



Belonging . Courage . Perseverance . Compassion . Trust

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

The past few weeks have flown by and it is hard to believe that we are almost at half term. It has been a busy few weeks with Years 4, 5 and 6 all visiting Bore Place and Year 3 out at Kent Life today. Year R and 1 have had visits from a police officer and a farmer and Year 2 are out in our local environment today undertaking a traffic survey! Year 6 have also completed their Cycling Proficiency and the lifesaving Restart a Heart workshop.

Next week, we will be welcoming Sarah Mtonga and Bridget Wolfe from the Umoyo Project into school. This will link into the work on our School Development Plan of developing our pupils to become responsible and active citizens who impact positively on the lives of people within our community and beyond. I hope that your children will be able to tell you about the community in Malawi after the visit and how we plan to build links with them. We hope that part of this collaboration will involve the children organising some fundraising events over the coming months.

Whilst I hesitate to mention the word Christmas in October, our Year 5 and 6 children will be singing at the Hever Christmas Fair immediately after the break (Thursday 7th November) so please make a note to come along and support them if you can. You may already know that the school receives a generous donation each year from the proceeds of this event.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Bligh

HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to Kestrel!

Kestrel 180

Falcon 139

Eagle 120



Star of the week

Acorn: Larosa

Magnolia: Rupert

Elderberry: Remy

Elm: Eve

Willow: Maisy S

Chestnut: Elsie

Oak: Kestrel Girl

Christian Value of the Week: Belonging

"Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord. Happy are the people he chose for his very own. The Lord looks down from heaven. He sees every person."

Psalm 139: 14



Birthday Announcements

Aaron, Vienna



Golden Book Award

Elderberry: Lily

Willow: Phoebe, Poppy, Eagle Girl, Mara, Josie, Megan, William

Chestnut: Gabriel



Attendance Cup

Well done

Elm class!

98.8% attendance



Last week's whole school attendance:

94.5%

The Week in Photos—Early Years & Key Stage 1

ACORN

This week Acorn class have become super speedy with their phonic knowledge and they are also working so hard on their letter formations too!

The pumpkin farm shop is up and running in our outside area and there has been fantastic conversations between shop keepers and buyers.

We have really enjoyed calm time after lunchtime play in the afternoons as well as learning about the first signs of Autumn.



MAGNOLIA

In our Science lesson this week, Magnolia Class learnt how to use a Venn diagram. The children worked in groups to compare the properties of a variety of different things. They spotted similarities and differences to help them decide where on the Venn diagram they belonged.



Next week, the class will use this new knowledge along with what they have learnt about the properties of materials to help them sort objects.



ELDERBERRY

Elderberry have become authors this week, writing their own version of, 'Lost and Found'. In maths the children explored counting in threes using bricks, number lines and hundred squares.

In geography they have been finding out about the equator and the climate of places near and further away from it.

In art the children looked closely at beautiful shells and squashes and used different marks to make amazing life drawings.



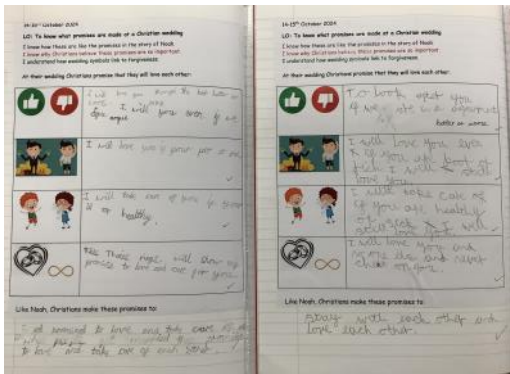
The Week in Photos—Key Stage 2

ELM

Elm Class has continued our Religious Education topic this term, titled 'People of God.'

This week, we revisited our previous discussions about God's covenant with Noah, highlighting Noah's commitment to care for the earth and its creatures.

We then explored another promise that Christians make to one another during marriage, examining the significance of these vows and the symbols used to represent them. Here are some examples.

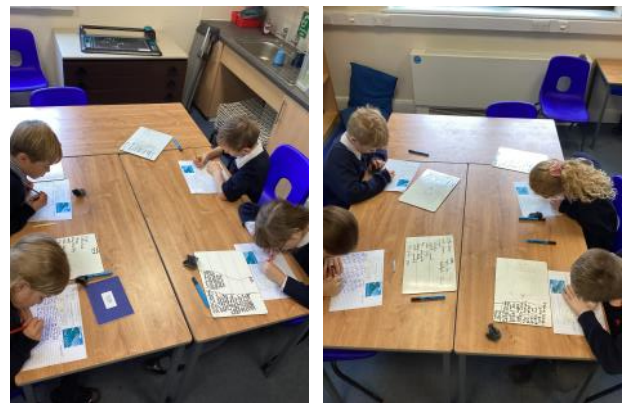


WILLOW

This week the children have written some amazing letters from the boy to his friend.

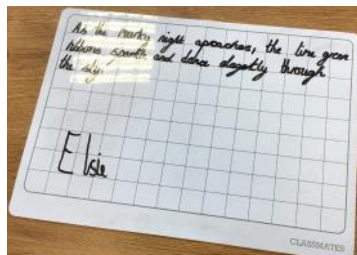
Then on Thursday, we planned our big write which will be a letter from the boy to his Grandad telling him all about the things that he has missed whilst he has been away.

The children are working extremely hard on the content and presentation of their work. Hopefully you enjoyed seeing some of their amazing writing at the Book Look.



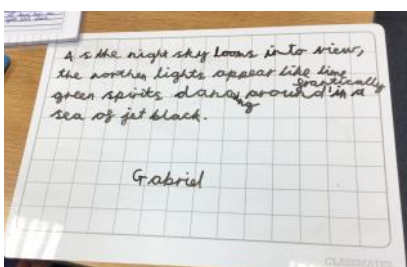
CHESTNUT

Chestnut have had another busy week enjoying our writing lessons, creating some strong extended sentences which each child has been particularly proud of!



The class have also been tackling our new addition and subtraction unit in math and have shown off what they learnt from the place value unit and applying their knowledge in rounding to estimate answers.

Both Chestnut and Oak Class have been strong team players in PE, playing Tag Rugby and getting very muddy! They have particularly enjoyed the match element of the lessons in which they're showing improvement each week. Well done to all!



OAK

This week, Oak class had a visit from Kent Fire and Rescue to learn about CPR.

They listened to an introduction about when and why they might need to use it, and watched a demonstration of how to carry out CPR.

They all had a go at performing CPR on dummies and learnt that it is a very tiring process that needs a lot of concentration!

Whilst this vital skill was challenging to perform, our young children have begun to develop important life-saving skills.





Forest School

As we come to the end of the first term at Forest School for Acorn class, this week we had our first camp fire and learnt all about how to keep safe when we are around a fire.

Meanwhile, it was the last Magnolia class Forest School session for this year, so we ended with a bit of forest fun and treats.

Thank you to all of the helpers this term and particularly the Magnolia parents who have been helping for the last year... thank you so much!



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



**** Snacks—Please Read ****

Early Years (Reception class) and KS1 (Yr1 & Yr2) are provided a break-time snack supplied by the school.

KS2 (Yr3/4/5/6) are required to bring in their own snack of fruit/veg/plain breadsticks/plain rice cakes (unless your child is Pupil Premium).

School Office

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weekend	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	21st October:	22nd October:	23rd October:	24th October:	25th October:
		Parent Consultations 3.30—6pm	Parent Consultations 5— 7.30pm		INSET DAY

Tuesday 5th November — Whole school Flu Immunisations (please fill out form on ParentMail)

Thursday 7th November—Hever Castle Christmas Fair

Sunday 10th November—Remembrance Parade, Edenbridge high street

PTA Update

Yet another small grant achieved this week of £590 to support our creative R.E. curriculum. Get searching everyone and let's see what else we can bring in. Bonfire build is starting this weekend. Any help from 10am would be wonderful. Message heverpta@hever.kent.sch.uk for details of where to meet.

Edenbridge Bonfire Parade - Saturday 2 November

200th Anniversary of the RNLI - think lifeboats, sea creatures, mermaids, lifeguards - it is going to be amazing! Sign up still open and we will do our best to get you fireworks tickets www.pta-events.co.uk/heverprimaryschool

Legoland Discount Day - Friday 25 October

Tickets will be available from Monday. Amy House will be at drop off and pick up Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Don't worry we will make sure you get them.

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! Please contact Megan on 07772 298455 if you can help.

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/14k5nQcky6tsfccblj>

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: £2756

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!