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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

What a great job our head boy Tristan and head girl Olivia did representing our school at the Edenbridge Remembrance parade on Sunday. Thank you to Mrs Reddaway for arranging for us to be part of this and thank you to the other staff and families who supported it. Our own Remembrance Service was especially memorable this year, with our Year 6 pupils reading clearly confidently and Mrs de Moraville coordinating the timing to seamlessly link in with the firing of the canon at Hever Castle, to mark the two minutes silence. The children were incredibly sensible and respectful and despite it genuinely making us all jump, it was a very powerful way to mark this important occasion.

Choosing respect has been a strong theme running across the week with Odd Socks Day reminding us to celebrate diversity and our own uniqueness and our Children in Need/Umoyo day reminding us of the importance of reaching out and helping others.

It was lovely to welcome Councillor Laurence Ball and Councillor Chrissy Hudson to our Poetry Recital Competition today; they were very complimentary and clearly enjoyed being part of the event. Special thanks to George de Moraville for taking the time to give each child individual feedback on their performance, highlighting the range of talents showcased. We were very proud of all our children and special congratulations to the winners in each year group.

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
1 st	Evelyn Luck	Poppy Scott	Erin Harding	Jack House
2 nd	Jessica House	George Fletcher	Tom Johnson	Evie Harris
3 rd	Eva Lunn	Chloe Hopkins	Esme Crooks	Elsie Inglis

Thank you to Chris Browne's team at CBC Ltd for the great job they have done on extending the Bell Room which is now finished. Mrs de Moraville and Year 6 are looking forward to moving back in there at the start of next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Bligh



HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to Kestrel!

Kestrel 284

Eagle 277

Falcon 228



Star of the week

Acorn: Freddie

Magnolia: Willow

Elderberry: Apollo

Elm: Gabby

Willow: Rory

Chestnut: George

Oak: Poppy

Christian Value of the Week: Courage

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God."

Matthew 5:9



Birthday Announcements

Lily, Eagle Child,
Lenny B



Golden Book Award

Willow: Phoebe



Attendance Cup

Well done

Magnolia Class!

99% attendance



Last week's whole school attendance:

95%

The Week in Photos—Early Years & Key Stage 1

ACORN

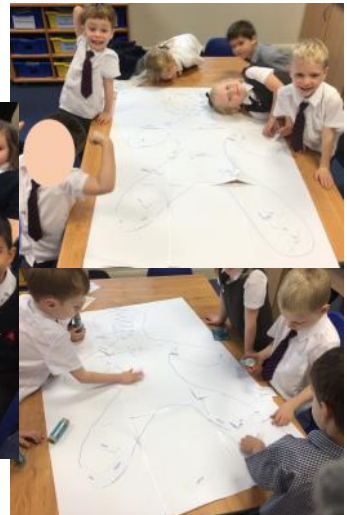
The Acorns have had a very busy week, beginning with joining the rest of the school for the Remembrance Service at the Church.

We celebrated Odd Socks Day, where we talked about why it is good to be unique and all different, got spotty for Children in Need, as well as learning about Diwali, the festival of light!



MAGNOLIA

This term, Magnolia Class have started a new science topic where we will be learning about human senses. We labelled different body parts that we already knew on a life-size model. We then learnt the names of other parts and added them on. This week the children have counted the number of different body parts to see if we notice any patterns! We then discussed why we think we have a certain amount of each part of our body.

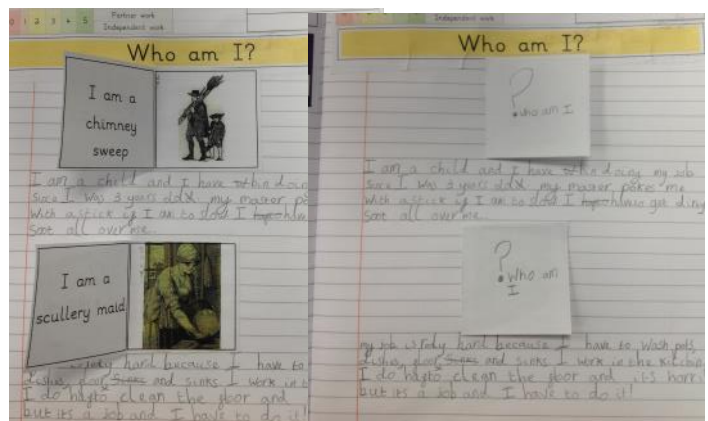


ELDERBERRY

Elderberry class have enjoyed learning about the jobs people did in 1666 and writing 'Guess Who Clues' in English.

On Tuesday we celebrated our individuality by wearing odd socks and over the week have explored the theme of 'Respect' as part of Anti-bullying Week.

In history the children reflected on the life on Nelson Mandela and compared his actions to other activists we have learned about.



The Week in Photos—Key Stage 2

ELM

After a term focused on the significance of food hygiene, exploring various cooking methods, and honing essential food preparation skills like peeling, chopping, and slicing, the Elm class finally crafted their own pizzas. The delightful aromas filled the room, and the entire process was executed flawlessly from start to finish. Pizza Express had nothing on this talented group! We wrapped up the experience by finding a quiet spot to savour and appreciate every delicious bite.



WILLOW

On Tuesday 12th November we were all very excited to be wearing our odd socks for the day. Willow class showed off a variety of socks, such as spotty, stripy, short, long, monsters faces and fluffy to name but a few! The children welcomed the opportunity to be bare foot in the classroom and show off their individuality. We spent time discussing the fact that we are all unique and different and that we should celebrate and be accepting of these differences.



CHESTNUT

This week in Chestnut class we have been tackling the start of our multiplication and division unit where the children have shown superb understanding of common multiples. They have also been great scientists learning about mechanisms, their uses and how they allow a smaller effort to have a greater effect. We have celebrated a lot this week learning about Remembrance Day, Odd Socks Day for mental health awareness and Children in Need all whilst raising money and having great conversations about each celebration.

A fabulous week Chestnut class, well done!



OAK

This week, Oak class began a new English book titled 'Can We Save the Tiger?'. They enjoyed discovering fascinating facts about tigers and writing persuasive pieces to encourage others to help protect these magnificent animals for future generations. In science, the class explored the mechanics of levers, conducting experiments to see how changing the position of the fulcrum affects their function. Additionally, in history, the students have been intrigued by the lives of people from different social classes during the Shang Dynasty, comparing and contrasting their experiences.





Forest School

This week at Forest School, we investigated the different footprints of woodland animals and set up the nature cam so hopefully we can get some footage of the animals visiting. Acorn class also demonstrated teamwork helping each other to negotiate obstacles whilst going on a 'bear hunt'!

Meanwhile, Willow class tried their hand at whittling hazel to make something to take home.



KS2 Poetry Recital

Well done to all of the children for taking part in the KS2 Poetry Recital this year.

Congratulations to the finalists and the winners today.



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



**** Reminders ****

Snack: Please only bring in fruit / veg, plain breadsticks / rice cakes (this includes clubs)

Parking: Please ensure you park in the gravel area of the Hever Castle Car Park

Many thanks, School Office

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

COME to the BOOK FAIR

And earn
FREE BOOKS
for our
school!

Dates: each day from Monday 25th November - Thursday 28th November
When: 3.15pm – 3.45pm
Where: Hever School Hall

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Children in Need & Umoyo Project

Thank you for raising
£160 for the two
charities!



FENCEATHON
WORLD RECORD
RELAY

THE LEON PAUL FENCING CENTRE, UK

UPDATE:

Hugo Lancaster (an ex-pupil of Hever) took part in the World Record Attempt last weekend which lasted from 12:00 9 November to 03:02 10 November. 103 fencers took part, 3892 points were scored (1950 to Team Shenanigans - Hugo's team) and 396 bouts were fought. We will need to wait a few weeks for it to be ratified but fingers crossed they make a new world record. After the entry fees are added the fundraising total will be in excess of £7000.

Thank you so much to everyone for your support and enthusiasm on this it has meant the world to all of those involved.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weekend	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEKEND	18th November: Height & Weight Measurements (YrR & Yr6 ONLY)	19th November:	20th November: Year 4 Bore Place Trip	21st November: September 2025 Open Morning— 9.15am	22nd November:

***** ROAD SAFETY WEEK *****

Monday 25th—28th November — Scholastic Book Fair
Tuesday 26th November— Drumming workshop (all classes)

PTA Update

Book asap for our Xmas events below to help our planning. Our Christmas Wreath workshop is such a wonderful chilled evening, not only do you get to enjoy some creative time but you get to take home your amazing wreath for your front door! This is led by a wonderful florist who donates her time each year to do this. We are also excited to have launched our 2025 Quiz on Friday 28 February - start getting your teams together! We need to beat those teachers who currently hold the crown.

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. All profits come to the PTA so please get involved.

Christmas Bazaar - Booking closes 22 November – this is the Christmas shop for the children. 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



A poster for a Quiz Night event. At the top, it says "The Friends of Hever School Present Quiz Night". Below that, "all Welcome!". The event is on "FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2025" at "WI HALL, STATION ROAD, EDENBRIDGE, TN9 5LX". The "DOORS OPEN - 6:30PM" and "QUIZ STARTS - 7:30PM". A ticket costs "£15 pp" and includes "QUIZ ENTRY - FRESHLY COOKED MEAL". The ticket also includes "fish/sausage/halloumi & chips meal (vegan option available)". "Drinks can be purchased at the bar." Booking is at "quizzheverpta@gmail.com" for "Teams of up to 8". At the bottom, it says "ALL PROCEEDS GO TO HEVER C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA".