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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

What an amazing event the Hever Ball was last week! It was lovely to see so many parents (and staff), past and present, coming together to have such a wonderful evening, whilst raising funds for the school. Of course, we are spoilt to have such a beautiful venue on our doorstep and we are very grateful to everyone who contributed through sponsorship, donating prizes and spending generously on the night, and especially to James and Ruban for their inimitable compering! Our biggest thanks go to Jo Edwards and her team for their time and organisation, and for all the thoughtful touches that made the event such a success.

From amazing parents to amazing children... We are so proud of our Year 4 and Year 5 children, several of whom were quite anxious about their first overnight stay away from home, who did incredibly well 'stepping out of the boat'. I'm sure they will come home happy but exhausted, after two days outside in the sunshine and a night under canvas; what a great opportunity

to have fun and build resilience! A big thank you to Mrs Nightingale for re-introducing this for our Year 4 pupils, and to the staff who joined her at Bushcraft.

Enjoy the long weekend!

Mrs Bligh



Christian Value of the Week: Trust

'I did this as an example for you. So you should do as I have done for you.'

John 13:15



Birthday

Announcements:

Freya P, William F, Joshua



Golden Book Award

Elderberry: Grace

Elm: Finn, Issy, William

HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to Falcon!

Falcon 330

Eagle 324

Kestrel 322



Star of the week

Acorn: Shelbie-Jo

Magnolia: Quentin

Elderberry: Issy

Elm: Eva

Willow: On residential

Chestnut: On residential

Oak: Jack



Attendance Cup

Well done

Willow class!

100% attendance



Last week's whole school attendance:

93%

Last week's Highlights



Attendance Cup

Well done

Oak class!

98.5% attendance



Last week of half term's
whole school
attendance:

95%



Star of the week

Acorn: Mabel
Magnolia: Isabella
Elderberry: Harry
Elm: Vienna
Willow: William
Chestnut: Sophia
Oak: Olivia

HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to Eagle!

Eagle 251

Kestrel 245

Falcon 237



Golden Book Award

Magnolia: Summer

Chestnut: Oliver, Sophia



Last Week's Forest School

Last week at Forest School Acorn class had a very special visit from Winter's grandad and his slow worms! The children had great fun learning about these fascinating creatures.

Meanwhile Elm class checked out the flora and fauna growing in the woodland, what can be safely foraged to eat, and the health benefits these woodland plants provide.



The Week in Photos—Early Years & Key Stage 1

ACORN

These past two weeks Acorn class have been minibeast crazy! Measuring worms (some real, some pretend!) by length and weight, sketching and threading spider webs, drawing bees and writing lists of the minibeasts they have found!

We have also explored more complicated patterns in maths, creating caterpillar bead patterns, as well as finding strategies to count larger amounts of objects. We decided that we just couldn't count all of the tadpoles as they kept swimming around so used pretend minibeasts to move and count to 20 instead!



MAGNOLIA

In the classroom last week, we found a 'toy checklist' with the question "Have you seen these missing toys?" We had no idea what it meant, but the children noticed something mysterious outside... Magnolia and Elderberry worked in pairs to find the toys that were hiding in the playground!

The children made some great predictions about who the toys belonged to, how they got there and whether they would ever get back home. After finding them all, except for one which was truly lost, the children wrote some wonderful descriptions of the toys. We have now started our new class book 'Toys on Space' and discovered the problem of the toys being left outside over night! The children have thought carefully about how the toys might feel in this scenario.



ELDERBERRY

The new term started well, with the children completing their taxis in DT. They were rightly proud of how they looked and moved. Year 1 and 2 paired up to investigate the mysterious appearance of toys which seemed to have been lost. The children were very excited to find this was a clue for our new English text, 'Toys in Space'.



The Week in Photos—Key Stage 2

ELM

The children began by recalling their prior knowledge of plant vessels and considering the question: "What would happen to a plant or flower if it transported coloured water through its vessels?" We encouraged them to apply their understanding of plant needs, articulate their reasoning, and share their predictions.

To test this idea, we conducted an experiment using celery and white roses placed in coloured water. After two days, the children carefully cut open the celery to observe the xylem, confirming whether the water had travelled to the top of the stalk. Meanwhile, the flower petals transformed in colour, much to their excitement and delight. After dissecting, the children drew and labelled their findings.



WILLOW

This week in science, the children explored the question 'Can materials change from one state to another?' They thought about different materials and what happens to them during the change in state.

The children then identified the current state of a chocolate button and considered how to transform it from a solid into a liquid. They then held the button firmly in their hands (applying heat) and waited for the change of state to happen! We then continued by looking at how condensation, evaporation, melting and freezing all need a change in temperature for the change in state to occur.



CHESTNUT

Chestnut class have had a lovely sunny week. In Art we have been looking into paper craft for our Mixed Media unit of work and been exploring the different ways we can use paper to create art.

In computing we have had some special guests from Sevenoaks School who have come to teach some coding sessions to both year 5 and 6. The Sixth form students have been showing them how to create code and use Micro:bits as an output. The children were well behaved and listened beautifully to their instructions, so much so that the Sevenoaks instructor said how impressed she was. Well done!



OAK

With just one more week to go, Oak class have been working hard during the final preparations for SATs.

In English, they have completed posters all about plastic use, the problems with plastic and how people can help to reduce plastic waste. They took care when creating their posters which has resulted in some eye-catching designs.

For computing this term, students from Sevenoaks school are visiting each week to assist the children in learning about Micro:bits. This week they learnt how to make a tug of war game! Oak class have enjoyed their support and working alongside pupils from secondary school.





Forest School

This week Acorn class learned about scent, how and why animals use scent, and made their own perfumes and potions using herbs and selected woodland plants.

Meanwhile, Elm class became ancient Romans, participating in some Roman games and creating some mosaic and other Roman artifacts.



EMMA'S KITCHEN

Term 5's menu is on the school website:
<https://www.hever.kent.sch.uk/school-meals/>

Please send any feedback to the school office.
 Emma's Kitchen



** Reminders **

To book for our SENDCo surgery please do so through the 'Accounts' section on the ParentMail app—thank you.

School Office

PTA Update—A Sparkling Special!

Before all the Thank Yous a few quick updates:

Our **Hever Heroes** raised a massive £2k - thank you everyone and well done Dean and Alex!

Don't forget our **May Picnic** coming up – check out the poster attached – Friday 16 May 2025 – including our exciting cake competition, more details out next week

Sign up for **School Fete Maypole** now live - lessons will start after May half term but its helpful for planning to have sign up as soon as possible.

www.pta-events.co.uk/heverprimaryschool

We will also be doing country dancing at **Cowden Fete** on Saturday 14 June, please email me if your child would like to take part by 10 May 2025 - heverpta@hever.kent.sch.uk

School Fete – Saturday 28 June – get it in your diary! We will be looking for volunteers for the centrally manned stands soon! **To volunteer please email heverpta@hever.kent.sch.uk or speak to your rep.**

AND NOW FOR SOME MASSIVE BALL THANK YOUS!

Thank you to everyone who attended the ball this weekend and those who bid on the silent auction, it was such a lovely community event with teachers, governors, parents, past parents, grandparents and friends of the school all coming together to have fun and raise some money for our lovely school. Final total raised will be announced once we have finalised all the invoices. So to thank yous.....

Massive thank you to **Hever Castle**, especially **George**, an Elm Dad who is now Culinary Director, for his tireless work.

To the outstanding **Ball Team**, led by **Jo** and including **Clare, Megan and Amy**, you all worked so hard and the feedback has been amazing.

To the other trustees **Amy** and **Elissa**, who get dragged in no matter what!

To **James** and **Ruban** our comperes for the night who kept it ticking along with their own particular brand of comedy.

And finally to all our sponsors, raffle donators and silent auction donators all listed here → in alphabetical order – thank you!

Anyone who attended please complete the [questionnaire](#) to help us plan for this event in the future!

Finally for the winners of our **BEST DRESSED** – it was a tie!! Well done to Cluzinta and Jenny! Prizes will be coming your way soon xx

SECOND HAND UNIFORM – Donations – please leave with Mrs Reddaway in the office. If you are looking for something – please email Emma eskorczewski@icloud.com

The PTA Trustees Xxx

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Fundraising Update

2024-2025

Fundraising Total: £14,952

PROJECTS

Playground: COMPLETE!

Outdoor/Wellbeing

Classroom: £12,712



HEVER BALL THANK YOUS!

[Angie Moore Pilates/PT](#)

[Atrium East Grinstead](#)

[Call of Airsoft](#)

[Chartham Park](#)

[Chris Scott – Domino Recording Company](#)

[Drusillas](#)

[Edenbridge Magazine](#)

[Edenbridge Motor Show](#)

[Edenbridge and Oxted Agricultural Show](#)

[Eden Sports Clinic](#)

[Eden Valley Woodland Burial Ground](#)

[Emma Reynolds](#)

[Event Live](#)

[Falconhurst Gardens](#)

[Fortitude Fit Gym](#)

[Hever Castle](#)

[Hever Castle Commando Series](#)

[Judith Essex School of Dancing](#)

[Kings Centre East Grinstead](#)

[Little Brown Jug](#)

[Nellie Rice-Tucker](#)

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[Rice-Tucker Architects](#)

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COMING UP NEXT WEEK...

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sunday
5th May: BANK HOLIDAY	6th May:	7th May: Yr 3&4 Football tournament (home)	8th May:	9th May: Elderberry Class Sale	

PLEASE ENSURE YOU BOOK —BREAKFAST, AFTER SCHOOL CLUB & SCHOOL LUNCHES FOR YOUR CHILD

UPCOMING DATES:
★ Tuesday 13th May: Bore Place Trip (Year 5)
★ Wednesday 14th May: Bore Place Trip (Year 4)



Brighton Marathon

WE DID IT!! We completed the marathon!

Alex crossed the finish line in an incredible 4 hours and 1 minute, and Dean followed with a proud 4 hours and 59 minutes.

But we didn't run this alone. Every step, every mile, we run thinking about all your support and especially the smiles of the kids from the Sponsored Run day with us. That's what kept us going when the legs were burning and we wanted to stop.

We're beyond grateful. You helped us turn our sweat into something meaningful. Huge thanks!

Dean & Alex



Lingfield Marathon Minibus

Lingfield Marathon Minibus is a small community project who assist us with transporting our children to swimming lessons and school trips throughout the academic year.

They are holding a fundraising tea party in July—please support them if you can details can be found here —>



East Grinstead Music and Arts Festival

On Monday 7th April, Poppy Scott and Eli Parker from Year 4 took part in the verse speaking event at East Grinstead Music and Arts Festival with Act One Beginners. Each of them chose a poem to recite and they both did really well and were awarded Commendations. Well done guys!

If your child would like the opportunity to boost their confidence perhaps they would like to trial Drama Club with Act One Beginners on a Monday after school 3.15—4.15pm.



News from Hever Parish Council

To mark the historic 80th anniversary of VE Day on Thursday 8th May, the bells will be ringing out at 6.30 pm followed by the lighting of the beacon on Hever Field at 8.45 pm.

To all residents of Hever, Markbeeche and Four Elms, your Parish Council would like to invite you to the Annual Parish Assembly.

This is an occasion to gather the community, hear from an interesting range of speakers, hear about the work of your local council and plan for the future.

We need your support to make our parish a better place!

COME AND ENJOY A DRINK, SOME NIBBLES, MEET YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS AND HAVE A CHAT AS WELL. EVERYONE IS WELCOME.
 7:00 PM on TUESDAY 20th MAY 2025 IN HEVER VILLAGE HALL.