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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Tuesday was a day filled with energy and excitement with the whole school participating in a mix of African dance and drumming with the IROKO workshop. This was jointly funded by a donation from Cowden Fete as a thank you for maypole dancing and by our school Sports Premium funding. It was a wonderful experience and it was clear that we have some very rhythmic children (and staff) in school!

Tuesday was also our SIAMS inspection and I would like to say a huge thank you to the whole team – staff and governors – for stepping up so soon after our Ofsted inspection to demonstrate what a great place Hever School is to learn and to work. Special thanks to Mrs de Moraville for all the work she does all year round to support us to live up to our foundations as a church school, enabling pupils and adults to flourish. Your children were amazing as always and, once again, we received great support from the parent community, thank you! We hope to have the SIAMS report to share with you before the end of term.

The children also participated in a slightly less energetic but equally important Road Safety presentation from KCC this week, as part of their PSHE curriculum. I hope they will remember and be able to share some of the key messages with you at home.

Thank you for supporting the children with their first fundraising event for the Umoyo Community Project this week; Bridget Wolfe will be joining us for worship on Monday to announce the winner. Thank you also for your generous donations for the Christmas hampers today. This is always a popular fundraiser so please look out for the raffle tickets which the PTA will be sending home next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Bligh

HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to Falcon!

Falcon 234

Kestrel 229

Eagle 205



Star of the week

Acorn: Noah

Magnolia: Sasha

Elderberry: Harry

Elm: Dylan

Willow: Evie

Chestnut: Erin

Oak: Jack



Attendance Cup

Well done

Elm Class!

100% attendance



Last week's whole school attendance:

96.7%

Christian Value of the Week: Courage

"Don't let anyone be discouraged."

1 Samuel 17:32



Golden Book Award

Acorn: Ralph

Elderberry: Remy, Toby W

Elm: Jessica

Birthday

Announcements

Freya S, Delilah, Alfie

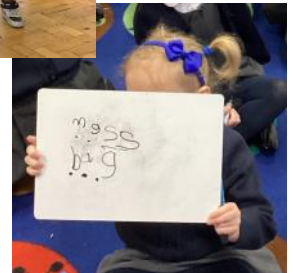


The Week in Photos—Early Years & Key Stage 1

ACORN

This week the Acorn class have completed Phase 2 of our phonic scheme and are becoming superstar blenders and readers!

We also really enjoyed a PE lesson where we worked on our gross motor skills using dance and ribbons, practising our letter formations in the air with big movements!



MAGNOLIA

Magnolia class are coming towards the end of their 'Shade and Shelter' project in DT. Throughout the term, Magnolia class have learnt about different shelters. They investigated the range of materials used as well as the purposes of these shelters.

Last week the children followed a criteria to help them design their own, and this week, the children finally got the opportunity to build them! The children created some fantastic prototypes and showed great team work to help one another. Thank you so much to parents for providing the class with so many junk modelling materials.



ELDERBERRY

The highlight the week was the visit from the Iroko group from Nigeria. The children were spell-bound in the story-telling session, participating enthusiastically with call and response in the very entertaining traditional tale.

In the drumming workshop they learned the names for the drums and used the call and response themes from the story to create rhythm patterns on the djembe. There were lots of smiles in the dance workshop as everyone learned traditional Nigerian dance moves.



The Week in Photos—Key Stage 2

ELM

During the Djembe drumming session, the children explored rhythm and tone, learning how to respond rhythmically to the lead drummer's call. They were introduced to three distinct rhythms, and once they had mastered each one, they combined all three into a cross-rhythm, a challenging but exciting task that required coordination and focus.

The children particularly enjoyed adding chanting to the rhythms, which enhanced the overall experience. There was clear enthusiasm and natural talent among the group, with many budding drummers emerging. It was a truly immersive and culturally rich experience, leaving everyone with a memorable "wow" moment.



WILLOW

This week in maths the children have been subtracting two 4-digit numbers with more than one exchange. The children had to think carefully about which digit needed exchanging and how this would be presented on the place value chart and then on the column method.

We also had a fabulous time learning and performing a dance with the Iroko company. The children got thoroughly involved and there was lots of hip movement, knee bouncing, singing, smiling and laughter. Hopefully you heard all about it Tuesday after school.



CHESTNUT

This week in class we've been exploring squared numbers, discovering how to use them within problem solving. In writing, we've been honing our writing skills by mastering modal verbs, learning how they can add precision and meaning to our sentences. Meanwhile, in DT, the children have been combining creativity and engineering by building our talking boxes using last week's designs and understanding of pneumatic systems - a fun and hands-on way to learn about mechanics! Finally, we enjoyed the Cultural Fiesta drumming workshop when IROKO came in to visit which the children loved. It's been a week full of curiosity and creativity!



OAK

Oak Class have had a week full of exciting activities! They participated in an engaging drumming workshop with IROKO and listened so well that the musician was able to teach them some complex rhythms and rounds.

In DT they made pneumatic systems to create a 'talking box'... many of which were brought to life as monsters or animals!

They also enjoyed reading with their Acorn buddies, a new Friday afternoon tradition they are already looking forward to each week.





Forest School

This week Acorn class learned about hibernation and what woodland animals might hibernate over winter. We also made some cosy places the animals might like to use for their long winters sleep.

Meanwhile, Willow class got crafty decorating an autumnal night light lantern using a jam jar and leaves to take home.



Christingle service—Thursday 5th December

On Thursday 5th December we will be having our Christingle service. This is for all year groups and will be held in St Peter's church.

Please provide an orange and some small sweets for your child by Wednesday 4th December.

Dolly mixtures, small marshmallows and raisins work well.

We will provide all of the other resources needed.

This service is for the school only.

Mrs de Moraville



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 ****

Regarding lost property:

Named Items: Will be returned to your child

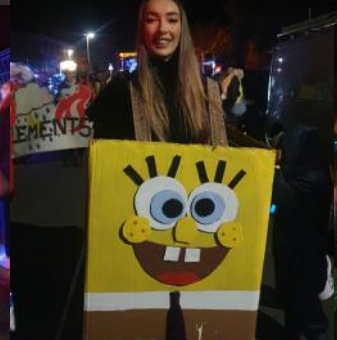
Unnamed Items: Will be put in the lost property box at the front of the school

Many thanks, School Office

Bonfire Parade & Awards

Huge thank you to everyone who helped to build the float, make costumes and those who participated in the Bonfire Parade!

Also a huge 'Thank You' to those who attended the Bonfire Award Ceremony and congratulations to all of the winners!



UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| Weekend | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|----------------|--|----------------------|--|---|----------------------|
| WEEKEND | 2nd December: LAST ORDERS FOR CHRISTMAS LUNCH (Book via ParentMail) | 3rd December: | 4th December: Year 6 Bore Place Trip Please bring in Christingle sweets by today | 5th December: PTA Wreath Marking Event | 6th December: |

Monday 9th December — In-house panto (EYFS & KS1)

Wednesday 11th December — Prospective Parents Open Morning (2/2)

PTA Update

Thank you for all the fabulous donations this morning for our Christmas Hampers. Raffle tickets will be available in the next week so please get selling! Massive well done to Megan and Amy from the grants group for securing £10,000 CIL funding for the Outdoor/Wellbeing Classroom and thank you again to Edenbridge Council for supporting our school. It was so lovely to hear how much the councillors believed in our school vision and the work Mrs Bligh and all of Team Hever are doing. Grants make a massive difference to our fundraising however they do take time. We have a number of small jobs coming up which it would be great to get volunteers for to allow focus on more grants and hopefully we can complete this project in 2025! We will be advertising these on FB soon.

We have kept our Christmas bookings open till today for payday - please book by 11.30pm tonight!

Christmas Wreath Workshop - Thursday 5 December 7pm - **BOOKING CLOSING TONIGHT** -

A lovely evening learning how to make a wreath with 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 go to the PTA and it is the most affordable workshop around so please book and invite your friends too!

Christmas Bazaar - **BOOKING CLOSING TONIGHT** - 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/heverprimaryschool 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/bIYeYq4S6dVU3tu3cc>

Dancing only tickets (initial deposit £15 - final payment of £10 due by 31 Jan 2025):
<https://buy.stripe.com/14k5nQcky6tsfcb1J>

Have a great weekend everyone!

The PTA Trustees
heverpta@hever.kent.sch.uk xxx



Fundraising Update

2024-2025

Fundraising Total: £12,756

PROJECTS

Playground: COMPLETE!

Outdoor/Wellbeing

Classroom: £11,915



The Friends of Hever School Present

Quiz Night

All Welcome!

£15 pp

QUIZ ENTRY - FRESHLY COOKED MEAL

FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2025
WI HALL, STATION ROAD, EDENBRIDGE, TN8 5LX

DOORS OPEN - 6:30PM
QUIZ STARTS - 7:30PM

Ticket includes fish/sausage/halloumi & chips meal (vegan option available). Drinks can be purchased at the bar.

Booking quizheverpta@gmail.com
Teams of up to 8.

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