



Belonging . Courage . Perseverance . Compassion . Trust

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

As weeks go, this one will be hard to beat! Hopefully by now you will have read our Ofsted report and will know that we achieved Good in all four judgements: The quality of education; Behaviour and attitudes; Personal development; Leadership and management, and additionally in the quality of our Early Years provision. This is testament to the commitment of the whole staff team and we are grateful to the role played by governors and the parent community in supporting this.

The introduction to the report captures the things that are most important to us, living our values and ensuring that wellbeing and high standards of academic achievement go hand in hand. The body of the report highlights many of the areas that we have been focusing on and celebrates the impact of this work. I am incredibly proud of what has been achieved in a relatively short space of time and the strong foundation on which we can continue to build.

No sooner had we received our Ofsted report, than we received the SIAMS notification call! As a Church of England school, this is an equally important process for us and we are looking forward to welcoming Kate Penfold-Attride next Tuesday.

We had a high turnout for our open morning for prospective parents yesterday and lots of lovely positive feedback, with many visitors telling us that they had come on the recommendation of another parent so thank you again for being such great ambassadors for our school. In addition to doing a high number of individual tours, we have had to add a open morning due to the number of parents wanting to see the school!

Please look out for the information about the Umoyo fundraising activity which is being organised and run by School Council, next week. Based on their choice of activity, I am sure the children will be keen to participate!

We have 1st birthday celebrations for my grandson this weekend - I've no idea where that year has gone!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Bligh

HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to Eagle!

Eagle 281

Falcon 278

Kestrel 275



Star of the week

Acorn: Amelie

Magnolia: Bells

Elderberry: Grace

Elm: Eleanor

Willow: Eagle Child

Chestnut: Sophia

Oak: Max



Attendance Cup

Well done

Oak Class!

99% attendance



Last week's whole school attendance:

94%

Christian Value of the Week: Courage

"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."

Desmond Tutu



Golden Book Award

Acorn: Aaron

Magnolia: Sasha, Hazel

Elderberry: Toby W

Elm: Gabby, Finn, Poppy, Freya,

Sebastian, Daniela

Willow: George F

Oak: Elsie, Florence



Birthday

Announcements

Arlo, Kestrel Child, Elliot

The Week in Photos—Early Years & Key Stage 1

ACORN

This week, Acorn class have had lots of learning about road safety and how to safely cross the road at traffic lights and a zebra crossing. We had a visit from the Police on Monday who talked about what they do and how to stay safe, we looked at their Police car and tried on lots of their different uniforms!

Today we invited Ruban Tharmarajah in, who is Lexi from Year 3's dad. He talked about how and why they celebrate Diwali and then read the story of Rama and Sita to us. He was impressed with our Diwali knowledge and the vocab we had learnt last week!



MAGNOLIA

As this week is Road Safety Week, the children got an exciting visit from the Police! They spoke to us about the role that they do and how they keep us safe. We got to see their Police car, they flashed the lights for us and even sounded the sirens!

In Maths this week, Magnolia Class have started to look at subtraction.

We used counters to help us understand the action of 'taking away' before learning how to write subtraction number sentences using the minus sign.



ELDERBERRY

Elderberry class created pyramid poems about the Great Fire of London. They identified nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs to include in their poems and very proud of the results.

The children had a lot of fun in P.E. as they guided a partner around obstacles. They learned about the need for clear communication, co-operation and trust.

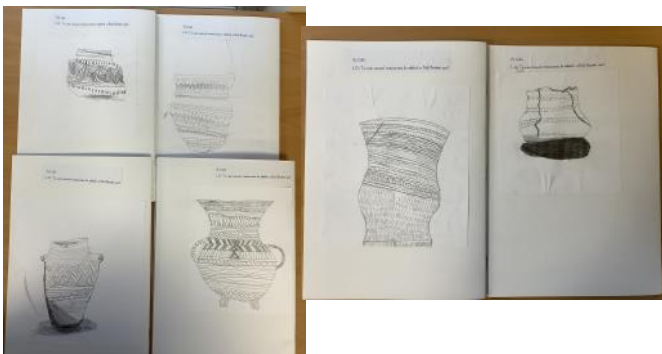


The Week in Photos—Key Stage 2

ELM

The children were given the opportunity to choose an image of a Bell Beaker pot and asked to identify elements of the pots they found interesting to sketch.

They were then encouraged to add annotations to their drawings, focusing on observations related to shape, pattern and form. This activity ties into their history studies on the different Ages.



WILLOW

This week, Willow class had a fabulous day at Bore Place, with a special focus on the theme *'Buying and Eating Foods in the Correct Seasons'*.

The children had the opportunity to explore the beautiful outdoors, spending plenty of time in the crisp, fresh air.

See later pages for more information & photos of the trip



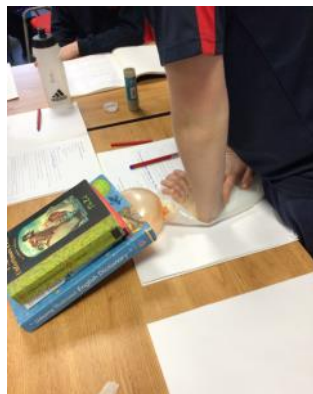
CHESTNUT

After a very busy week last week and an exciting poetry recital, Chestnut class have been continuing the hard work.

Especially in DT, learning about pneumatic systems and how compressed air can support the manoeuvring of heavy items. The children enjoyed using both balloons with bottles and plastic tubing with syringes to push the air through to see what would happen. They explored and experimented with how much air they started with for both mechanisms and noted the different results.

The children have also just started their Earth and Space unit in Science, discussing the solar system and order of the planets, which they have been very excited about!

Well done Chestnut class!



OAK

Oak class were thrilled to return to their newly improved classroom this week. They have settled in quickly and have taken pride in ensuring they look after their new surroundings.

In Maths, they confidently reinforced their skills in multiplying 2-digit numbers by up to 4-digit numbers.

During History, they delved into the fascinating topic of warfare in the Shang Dynasty, showing a particular interest in the use of chariots.

Their scientific curiosity led them to experiment with pulleys in science, testing various types and discovering how pulleys make lifting heavy loads easier.





Forest School

A very cold but sunny day at Forest School gave Acorn class the opportunity to warm themselves around a camp fire and try some outside cooking. We also checked the nature-cam to see if we had captured any footage of furry visitors during the week.

Meanwhile, Willow class learned how to make a compass using the time and the sun and working in teams, following instructions, to build 3 different types of shelter using differing techniques.



News From School Council....

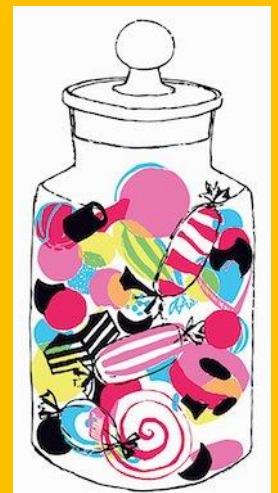
Next week, School Council are raising money for **Umoyo Community Project**.

'Can you guess how many sweets are in the jar?!'

Closest wins all the sweets!! 50p per entry.

Children can bring in 50p and school council will bring the jar of sweets to guess to classes next week.

Good Luck!



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




COME to the BOOK FAIR

And earn FREE BOOKS for our school!






Dates: each day from Tuesday 26th November—Friday 29th November
 When: 3.15pm – 3.45pm
 Where: Hever School Hall

Illustration from My Big Fat Smelly Poo Diary © John Smith, 2004

Willow Class Trip to Bore Place (continued)

This week, Willow class had a fabulous day at Bore Place, with a special focus on the theme 'Buying and Eating Foods in the Correct Seasons'. The children had the opportunity to explore the beautiful outdoors, spending plenty of time in the crisp, fresh air. The weather encouraged lots of outdoor fun, with puddles proving irresistible! The children had a blast splashing through them, searching for ice, and just enjoying the freedom of getting dirty and having fun in nature.

After all that adventure, it was time to return to the centre, where the real excitement began. The children rolled up their sleeves and set to work making delicious apple cobbler. They carefully followed the instructions, which involved measuring ingredients, melting butter, grating apples, slicing fruit, mixing everything together, and then baking it to perfection. The scent of the cobbler wafted through the air as they cooked, making everyone's mouths water.

At the end of the day, the children couldn't wait to taste their creations. The cobbler was a hit, and several of us agreed they were absolutely delicious. It was a day filled with learning, laughter, and of course, tasty treats!



UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weekend	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEKEND	25th November:	26th November:	27th November:	28th November:	29th November:
Christingle service at Holy Trinity Church Markbeece: 10am	Watching week (Drama Club)	Dance & Drumming Workshop SIAMS Inspection		Netball Vs Chidd (away)	Collect books from Scholastic Book Fair

*** Tuesday 26th— Friday 28th November — Scholastic Book Fair ***

Wednesday 4th December — Oak Class Bore Place Trip
Thursday 5th December— PTA Wreath-Making Workshop

PTA Update

Please support us by booking early for the things below - it makes life so much easier and allows the trustees to focus on other things. We also need volunteers for the Christmas Bazaar on the 13 December from 12pm till 3.15pm, if you can help during any part of this please get in touch.

Christmas Wreath Workshop - Thursday 5 December 7pm - **BOOKING CLOSES 25 NOVEMBER**

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/heverprimarieschool Friends from outside the school welcome. All profits come to the PTA and this is the most affordable workshop around so please book and get your friends to come!

Christmas Bazaar - **BOOKING EXTENDED TILL 29 NOVEMBER** – this is the Christmas shop for the kids. This will take place on Friday 13 December in school but gifts are pre-bought. Children who don't want to take part will be provided with Christmas colouring:

www.pta-events.co.uk/heverprimarieschool Maximum of three gifts per child. We would never want anyone to miss out so if you need financial support/to pay later please speak confidentially to the office.

Quiz Night - Friday 28 February 2025 - **Booking open now!** £15pp including a choice of delicious meals! Get your team (up to 8) together! Email: quizheverpta@gmail.com

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/b1YeYq4S6dVU3tu3cc>

Dancing only tickets (initial deposit £15 - final payment of £10 due by 31 Jan 2025):

<https://buy.stripe.com/14k5nQcky6tsfccblj>

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