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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Now that the School Development Plan has been finalised with our Governors, I thought it might be helpful to share our priorities for the coming year:

Leadership & Management	1. To continue to develop subject leadership across the wider curriculum to ensure the effective delivery of a well-structured and ambitious curriculum, providing appropriate challenge and meeting the needs of all our children, including pupils with SEND.
Quality of Education	2. (i) To develop assessment, particularly in the foundation subjects, to ensure systematic and timely use of assessment at all stages of the learning journey to check that all children have the knowledge they need before moving on to a new lesson or topic and adapt next steps accordingly. (ii) To motivate, monitor and manage pupils' independent reading practice, building their stamina and fluency and developing word recognition and language comprehension skills.
Personal Development	3. To build a more active 'outward' culture, guided by our Christian vision and values, to support pupils to become responsible, respectful and active citizens and enable them to impact positively and reciprocally on people's lives.
Behaviour and Attitudes	4. Strengthen collaboration between home and school to foster a whole school culture of parental support for learning and attendance (including punctuality), facilitated by timely information and support from school.
Early Years Provision	5. To support children to clearly articulate their thinking and reasoning using appropriate vocabulary across all areas of the EYFS curriculum, particularly in mathematics.

You will see that these naturally build on last year's focus areas, to embed and extend the work we have started. In particular, we want to continue to develop effective collaboration between home and school to support all children's learning and progress.

At the end of last year, our plans for school trips generated a lot of excitement and we are looking forward to enhancing children's learning through the range of opportunities offered. We rely on parental support to ensure we have sufficient adults for these to go ahead, so please talk to the office about completing a DBS check if you haven't already and please volunteer if you are able.

We are also looking for a small group of volunteers to help with sorting and scanning the books in the library as part of our new reading system. This is quite a big job but can easily be undertaken in short bursts so even if you could spare a couple of hours, it would be appreciated. If you could organise a small class group and come in and do it together, that would be even better - many hands make light work! Once we have all the books in the library scanned and labelled, the children will have access to a wider choice of books and we will also be ready to start ordering additional texts. Please contact the school office if you are able to help.

Let's hope this sunshine lasts until the weekend!

Mrs Bligh

HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to Kestrel!

Kestrel 221

Eagle 204

Falcon 181



Star of the week

Acorn: Aubrey

Magnolia: Dylan

Elderberry: Amelia

Elm: William M

Willow: Jack

Chestnut: Gabriel

Oak: Olivia



Attendance Cup

Well done

Willow!

97.6% attendance



Last week's whole school attendance:

93.6%

Christian Value of the Week: Wisdom

"Everyone who hears these things I say and obeys them is like a wise man. The wise man built his house on rock." **Matthew 7:24**



Birthday Announcements

Finn, Eve, Bells,
Rupert, Izzy P



Golden Book Award

Elderberry: Apollo
Elm: Austin, William M & Amelie
Chestnut: Oliver
Oak: Olivia

The Week in Photos—Early Years & Key Stage 1

ACORN

Well done Acorn class on your first full week at school! Phonics started and we have learnt 4 phonemes already and they were also so good with listening to instructions in their first PE lesson.

We have been so lucky to have our wonderful Year 6 buddies to care for their Acorn at lunchtimes, supporting them with the routines of the lunch hall and then playing with them during lunchtime playtime! Lots of firsts but lots of fun too!



MAGNOLIA



This week, Magnolia Class have been great artists! We are exploring "Funny Faces and Fabulous Features". We have looked at a range of portraits, many of which made us laugh!



The children practised their cutting and sticking skills to create their own collages to create a funny face. The children enjoyed looking at each others final outcomes and sharing positive feedback about their work.

ELDERBERRY

Elderberry class have had another amazing week! In maths they have been exploring how to partition numbers into tens and ones and to represent numbers using equipment, numerals, words and jottings.

Many children were keen to take on the role of school councillor and had written thoughtful manifestos which they presented with impressive confidence! The children learned what democracy is and enjoyed casting their votes in our class ballot box. Well done to everyone who took part, it's a shame we couldn't have all of you but that would have been nearly the whole class!





Forest School

Acorn class had their first Forest School adventure today at our very own school nature area. We learnt how to be safe at Forest School and our woodland song. We also played a nature hunt game and explored to see what was living under the logs!

Meanwhile, Magnolia class went foraging for blackberries and made a campfire to cook some yummy sweet blackberry bread.



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



**** September 2025 Admissions ****

Our open morning will be on:
Thursday 21st November

Please email: admissions@hever.kent.sch.uk
for more information.



Congratulations to our new School Council Members!

Year 6: Jack and Evie

Year 5: Evita and Gabriel

Year 4: Phoebe and Maisy

Year 3: Enzo and Amelie

Year 2: Lily and Remy

Year 1: Jude and Hazel

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weekend	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	23rd September:	24th September:	25th September:	26th September:	27th September:
		Bikeability—Yr 6	Bikeability—Yr 6 Bore Place —Yr 5	Bikeability—Yr 6 Harvest Festival Service	

Thursday 3rd October—National Poetry Day

Friday 4th October—Yr 1 Phonics Meeting and children's poetry recital

Thursday 10th October—School photos: Individual & Siblings

PTA Update

An amazing first week with **£1000 being awarded from GSBT** towards our Outdoor/Wellbeing Area - well done to the grants team! Tickets still available for the DISCOs and we need more volunteers so please sign up! If we don't get enough volunteers we can't run things so we depend on you!

Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools- £150 in the pot for less than 2 minutes of your time and no cost to you! It's as easy as 1,2,3

1. Download the **Asda Rewards app** (not the Asda Grocery App) and register. Click on 'Cash pots' at the bottom. Select 'Join Cashpot for Schools' - put in HEVER PRIMARY= **£1 to the school!**
 2. If you don't shop in Asda, you don't need to do anything else except pass it on, thanks for your £1!
 3. If you do shop in Asda, then between 2nd September and 30th November 2024 – every time you shop using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to Hever. Result!
- Remember, anyone can sign up, parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, neighbours, etc – so start spreading the news and raising funds for our school!

PTA Zoom AGM - Tuesday 1 October 20:00

Our annual AGM is in a couple of weeks. We will be electing the Chairs, Secretary and Treasurer. We are lucky enough to have the current trustees happy to stand again, however, please email heverpta@hever.kent.sch.uk if you would like to be involved. We also have core committee roles which involve voting on our funds—please email if you are interested.

Edenbridge Bonfire Parade - Saturday 2 November

The building committee are getting moving on this year's float, **200th Anniversary of the RNLI** - think lifeboats, sea creatures, mermaids, lifeguards - it is going to be amazing! Remember the parade is open to all years with our Acorns going on the float, other years walking alongside. A main sign up will be coming out shortly, however please email heverpta@hever.kent.sch.uk to get involved now.

Friday 27 September: Acorn Family Disco – WI Hall 16:30-17:30

At the end of their first full week Acorns and their families are welcome to come and boogie on down! Any older children booked for the 'Back to School Disco' (as below) can stay. Book at: www.pta-events.co.uk/heverprimaryschool

Friday 27 September: Back to School Disco – Year 1 to Year 6 – WI Hall 18:00 – 19:30

Boogie down with DJ Luck at our first disco of the year. Book tickets at: www.pta-events.co.uk/heverprimaryschool

Friday 25 October: Legoland Discount Day on our Inset Day!

If over 50 people book we can get tickets to Legoland (normally from £29-39) for a bargain price of £16 per ticket! All money will be refunded if we don't get 50 bookings! Book tickets at: www.pta-events.co.uk/heverprimaryschool

Have a great weekend everyone!

The PTA Trustees

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Fundraising Update

2024-2025

Fundraising Total: £1150

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!