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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Once again, we were blown away by the incredibly creative and impressive float our PTA produced for the Edenbridge Bonfire Procession. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to creating this and for all the wonderful costumes on the night. Congratulations on a 'super hat trick' of The Whitmore Challenge Cup (for the second year running) for the best overall tableau, along with the best adult male costume, best adult female costume and the best junior costume!

Thank you to everyone who attended the parent consultations this week. If you have not yet had an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher, please email the school office to make an appointment.

Although it felt a little early for Christmas carols, it was lovely joining Year 5 and Year 6 at Hever Castle Christmas Fair this week and they did a great job bringing some festive cheer to the occasion. We enjoyed our Christmas warm-up and especially the tasty treat kindly provided by Lisa Inglis afterwards! Thank you to everyone who donated cakes, to all the volunteers and especially to Megan Park for organising the event which benefits the school and the church.

We are very excited to see how the work in the Bell Room is progressing. Year 6 have adapted well to their temporary classroom and we are assured the project is on track to finish at the end of next week as planned, in time for our first Open Morning on Thursday 21st November. If you know anyone who is looking for a school place for September 2025, please encourage them to contact the office to arrange a visit or join one of our open mornings.

Our Head Girl and Head Boy will be representing our school at the remembrance parade in Edenbridge high street on Sunday. If you are able to join them, the parade will be setting off from the Leathermarket car park (outside Tom Bell's) at 10.30am.

Please make a note of the Anti-bullying Week activities next week, including Odd Socks Day on Tuesday and a slightly early Children in Need day on Thursday.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Bligh

HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to Falcon!

Falcon 280

Eagle 269

Kestrel 266



Star of the week

Acorn: Thomas

Magnolia: Gregory & Albie

Elderberry: Emma

Elm: Freya

Willow: Alex

Chestnut: Whole class

Oak: Whole class



Attendance Cup

Well done

Elm class!

100% attendance



Last week's whole school attendance:

95%



Birthday

Announcements

**Elsie M, Daniela, Oliver,
Sophia, Jude, Rory, Issy P, Toby W, Amelia**

The Week in Photos—Early Years & Key Stage 1

ACORN

This week in Acorn class we have embraced paint, colour, light and glitter to learn about fireworks!

We had great fun creating firework patterns with paint and fly swatters, making chocolate sparklers, using 2D and 3D shapes to make rockets and learning a firework poem with lots of noisy movements!

We have also been working lots on our letter formations and beginning to try to write CVC words too!



MAGNOLIA

This week, Magnolia class have enjoyed some outdoor PE! We have started looking at team work and what this means.

The children had a series of challenges which required them to get into groups of different sizes. We discussed how it felt to not be included in the groups to help us understand the importance of team work.

The children then had to try and pass a hoop around their circle without breaking their holding hands!



ELDERBERRY

The children are already very excited about the new book this term which is a non-fiction text all about the Great Fire of London. There were many exciting things that Elderberry class did before the end of last term.

The children had a lot of fun carrying out a traffic survey in their geography fieldwork. In total we spotted 33 cars, 2 vans, 1 motorbike and 6 bicycles in 15 minutes. In art the children explored the marks that can be made with charcoal and used these skills to make amazing drawings showing tone.



The Week in Photos—Key Stage 2

ELM

At the end of last term, Elm class embarked on a Stone Age adventure at Kent Life. We had to remain very quiet while seated, as the cave dweller was fast asleep. Upon waking, he greeted us with grunting and hand signals, assigning each child a fitting name such as 'Twig' and 'Pebble.'

The children learned about what daily life might have been like for a Stone Age person, and they were particularly fascinated by the religious ceremonies, monuments, and burial practices of the time.

After a morning filled with learning, we enjoyed a tractor ride around Kent Life, exploring the village, historical homes, and, as a special treat, the Owl Sanctuary. We returned to school on the coach with full bellies and wonderful memories.



WILLOW

This week the children have been learning about the four different types of teeth and each of their functions. The children enjoyed looking at the model teeth and identifying how the shape of the teeth differed depending on where they were positioned.

We compared human teeth to different animal teeth. We thought about how the diet of different animals (omnivore, herbivore, carnivore) can affect the type of teeth that they have.



CHESTNUT

Chestnut class have come back from the half term break full of beans and ready to learn. We have started our new class text in our writing lessons and explored features within adverts and how they can make us feel by using effective sound, colour and camera angles.

This week we also started our DT unit 'Moving Mechanisms' exploring pneumatics and why they are used in lifting heavy equipment and machinery.

Finally, a huge well done to both Year 5 and Year 6 for their truly beautiful singing at the Hever Castle Christmas Fair. We had many lovely comments from family, friends and the general public saying how brilliant the children sounded. Well done to all!



OAK

I have been really impressed with how well Oak class have settled in this week. In English, they wrote exciting stories about a dog-sledge adventure, taking on the role of Matthew Henson.

In maths, they explored divisibility rules and prime numbers. They have also conducted an experiment on water resistance in science, and they also took part in the church christmas card competition.





Forest School

This week we played some 'Forest School Bingo' to see how many things we could match on a scavenger hunt working as a team. Acorn class also investigated the different shapes, sizes and colours of leaves using them to make some leaf super hero masks.

Meanwhile, Willow class learnt about why some leaves change colour and fall, reacquainted themselves with fire safety and made an Autumnal mosaic using waxed leaves.



Free CPR and defibrillator session

Date Monday 11th November 2024

Time 1900

Location Edenbridge Fire Station

Limited places available, to book yours visit
kent.fire-uk.org/events
 or scan this QR code

Kent Fire & Rescue Service together

**FENCEATHON
WORLD RECORD
RELAY**

THE LEON PAUL FENCING CENTRE, UK

One of our ex-pupils Hugo Lancaster, will be one of the youngest fencers taking part in an official fencing World Record Attempt this weekend. It will be at the Leon Paul Fencing Centre in London in memory of James Williams (Hugo's coach). The current world record is 12 hours and 188 fencers, and they will be aiming for 15 hours and 189+ fencers. If you would like you would like to sponsor Hugo, please click here:
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/fenceathon-fundraising-for-the-james-williams-foundation>

School meals at Hever Primary School
<https://www.hever.kent.sch.uk/school-meals/>
 Thank you for booking your school dinners in advance.
 Please email the school office with any comments or feedback—many thanks.



Emma's Kitchen

**** Snacks—Reminder! ****

Early Years (Reception class) and KS1 (Yr1 & Yr2) are provided a break-time snack supplied by the school.

KS2 (Yr3/4/5/6) are required to bring in their own snack of fruit/veg/plain breadsticks/plain rice cakes (unless your child is Pupil Premium).

School Office

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weekend	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
SUNDAY	11th November:	12th November:	13th November:	14th November:	15th November:
AM: Remembrance Service 10.30am Edenbridge High St		Odd Socks Day (See ParentMail)		Children in Need collection day (See ParentMail)	KS2 Poetry Recital (St Peter's Church)
PM: Forest Church 3pm St Peter's Church		Netball Vs Weald (away)			

*** ANTI BULLYING WEEK ***

Tuesday 19th November — NHS Height & Weight measurements (Yr R & Yr 6 only)

Wednesday 20th November — Year 4 Bore Place Trip

PTA Update

What an amazing few weeks! Massive well done to everyone who was part of the bonfire team, the builders creating the most beautiful float, costume queens, lights and sound, safety, lifeboat crew, walking party - it was such a massive achievement and the children have the best time. More help is always needed in the future so try and get involved next year. We were delighted to win the main cup - THE LAVER CUP - for the second year running, as well as a number of costume prizes. Brilliant job everyone! The Scouts will be after us next year!

First week back and we had our AMAZING Hever Christmas Fair, led by Megan. It is the most wonderful community event, we will find out how much raised in the next week or so. Thanks to Megan and everyone who caked, sold and bought and of course a massive thank you to Hever Castle who very kindly allow us to host the event in their beautiful Guthrie Pavilion.

With Christmas a-coming - check out our Christmas events below - book as early as you can to help us out and a few tickets left for our ball, would be great to sell this out this term so please buy now if you want to come.

Christmas Wreath Workshop - Thursday 5 December 7pm - A lovely evening where you learn how to make a wreath from a professional florist with mince pies and mulled wine! £38 - book now at www.pta-events.co.uk/heverprimaryschool Friends from outside the school welcome.

Christmas Bazaar - Booking closes 22 November – this is the Christmas shop for the kids. This will take place in December in school but gifts are pre-bought. www.pta-events.co.uk/heverprimaryschool Maximum of three gifts per child.

Hever School Fundraising Ball - Saturday 26 April 2025

Limited tickets left so make sure you book soon! The last ball was in 2018 so it only happens every few years.

Full tickets including a sparkling drinks reception on the Loggia, a three course meal and wine in the Guthrie Pavilion followed by a live band, entertainment and dancing (initial deposit £35 - final payment of £50 due by 31 Jan 2025): <https://buy.stripe.com/bIYeYq4S6dVU3tu3cc>

Dancing only tickets (initial deposit £15 - final payment of £10 due by 31 Jan 2025): <https://buy.stripe.com/14k5nQcky6tsfccblj>

Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools - still ongoing - please sign up!

Have a great weekend everyone!

The PTA Trustees

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Fundraising Update

2024-2025

Fundraising Total: £2756

PROJECTS

Playground: COMPLETE!

**Outdoor/Wellbeing
Classroom: £1915**



**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!