



Belonging . Courage . Perseverance . Compassion . Trust

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Collaborative working and sharing good practice is an important part of teachers' professional development within and between schools. This week marked something of a milestone in our school improvement journey as we hosted a visit from the writing lead from another local primary school. Last year, we shared the same School Improvement Adviser (Mark Rivers) who suggested that they come and look at our teaching of writing as this is a focus on their school development plan. It is testament to Mrs de Moraville's leadership of writing, and to the consistent implementation by teachers across the school, that we are in a position where the LA improvement advisor is recommending that other schools come to look at our practice.



Thank you for all your generous donations for our Harvest celebration this week which will be passed to the Edenbridge Food Bank to support our local community. You may remember that this is a focus on our school development plan and School Council will be meeting for the first time next week to think about how we can develop this.

Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils for their perseverance in completing their cycling proficiency this week, despite the weather!

We hope to see many of our Year 1 parents at our phonics meeting next week (details to follow) which will be followed by a short poetry recital by Year 1 and Year 2 children to mark National Poetry Day.

Key Stage Two pupils will be encouraged to start thinking about which poem they would like to perform for our annual poetry recital, which will be held in Term 2.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Bligh



Christian Value of the Week: Belonging

"Give, and you will receive. You will be given much. It will be poured into your hands—more than you can hold. You will be given so much that it will spill into your lap. The way you give to others is the way God will give to you." Luke 6:38



Birthday Announcements

Dylan B, Eli



Golden Book Award

Magnolia: Arlo
Elderberry: Freya, Amelia, Toby W
Elm: Charlie

HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to Kestrel!

Kestrel 286

Eagle 258

Falcon 257



Star of the week

Acorn: Anya

Magnolia: Nakai

Elderberry: Imogen

Elm: Amelie

Willow: Mia

Chestnut: Whole Class

Oak: Rufus



Attendance Cup

Well done

Acorn Class!

99% attendance



Last week's whole school attendance:

92.8%

The Week in Photos—Early Years & Key Stage 1

ACORN

This week we have been embedding routines and enjoying our topic of 'Me and My Community'. After a good song and dance of head, shoulders, knees and toes we all drew our faces and our families. We have also looked at what our friends mean to us and how we can make new friends.

At the end of the week, the Acorns walked up to the Church with our lovely year 6 buddies and sang 'Big Red Combine Harvester' and then had a look around the church and grounds in preparation for future services with the rest of the school.

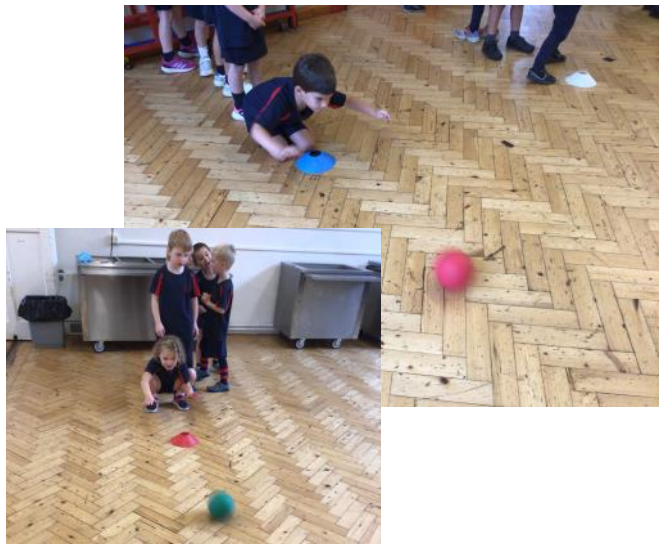
What a wonderful week!



MAGNOLIA

In Magnolia class's P.E. lesson this week, we have been focusing on 'ball skills' the children practised rolling different balls (small, medium and large) toward a target. With practise, the children became more accurate with their rolls.

Well done Magnolia class on our first trip to the Church. The children sat and listened really well as we joined the rest of the school for Harvest celebration.



ELDERBERRY

Elderberry class have had another fantastic week of learning. In science the children sorted foods into the five main groups and learned what it means to have a balanced diet.

They learned all about Emmeline Pankhurst in history and discussed whether she should have protested in the way she did to gain votes for women.

In P.E. The children have been working on dribbling a ball by bouncing it and passing with a chest pass.



The Week in Photos—Key Stage 2

ELM

In P.E. we've been honing in on our passing techniques by playing some fun games which encourage concentration and accuracy. Learning that we can only pass to the side or pass the ball backwards to work quickly as the attacking team and moving the ball on the move in order to score.

We've then been using the tags belts to safely defend against the attackers to stop them from scoring.

The children thoroughly enjoy trying to catch each other's tags and we are building up to playing a full game of tag rugby in the coming weeks.



WILLOW

This week in Willow class we have been learning to flexibly partition numbers up to 10,000. The children used the place value counters to make the numbers and identify the parts. They then had to see if they could partition the same number in two more ways.

In Geography we have been using the atlases to find different countries and capital cities. The children worked hard to use the world map to identify the continent that the country was in and then found the page the continent was on to locate the capital city.



CHESTNUT

Chestnut class have had a great week learning both in and outside the classroom. In our writing lessons the children have been learning about Mae Jemison, the first female, black astronaut to travel into space describing her mission from inside the space shuttle. The use of descriptive language has been great to read.

Earlier in the week, we visited Bore Place where the children learnt all about the new calves on the farm, even squeezing in some gentle petting and helping out in the barn.

Whilst on the visit, the class also had the opportunity to hear and learn about the different sounds bats make using a bat detector. There were many inquisitive questions asked throughout the day and everyone showed a willingness to learn, well done Chestnut class!



OAK

Many of the children in Oak class have enjoyed Bikeability training this week. They have learnt to safely prepare themselves and their bike for a journey; show they can set off, slow down, stop; and master pedalling whilst looking around, turning, avoiding hazards, breaking and changing gear.

They developed confidence in their abilities on the playground (level 1) and then went onto the roads around Hever to put their new skills in to practice (level 2).

They were lucky to avoid too much rain and enjoyed the training. They received badges and certificates for their achievements.





Forest School

This week Acorn class re-capped on how to stay safe at Forest School all ready for our first visit to the woodland next week. We also learnt some Forest School games and got creative making bug hotels & our own 'bugs' to take home.

Meanwhile, Magnolia class also got creative learning how to lash sticks to make a picture frame to present their Forest School nature artwork. We also set up a weather station to discuss and record the findings next week.

As the weather turns a bit wetter and colder, please remember gloves and waterproofs for your child.



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



**** Polite Reminder ****

Please drive carefully whilst parking and dropping off / collecting your child.

Thank you.

School Office

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
30th September:	1st October:	2nd October:	3rd October: CENSUS DAY National Poetry Day	4th October: Yr 1 Phonics Meeting & KS1 children's poetry recital (details TBC)	5th October: Litter picking Hever Parish Field: Saturday 5th October 9.30am

Wednesday 9th October—Year 6 Bore Place Trip

Thursday 10th October—School photos: Individual & Siblings

Friday 11th October—Reception Phonics Meeting and Stay & Play

PTA Update

We've had a busy day getting disco-tastic! Two more grants were received this week - one from Hever Parish Council for some rails for our new stage and another from Cowden Fete committee as a thank you for our Maypole Dancing! Well done to everyone involved. We are looking forward to seeing you all at the disco tonight and don't forget our zoom AGM next week!

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 NEXT TUESDAY. 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 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: £2047

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!