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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year!

Whilst Christmas is a truly magical time in school, it was lovely to return to the calm routines and focused learning that the new term brings. When showing a parent round this week, I was struck by how quickly the children have resettled and how engaged they are in their new texts and topics.

I hope you have taken the opportunity to read our SIAMS report that we shared earlier this week. The autumn term was exceptionally demanding in accountability terms (inspections!) but has resulted in two strong reports that recognise the progress we have made and celebrate the quality of our provision that enables our children to flourish, academically and emotionally. This reflects the commitment and collaboration of our whole school community, staff, parents and carers and governors, for which I am very grateful.

As with all communities, there will always be more to do to ensure we continue to grow and to thrive but we have a clear sense of direction and a firm foundation on which to build. As a staff, we enter the new year with purpose and optimism.

We await the arrival of our third grandchild this weekend with excitement and anticipation – what a wonderful way to start the year!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Bligh

Christian Value of the Week: Peace & Hope

'A voice came from heaven and said: "You are my Son and I love you. I am very pleased with you.'

Luke 2:10-11



Birthday Announcements

Michael



Golden Book Award

Oak: Rufus

HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to Eagle!

Eagle 158

Kestrel 153

Falcon 149



Star of the week

Acorn: Millie

Magnolia: James

Elderberry: Freya

Elm: Archie

Willow: Florence

Chestnut: Tilly

Oak: Kestrel Girl



Attendance Cup

Well done

Elm Class!

99.7% attendance



Last week's whole school attendance:

95.7%

The Week in Photos—Early Years & Key Stage 1

ACORN

Acorn class have come back to school amazingly well with lots of enthusiasm and excitement for their learning!

We loved the snow flurries this week and this lent itself to lots of scientific learning about ice, snow, melting and how we could free the objects from the frozen parts! We also made pretend ice slushie drinks and kept warm by the fire in Forest School.

We also thought about new year resolutions, making wishing wands and drawing and writing what we would like to get better at over the year.



MAGNOLIA

Magnolia class have had a wonderful first week back at school in 2025! We have started a new maths topic, focusing on shape.

The children were already experts when it came to recognising 2D shapes, but they have now learnt some mathematical language to help describe the shapes.

The children counted the number of sides and vertices to help group the shapes. We have also started to look at 3D shapes. Lots of the children made connections between the shapes and real-life objects, such as ice-cream cones and wheels!



ELDERBERRY

The children have made a great start to the new term and there was much excitement to find out that our new book is, 'The Lion Inside'.

In science the children enjoyed searching for everyday materials in the classroom and identified which were the most common, discussing why this might be.

In P.E the children explored how to roll in different ways and link their movements to end in a balance or shape.



The Week in Photos—Key Stage 2

ELM

Elm class had an exciting and interactive workshop on rocks, featuring hands-on experiments, including thrilling exploding experiments! They used advanced scientific equipment to examine the properties of rocks and soil under microscopes.

Throughout the workshop, they learned to identify various soil types, explored how different rocks are formed, and gained a deeper understanding of the fascinating process of fossil formation—all while using catchy songs and rhymes to help remember the key concepts.



WILLOW

This week the children have had great fun preparing, making and eating hummus. The children had to apply learnt skills to measure, mix, mash, peel and cut different ingredients to prepare their hummus and crudites.

The children then had to consider how they would package their healthy snack to keep it fresh and transferable.



CHESTNUT

Chestnut class have had a fantastic start to the term, and the children have settled in beautifully!

In Maths, we've begun our Fractions unit by finding and comparing equivalent fractions, and in English, we are diving into our new unit based on the book 'Arthur and the Golden Rope', which has already sparked lots of curiosity around Norse Gods and Goddesses.

This week, we also enjoyed our first Land Art lesson, where the children explored the playground to discover natural objects with interesting shapes, colours, forms and patterns. It's been a lovely and creative way to engage and connect with nature.

We are looking forward to a wonderful term ahead!



OAK

Oak class have settled in quickly this week. They have worked really hard to understand long division in maths, which involves multiple steps and a great deal of perseverance!

In English they have enjoyed the start of our new topic based on the book 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' by Joe-Todd Stanton.

They have also researched Norse Gods and have shared facts about their appearance and characteristics.

Oak class have also had the opportunity to wear their new leavers' hoodies in PE, which they were very grateful to receive just before Christmas. Huge thanks to the PTA for funding these.





Forest School

A wintery welcome back to Forest School so Acorn Class made a 'yurt' style shelter and fire to keep warm whilst we learnt how some people around the world live outside like this all year round.

Meanwhile Chestnut class learnt some winter survival skills and working in teams following instructions to make 3 types of survival shelter using differing techniques and how to make a compass using the sun and the time.



EMMA'S KITCHEN

New 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 **

Please ensure that school meals are booked on ParentMail in advance.

This allows us to get accurate numbers to the school kitchen on time.

School Office

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weekend	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sunday 12th Jan: Forest Church: 3.30pm	13th January:	14th January:	15th January:	16th January: CENSUS DAY	17th January:



Monday 20th January—Bore Place Trip (Yr 4)

Friday 31st January—British Museum Trip (Yr5 & Yr6)



PTA Update

We hope everyone had a fantastic Christmas and New Year! What a great start with a really wonderful SIAMS report. We are incredibly lucky to have such dedicated staff and governors - make sure you read the report!

With regards to where we are with fundraising - As PTA trustees we are meeting next week to finalise all the Christmas fundraising after which we can update our total.

We have an exciting year planned, with loads of events and we will send a full list out next week. We would love to hear from you and what you can support so please get in touch. We are organising a tea and coffee next Friday (17th) after drop off so please come along! Venue most probably <https://wheelerswagon.co.uk/> but we will keep you updated!

As mentioned last year, Dean and Alex, two Hever parents, are fundraising for the school by running the Brighton Marathon. Please sponsor them using the QR code below.

Upcoming Dates:

PTA Tea and Coffee – Friday 17 January – after drop-off

<https://wheelerswagon.co.uk/>

Astronomy Evening - Thursday 6 February 2025 - Free event for Year 5 and 6

Arrival 18:00, Start 18:15.

Come along for an exciting astronomy evening on the field, with telescopes for planet and star spotting.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/heverprimarschool/>

Valentines Disco - Friday 7 February 2025 - WI Hall - £5

This disco is split between KS1 and KS2, as long as we have enough children and volunteers, otherwise they will be linked.

KS1 - 16:30 - 18:00

KS2 - 18:30 - 20:00

Free glitter tattoos on the night!!

Booking closes Monday 3 February, if last minute tickets are available there will be an additional cost.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/heve>

Quiz Night - Friday 28 February 2025

Booking open now! £15pp including a choice of delicious meals! Get your team (up to 8) together!

Email: quizheverpta@gmail.com

Hever School Fundraising Ball - Saturday 26 April 2025

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/14k5nQcky6tsfccbll>

Have a lovely weekend!

The PTA Trustees

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Alex & Dean, The Brighton Marathon.



Fundraising Update

2024-2025

Fundraising Total: £13,156

PROJECTS

Playground: COMPLETE!

Outdoor/Wellbeing

Classroom: £11,915



The Friends of Hever School Present

Quiz Night

All Welcome!

£15 pp

QUIZ ENTRY - FRESHLY COOKED MEAL

FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2025

WI HALL, STATION ROAD, EDENBRIDGE, TN8 5LX

DOORS OPEN - 6:30PM
QUIZ STARTS - 7:30PM

Ticket includes fish/sausage/halloumi & chips meal (vegan option available). Drinks can be purchased at the bar.

Booking quizheverpta@gmail.com
Teams of up to 8.

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