

- ☆ From 8:00am - 6:00pm
- ☆ Daily planned activities
- ☆ Trained practitioners
- ☆ 15th February will be in our fantastic forest
- ☆ Children 4 - 11 years welcome

[www.hosc.co.uk](http://www.hosc.co.uk)  
for booking forms

9TH FEB - 16TH FEB

Scan me for our booking forms

### 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 book this in advance on School Money or you can just turn up on the day and your child will be added to the breakfast club register.

### Parents consultations

You should have received a text message with your time slot for your parent consultation, if you haven't, please contact the Office.

If you need to bring your children with you please ensure that they understand they need to remain quiet and seated on the benches at the back of the hall, at all times.



## Raising money for our School whilst you shop online

We are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/raisemore/get-started#>

## Earrings

Wherever possible, earrings must be removed before all PE lessons, Sports Clubs or Physical Activity sessions. Children must be able to remove their own earrings or they should be removed by a parent before school. Staff must not remove a child's earrings for them.

## Great British Birdwatch

The RSPB are running their annual birdwatch 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024. The children can register online and download a pack. There are PDF posters, identification guides etc.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

Big Garden Birdwatch is fun, free and for everyone. And you don't need a garden to take part! Counting birds from your balcony, or your local



park will play a vital role in helping us understand how UK birds are doing.

Spend just 1 hour recording the birds that land in your garden/park etc and then submit your results.



Safer Internet Day this year is on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February when our Digital Leaders will be leading an assembly to help everyone understand the importance of staying safe online.

Throughout the day the children will be learning the importance of online safety and the ever-changing risks and dangers. From cyberbullying to social networking to digital identity, each year Safer Internet Day aims to raise awareness of emerging online issues and current concerns.

Please do speak to your child about keeping safe on line. There are lots of resources and further information available on the website:

<https://www.saferinternetday.org/>

## Tesco Stronger Starts



We are overwhelmed with the support that we have been given so far on this project. We are doing particularly well at the Coxheath store!

## Parking

A gentle reminder to parents to park considerately at pick up and drop off times.

Please be aware of parking across resident's drive ways and on corners that further decrease visibility of the concealed entrances of roads, specifically Bensted Close, Bishops Lane and Grove Lane.

Equally I am sure you would all agree that keeping our children safe is of paramount importance and we ask that you not park cars too close to the crossing point. Thank you for your cooperation.