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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Having to de-ice the car this morning was a bit of a shock and a reality check that the chilly weather is on the way! One of the children asked me when they change to winter uniform and the answer is whenever they want to. We do not have fixed times for summer and winter uniform, mainly because our weather is so unpredictable and it makes more sense to dress for the weather than the time of year! The only caveat is that children should either wear summer or winter uniform and not a hybrid of the two please. Please check the website if you need any more information.

Thank you for your understanding with the change of day for Parent Consultations. There is always a slight risk when we send out dates well in advance that occasionally something has to change but we will always do our best to keep this to an absolute minimum. We look forward to seeing you at the Book Look ahead of this next Friday from 2.30-3.15pm (or 5.30-6.00pm for any parent/carers who need it). Year 3 parents are invited to come 2.30-3.15pm on Thursday (17th), as the children will be at Kent Life on Friday.

Rumour has it that work has started on this year's Bonfire float! It will be hard to beat last year's extraordinary creation but we are looking forward to this with great anticipation and hope to see many of you at this event.

Thank you to all the Reception parents who joined us for the Phonics meeting and stay and play today – it was great to see so many of you! We hope you found it helpful and enjoyed the opportunity to see how well our little Acorns have settled into school.

A final thanks to those people who joined us to support with the Hever Parish litter picking last weekend. It is good to be able to participate in community events like these.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Bligh



HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to Kestrel!

Kestrel 264

Falcon 261

Eagle 253



Star of the week

Acorn: Kestrel Girl
Magnolia: Falcon Girl
Elderberry: Freddie
Elm: Jessica
Willow: Mara
Chestnut: Falcon Girl
Oak: Evie



Attendance Cup

Well done

Magnolia class!

100% attendance



Last week's whole school attendance:

96.6%

Christian Value of the Week: Wisdom

"I praise you because you made me in an amazing and wonderful way. What you have done is wonderful. I know this very well." Psalm 139: 14

Birthday



Announcements

**William M, Charlie S,
Phoebe, Naevia,
Kestrel Girl (R), Max,
Jacob T & Mrs Johnson!**



Golden Book Award

Magnolia: Willow
Elderberry: Aurora Issy, Lenny
Willow: Phoebe, Eagle Girl
Oak: Max

The Week in Photos—Early Years & Key Stage 1

ACORN

This week the Acorns have become pumpkin crazy! In English we read the book 'Pumpkin Soup' and acted out the story using masks of the different characters. We then made some pumpkin soup of our own! First, we cut up the pumpkin with some fantastic chopping skills, then blended it up (this was our favourite part!) then finally trying it! Yummy!

We have also been exploring the size and weight of pumpkins and investigating the insides of them too, as well as planting the seeds in the hope we will have some growing soon!

As a continuation on our learning about Harvest, we also had a visit from Farmer James, who brought his tractor for us to see and sit in!



MAGNOLIA

This week, the children in Magnolia Class brought in objects and photos from an important event in their life!

Some children shared memories of siblings being born, favourite holidays, birthday parties and weddings.

Each of the children stood in front of the class to explain their object or photograph, it was lovely to hear about so many wonderful events! The children now have a better understanding of what History is!



ELDERBERRY

It's been another busy week of learning in Elderberry class.

In maths the children have enjoyed using tens and ones dice to generate numbers. They have used symbols and vocabulary to compare and sequence numbers.

In Geography the children have been learning about the points on a compass and have used them to help locate places in the UK.

In English the children identified how the boy was feeling in different parts of the story, using their ideas to write an imaginary diary entry.



The Week in Photos—Key Stage 2

ELM

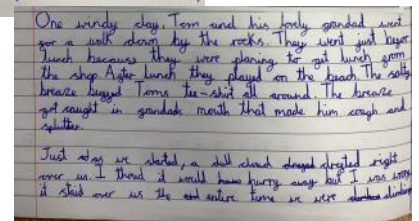
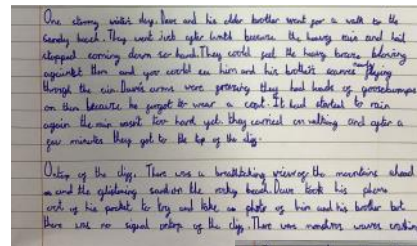
Elm class was full of energy on Friday as we put our food hygiene skills to the test. We gathered our utensils and set to work chopping, cutting, and grating with great enthusiasm (and a few tears, courtesy of the onions!).

Patience was key, as we used the slow cooker for our recipe. After adding all the nutritious vegetables to the pot, we cleaned up superbly and eagerly awaited the moment we could taste our creation. The results? Delicious! "Can I have a fourth helping?" was heard amidst the excited buzz of oohs and aahs. It's safe to say it was a huge success—five-a-day achieved and all fingers intact!



WILLOW

This week we have focused our writing on the Winter section from our text 'Seal Surfer.' The children used their senses to plan a section of narrative based on the Winter scene. They had to think carefully about what they might see, hear, smell or feel on top of the cliff, on the beach and on the way home. The children have worked extremely hard and should be very proud of their pieces of work.



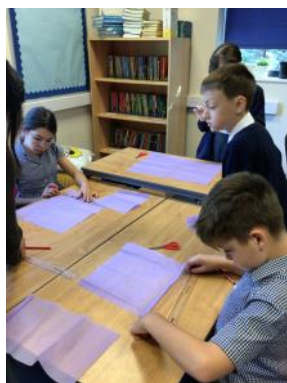
CHESTNUT

Another excellent week in Chestnut class bringing our Place Value unit to an end and starting to apply our knowledge to addition and subtraction.

The children have also been writing as Matthew Henson in our writing lessons, discussing the hardships Matthew faced and how seeking adventure ignited his passion for travelling to the North Pole. I hope they feel as proud as I am of their thoughtful answers and empathic understanding of Matthew's life.

We also enjoyed investigating air resistance in Science, making our own parachutes. The class even took them out at playtime, dropping them from different heights to explore what would happen - some nearly flying away!

Well done Chestnut class, you're amazing!



OAK

In English this week, Oak class have enjoyed learning more about the story of Matthew Henson. They have written letters in role as Matthew, recounting events and describing his thoughts and feelings.

In maths, they have started the addition unit of work, using place value grids and counters to secure their understanding.

They also enjoyed a wonderful day at Bore Place, learning about processed foods, making pumpkin flapjacks and exploring the farm environment.





Forest School

This week Acorn class investigated different leaves that can be found at Forest School and why some trees drop them in Autumn. We then used the leaves to create some colourful artwork.

Meanwhile, Magnolia class went on an adventure using teamwork to help each other over obstacles and solve the animal clues on route.



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



**** Arriving Late to School ****

If you are dropping your child off after 8.40am please ensure for safeguarding reasons that they are escorted to the school gate.

Many thanks,

School Office

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weekend	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
13th October: Forest Church St Peter's Church Hever	14th October: Yr 6 Restart a Heart Workshop	15th October:	16th October:	17th October: Book Look for Yr3 only 2.30-3.15pm	18th October: Yr3 Trip to Kent Life Book Look for Yr1 / Yr2 / Yr4 / Yr5 / Yr6 2.30-3.15pm & 5.30—6pm

Tuesday 22nd & Wednesday 23rd October—Parent Consultations
Friday 25th October—INSET DAY

PTA Update

Another small grant achieved this week of £120 to support some of the trips. Well done again grants group - remember everyone keep your eyes open for any foundations/trusts anything we can look at pulling in to support the school. Massive thank you to everyone who supported the bonfire cake sale - we raised around £200 which is wonderful! Initial bonfire signup closes today to guarantee fireworks tickets so make sure you sign up!

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 to the survey [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 deadline Friday 11th October** - www.pta-events.co.uk/heverprimaryschool An email confirming whether you are needed as a marshal or dressed up will be sent next week (we normally have to limit the number of marshals so if you want to dress up you definitely can so get sewing!).

Legoland Discount Day - Friday 25 October - Tickets will be sent out as soon as we have them next week. As we said before, this is not a fundraiser, just a nice thing we can offer so massive thanks to those sorting it out.

Hever Christmas Fair - Thursday 7 November - Last year this raised over £2000 for the school, we will need cakes for selling and volunteers to support! More information coming soon!

Hever School Fundraising Ball - Saturday 26 April 2025 - Emails requesting second instalments will be out shortly. There is still space if you haven't booked and you can still pay in instalments, please secure your tickets using the links below:

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/14k5nQcky6tsfccblj>

We only run a ball once every few years so make sure you get your ticket now otherwise you might miss out!

Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools- still ongoing - please sign up!

Have a great weekend everyone!

The PTA Trustees

heverpta@hever.kent.sch.uk xxx

Fundraising Update

2024-2025

Fundraising Total: £2167

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!