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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Tuesday evening was a great opportunity to celebrate everything achieved by our amazing PTA over the last year; not just an incredible amount of fundraising through grants and events but also all the social activities and the practical support they provide to our school. Thank you to all the many people who contribute, in whatever way they are able, but special thanks for the huge amount of time and commitment of the trustees – Megan Park, Amy Fletcher, Elissa Mitchell and especially Amy House.

We had the first visit from our new School Improvement Advisor, Louise Agle, last week. Like Mark Rivers, Louise is a practicing Ofsted Inspector, so we were pleased that her evaluation was that Hever is a Good school, based on the activities undertaken during her visit. It is good to have this endorsement from a set of fresh eyes, with Louise's experience.

It was lovely to see so many of our Year 1 parents at the Phonics Meeting this afternoon, who were joined by Year 2 parents for the KS1 Poetry Recital to mark National Poetry Day yesterday. I'm sure you'll agree the children were very clear and very confident; we were certainly very proud of them!

Don't forget the Hever Parish litter picking event,

meeting on the Parish Field at 9.30 tomorrow. Bring some gloves and other equipment will be provided.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Bligh



HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to Kestrel!

Kestrel 177

Falcon 169

Eagle 118



Star of the week

Acorn: Rosa
Magnolia: Jesse
Elderberry: Lily
Elm: Charlie
Willow: William
Chestnut: Elliot
Oak: Jessica

Christian Value of the Week: Wisdom

"Always remember what you have been taught. Don't let go of it. Keep safe all that you have learned. It is the most important thing in your life." **Proverbs 4:13**



Birthday Announcements

Poppy S, Freya M, Elsie,
Freddie, Rosa, Jesse



Golden Book Award

Magnolia: Cian F
Elderberry: Falcon Girl
Elm: William J



Attendance Cup

Well done

Acorn Class!

100% attendance



Last week's whole school attendance:

94.6%

The Week in Photos—Early Years & Key Stage 1

ACORN

This week Acorn class have had lots of Harvest fun and learning. We enjoyed learning the story of 'The Little Red Hen' and we met Miss Winder's red hen who loved the corn treats from the children's hands!

There has also been some fantastic learning through play and some beautiful conversations as we continue to make new friends with our classmates.



MAGNOLIA

It has been a busy week for Magnolia Class! The children have been getting familiar with their rekenreks, this new tool helps them with 'quick maths'. The children have been using their knowledge of numbers to 5 and 10 to help them with this learning.

In Geography this week, the children were following directional instructions on the playground! We used our key words 'left, right, forwards, backwards' to help us, until some of the instructions were blown away in the wind!



ELDERBERRY



In English we got to the part of the story where the boy takes the penguin home. The stormy sea images inspired some amazing vocabulary discussion and the children sorted words which best described a stormy sea.

The children then wrote imaginary diaries as one of the characters in the stormy sea. In science the children analysed food diary examples and decided whether the children were having a balanced diet.



The Week in Photos—Key Stage 2

ELM

The atmosphere was filled with enthusiasm as the children explored the significance of the skeletal system. They shared personal anecdotes about family and friends who have experienced broken bones, discussing the various layers of bones and their importance. The children were then tasked with using their newly acquired vocabulary to label and identify bones on one another.

Following this, we labelled Bob the skeleton and completed a question sheet.

This week, we introduced two new vocabulary words: Cranium and Mandible. Please ask your child if they can recall where these bones are located.

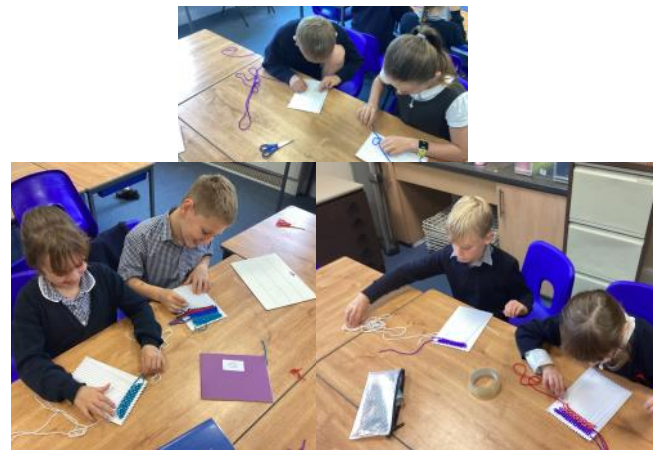


WILLOW

This week in Willow class there was much excitement as the children created their own weaved art, using different yarn.

They started by threading the yarn onto the loom and made the warp. They then had to carefully weave the weft under and over the warp, ensuring that they left a tail at the start and end of each colour.

The children worked with perseverance and determination and their weaved art is looking fantastic. I can't wait to see all of the finished products.



CHESTNUT

Chestnut class have been great scientists, showing superb scientific skill and understanding. Our lesson on friction led us to investigate the surfaces around the school and find the one with the most friction. The children planned a fair investigation in groups using a car, ramp and variety of surfaces.

The groups considered the variables that needed to change or stay the same for each test and conducted three tests for each surface. On a very wet morning, we whizzed outside in between the showers to complete the second part of the test.

Finally, we recorded the measurements and found the averages to compare. The trim trail was our winner!



OAK

In English this week, Oak class were introduced to the story of Matthew Henson, the polar explorer. They have been gripped by his story so far and can't wait to find out more about him. Their enthusiasm and interest has led to some good writing with a wide range of vocabulary.

Oak Class have also enjoyed art this week, experimenting with casting plaster. They will use what they have learnt in further projects with this medium over the next few lessons.





Forest School

A very excited Acorn class visited our wonderful Forest School setting for the first time this week where they did some exploring, learning the names of some of the trees, as well as climbing and den building.

Meanwhile, Magnolia class investigated our weather station findings and made some autumnal wreaths and jewellery.



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



**** Unnamed Items ****

Unnamed items will be put in the lost property box in front of the school until half term.

Anything left at the end of half term will go to second hand / charity bin / be thrown away.

School Office



Community Litter Picking—Hever Parish Field—Saturday 5th October

Come and join in! It is good fun, with free refreshments and great exercise. If possible, please bring own gloves and wear appropriate clothing and sturdy footwear.

Hi visibility vests and litter pickers can be provided, however if you have your own please do bring them.

Litter Pick details are as follows:

Hever Parish Field – Saturday 5th October 9.30 am

Any queries, please contact clerk@hever.org

Kind regards

Hever Parish Council

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weekend	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5th October: Saturday— Litter picking Hever Parish Field: 9.30am	7th October:	8th October:	9th October: Year 6 Bore Place Trip	10th October: School Photos— Individual & siblings	11th October: Yr R Phonics Meeting & Stay and Play

Friday 16th October—Year 1 to 6 Book Look (Details TBC)
Tuesday 22nd & Thursday 24th October—Parent Consultations
Friday 25th October—INSET DAY

PTA Update

Thanks to all the parents who volunteered at the disco and made it so fabulous for the kids, to DJ Luck for keeping the tunes coming and to Sol and Laurie for lending us their equipment again! We hope all the kids (and adults) had fun. This event makes a small profit so we will add this to our total once we do the numbers. Let us know if you have any ideas for future discos.

It was wonderful to see old and new faces at the AGM. We have to have an AGM legally as a charity, but it is a great time to take stock of what we have achieved in the year for a very small school. The minutes will be available shortly but headlines are below. Award for dedication to Elissa our secretary for tuning in when she has just given birth! Massive congratulations to her and family.

Highlights of AGM

New Trustees voted in for 24-25 - Amy House (Chair), Megan Park (Vice), Amy Fletcher (Treasurer), Elissa Mitchell (Secretary).

Core Committee Members voted in for 24-25 - (The core committee is our voting committee. Once the trustees have approved a spend from the school, the core committee validate it to make sure it meets our priorities as a PTA.) Sara Fisk, Naomi Wood, Mia Weatherill, Alex Enston, Emma Skorczewski, Jenny Alexander, Karen Kellaway, Andrea Palmer

- Key events for next year discussed -these will be available in the minutes;
- Thanks from Mrs Bligh to everyone who supports the school as part of the PTA;
- Thanks from the Chair to everyone, special mention to the other trustees who really are amazing;
- General celebrations at being able to raise - **£13,048.20** profit from events and approx **£20k** from grants (£17,352.91 in the PTA accounts as some goes direct to the school);
- Confirmation the majority of this fundraising has been used immediately to impact our children's educational experience so we as always are starting again!
- Big call for anyone to help look for grants - don't worry about applying for them - just find them and make sure we are eligible!

Events Meeting - Date TBC

We have a planned list of events for this year which we have capacity (with your support) to deliver. We will be having a catch up meeting to discuss these. If you have any feedback you would like to give please add it here or alternatively just email heverpta@hever.kent.sch.uk - this can be thoughts on anything from last year. Anyone is welcome to come to this meeting so please just email to get involved.

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! Sign up by Friday 11th October - www.pta-events.co.uk/heverprimaryschool

Friday 25 October: Legoland Discount Day on our Inset Day! - Deadline Thursday 10 October - no tickets can be added after this! We are almost there - 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

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: £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!