



*Belonging . Courage . Perseverance . Compassion . Trust*

## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

The children may have told you that they have been doing their termly assessments this week and the teachers have been proud of the perseverance that children have shown with these. These help to support the teachers' assessment judgements of whether children are currently working at age-related expectations and whether they are on track to meet the end of year expectation for their year group, and to plan support if needed. This information will be shared with you, along with an update on your child's attendance, ahead of Parent Consultations in the final week of term. There will be an opportunity for the children to share their work with you during the Book Look on the afternoon of Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March, before the PTA Easter Fair.

We are especially proud of the work that children completed during Art Week and the teachers have worked together to create a stunning display in the hall, across all year groups from Reception to Year 6; do take an opportunity to enjoy this if you come to the Easter Fair. Art is part of the wider curriculum that has been a focus on our School Development Plan this year. In her report following a recent visit, the School Improvement Advisor described the work we are doing on the wider curriculum as 'impressive'. Thank you for the ongoing work by all the teachers, who each have responsibility for the leadership of at least one subject area.

Next week, we are looking forward to our sponsored event to support our Year 6 dads who are running the Brighton Marathon in support of the school. You are welcome to stay and watch/participate during the morning if you are able. We will be starting the morning with Year R at about 9.00am (before Forest School) supported by their Year 6 buddies (who will then continue running). We will stagger the start of the remaining year groups so that there are children running up to the 11.00am finish.

You may have seen the School Council posters encouraging the children to join in the Community Litter Pick next Saturday (22<sup>nd</sup>) at 9.30am. We hope that some of you will be able to participate.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Bligh

## HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to Eagle!

**Eagle 295**

**Falcon 281**

**Kestrel 260**



## Star of the week

Acorn: Whole Class

Magnolia: Frankie

Elderberry: Toby F

Elm: Theo

Willow: Matilda

Chestnut: Oliver

Oak: Max



## Attendance Cup

Well done

Magnolia class!

100% attendance



Last week's whole school attendance:

**96%**

## Christian Value of the Week: Courage

*'Goodness and fairness will give him strength. They will be like a belt around his waist.'*

Isaiah 11: 1-5



## Birthday Announcements:

Toby F, Freddie W



## Golden Book Award

Elderberry: Oscar

## The Week in Photos—Early Years & Key Stage 1

### ACORN

What an exciting week for Acorn class! We really enjoyed our dinosaur workshop on Tuesday, becoming palaeologists searching for the hidden fossils, learning about what tools were needed and the differences between herbivore and carnivore fossils. Acorn class absolutely LOVED meeting the three baby dinosaurs, Poppy the Parasaurolophus, Patrick the Triceratops and a snappy Jake the T Rex!

In English we have been acting out what we would say to the baby dinosaurs in our book, Gigantosaurus. We then wrote in speech bubbles what we would say to warn them away from him and why he was so big and bad! Some amazing phonics, letter formations and sentence structure!



### MAGNOLIA

Magnolia class have worked so hard through assessment week! We have been so impressed by how focused the children have all been during their maths papers. Each of the children have been determined to show off what they have learnt this year and we are so proud of them.

In between assessments and our usual lessons, the class also took part in a dinosaur workshop! The children were expert palaeontologists, searching for fossils. We were surprised to meet 3 baby dinosaurs too - although some were friendlier than others!

The workshop has helped the children with their creative writing. We have thought back to the dinosaurs we met to consider how our character might feel, and what he might say, as he enters the museum where everything has come to life!



### ELDERBERRY

Elderberry class continued their learning about plants by looking for signs of Spring in the school grounds. The children described their observations using scientific vocabulary such as deciduous and dormant.

In Maths, the children compared amounts of money using symbols.



## The Week in Photos—Key Stage 2

### ELM

This week, the children began by reviewing what a mechanism is and recalling the name and function of the new mechanism they learned about in the previous lesson. They watched a video on cam mechanisms, which demonstrated how a cam mechanism can convert rotational movement into an up-and-down motion. Working in pairs, the children then created their own cam mechanisms, following the step-by-step instructions provided in the video and using the resources given to them.



### WILLOW

On Monday, we teamed up with Year 5 for an exciting maths workshop led by students from St Gregory's Secondary School.

The children, working in groups of 4 or 5, tackled various maths challenges to organise a party for St Gregory Bear.

They showcased outstanding teamwork, determination, and resilience.

Mrs. Walker from St Gregory's praised all the children for their impressive efforts.



### CHESTNUT & OAK

Year 5 and Year 6 have had a busy and exciting week! On Tuesday, they visited Sevenoaks School for their STEAM week (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics). They attended a captivating show called *Explosive Foods*, which featured fascinating facts about food and the human body. True to its name, the show also included food being set on fire, and each fiery display was followed up with a scientific explanation!

They also joined Dr Louisa Preston on an inspirational astrobiological tour to uncover where and what life might be hiding on Mars, how it is going to be searched for using the Rosalind Franklin Mars Rover, and how the Earth, the Moon, and meteorites are helping to do it! Dr Preston is Head of Planetary Science at UCL's Mullard Space Science Laboratory and is on the Science Team for the ESA-NASA Rosalind Franklin Mars Rover mission launching in 2028.

On Wednesday, the children participated in a workshop led by a local drama company. They explored various aspects of being a cast member in a production and now have the opportunity to audition for a summer production at Hever Castle (please see ParentMail email for more details).





## Forest School

This week at Forest School Acorn class learnt about the woodland animals that are now starting to wake up from their winter hibernation. We also learnt how we can make fishing rods and brooms using sticks and string.

Meanwhile, Elderberry class investigated what the rings of a tree can tell us and learnt how to safely use a bow saw.



### Hever Litter Pick!

School Council need your help! There is a community litter pick on Saturday 22nd March at 9.30am on the Hever Parish field. Hi Vis vests and litter pickers will be provided.

Please join us to clean up the surrounding countryside, to protect animal habitats, pick up anything dangerous and to make Hever a better place!

Thank you!

School Council

### EMMA'S KITCHEN

Term 4's menu is on the school website:  
<https://www.hever.kent.sch.uk/school-meals/>

Please send any feedback to the school office.  
 Emma's Kitchen



### \*\* Reminders \*\*

Please ensure that any last minute collection arrangements are phoned through to the school office.

School Office

## \*\* SPORTS UPDATE \*\*

### Cross-Country—Brambletye

On Tuesday, eight Year 5 and Year 6 children went to a cross-country relay at Brambletye School. It was a beautiful afternoon for cross-country and the children were very excited to be taking part. After a walk-through of the course, they sorted their positions in their teams and gave each other words of encouragement for the challenge ahead. It cannot be underestimated what a challenge it was: all of the children gave their very best, and crossed the finished line (up-hill) with nothing left to give! It was physically and emotionally tough. They were excellent team players and supported each other throughout the event. Out of eight teams, the girls came in 3rd place and the boys finished 4th. They were fantastic representatives of Hever School and certainly showed our school values of perseverance and courage. Well done to all who took part.



### Netball—Chiddingstone

On Thursday, seven Year 5 and Year 6 children played in a netball match against Chiddingstone. For many of the team, it was their first match representing our school. Up against an experienced team, it was a tough match but I was proud of their attitude towards the game and the perseverance they showed right to the end. We have the makings of a strong team, so with more practice and experience, we hope to keep improving in future competitions. Players of the match went to George for his defence and Tilly for her amazing goal just before the final whistle! Team: Florence (C), Olivia, Tilly, Evita, George, Arnie, Tom.



# UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>17th March:</b> Bore Place Trip— Yr4	<b>18th March:</b>	<b>19th March:</b>	<b>20th March:</b>	<b>21st March:</b> Sponsored Walk	<b>22nd March:</b> Litter Pick—Hever Parish Field From 9.30am

**Tuesday 25th March: Year R Hearing & Vision Screening**

**Thursday 27th March: Hever Castle Trip—Year R**

**Friday 28th March: PTA Easter Fair**



## PTA Update

**HEVER HEROES SPONSORED WALK** - Hopefully you have your forms, if not please pick one up from the school office. The walk is happening on Friday 21 March, exact timing for different classes to be confirmed but let's see how much we can raise! Either use your form or you can add your sponsorship here: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/donate-to-help-me-raise-money-to-further-improve-the-school>



Thank you for all the eggs this morning. These will be in our Egg Raffle at the Easter Fair (please note this will only be for pupils of the school to make sure as many get one as possible)

How can you help? Thanks for asking! We need your help in the following ways - please get involved as our small core team cannot deliver without you and I hope you all see the difference that can be made.

3 more volunteers needed 9 to 11am (or part of this) to monitor the field for the Sponsored Walk;

5-10 more volunteers for the Easter Fete either 3.15-3.45pm or 3.45-4.15pm or clear up;

Raffle prizes/silent auction items for the Ball - the more we get the more we raise! Can you bake? - you could offer to make a birthday cake. Can you babysit? - you can offer this....

Second Hand Books – Got any books to pass on? We will be collecting next week at drop-off so please bring in!

### Upcoming Dates: Every Friday is Fun!

**Friday 21 March – Hever Heroes Sponsored Walk** – get your sponsors in! Timing TBC

**Friday 28 March - Easter Fair** – we are looking for volunteers for 30min to 1hour slots – please email to get involved! [heverpta@hever.kent.sch.uk](mailto:heverpta@hever.kent.sch.uk)

**Saturday 26 April - Hever School Fundraising Ball** - Book your tickets for the evening dancing from 20:15 here - <https://buy.stripe.com/7slbMe2JY4lk7JK8wC>

**SECOND HAND UNIFORM** – Donations – please leave with Mrs Reddaway in the office. If you are looking for something – please email

Emma: [eskorczewski@icloud.com](mailto:eskorczewski@icloud.com)

The PTA Trustees xxx  
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## Fundraising Update

**2024-2025**

**Fundraising Total: £14,952**

### PROJECTS

**Playground: COMPLETE!**

**Outdoor/Wellbeing  
Classroom: £12,712**



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**HEVER SCHOOL  
SPRING  
FUNDRAISING BALL**  
SATURDAY 26TH APRIL 2025

THE GUTHRIE PAVILION, HEVER CASTLE  
AUCTION, RAFFLE & LIVE MUSIC

FULL TICKET FROM 6PM- £85pp  
Prosecco reception on The Loggia, 3 course meal  
DANCING FROM 8:15PM - £25pp  
CARRIAGES AT MIDNIGHT

Don your glad rags & join us for a fabulous evening!