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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

This week has flown by and I can't quite believe it's Friday again!

Congratulations to Poppy in Year 6, who had a great weekend competing for Hever in the NSEA (National Schools Equestrian Association) show. Poppy came 2nd with Daisy and 3rd with Pops, qualifying for Hickstead in the summer for the second year running - a great achievement!

Wednesday saw the culmination of a lot of planning by Mrs de Moraville, our sports lead, with the first of four football tournaments involving nine local schools within the EDSA (Edenbridge Schools Association). It is lovely to be in a position where we are taking the lead on organising events and playing our part within the wider school community. Our team, which included children from years 4, 5 and 6 played well against teams largely consisting of older – and bigger – year 6 pupils. Thank you to Mrs de Moraville and well done to our football team!

We are also continuing to share good practice within the curriculum, today hosting a visit from another local school to share our writing, with a particular focus on assessment. This follows a visit at the end of term 2, by the headteacher from another Partnership school, on a similar school improvement journey to ours. Having enjoyed considerable support from the Sevenoaks Partnership, it is great to be in a position where we can give something back and support other schools.

Many parents already take the opportunity to share feedback or ask questions at the gate in the morning and we always welcome this and are happy to make time for discussions that need more time or privacy. Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you want to talk to myself, or another member of the teaching team – nothing is ever too big or too small; if it is important to you or your child, it is important to us.

Having said the week has flown by, I am also wondering where the years have gone, as this weekend we are celebrating my 'baby's' 30th birthday!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Bligh

HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to Falcon!

Falcon 230

Eagle 224

Kestrel 223



Star of the week

Acorn: Ben

Magnolia: Bear

Elderberry: Lenny

Elm: Poppy

Willow: Phoebe

Chestnut: Luka

Oak: Elsie

Christian Value of the Week: Forgiveness

'Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, "We have seen remarkable things today."'

Luke 5:26



Birthday Announcements

**Bodhi, Chloe,
Kestrel Girl**



Golden Book Award

Acorn: Rosa, Aubrey

Magnolia: Sophie, Frankie, Kylie, Jude

Elderberry: Harry, Imogen, Issy, Oscar

Elm: William J, Eve, Evie, Liam

Chestnut: Erin, George, Delilah, Vinny,
Luka, Gabriel

Oak: Naevia



Attendance Cup

Well done

Willow Class!

98.8% attendance



Last week's whole school attendance:

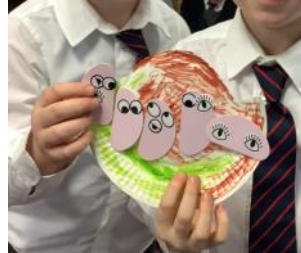
96.1%

The Week in Photos—Early Years & Key Stage 1

ACORN

This week on our space adventures, Acorn class have been learning about the moon and the planets! We learnt about the first man on the moon, we discussed how they must have felt and tried to recreate their first moon walk in our sandpit! We also looked at close up pictures of the moon and used pebbles and rocks to create our own craters in our moon dust!

In maths we have been looking at parts of 5 and made mini aliens and a space ship to sing our song '5 little aliens', looking at how many were left in the space ship each time and how many had flown away!



MAGNOLIA

This term in PSHE, Magnolia Class is focusing on 'Dreams and Goals'. As part of this the children needed to learn how to achieve together.

They were set the challenge of designing a welly, illustrating their shared goal. The pair needed to agree how to design the welly and how they go about this task (e.g. who does what, the materials they use, etc.).

The Class managed to design some brilliant looking wellies and showed great team work, well done!



ELDERBERRY

It's been like a zoo in Elderberry class this week with the children role-playing in the character of the lion and various animals from the savannah! As well as being great fun, the children were rehearsing what the characters might be saying ready for their writing in the first person.

In science the children explored whether materials could be changed by squashing, twisting, stretching and bending. They discovered that materials have reversible and irreversible changes.



The Week in Photos—Key Stage 2

ELM

In our PSHE class, we're exploring the concepts of dreams and goals, and how to break down personal goals into achievable steps. This week, the children teamed up in pairs to undertake a unique challenge: designing a garden called "The Garden of Dreams and Goals." The objective was to create a space specifically for individuals facing particular challenges. I look forward to their ideas and team collaboration.



WILLOW

On Monday Willow class had yet another fun-filled day at Bore Place. This visit was focused on animal habitats and we went on a wonderfully long, muddy walk to find different habitats, including badger sets, hedgerows, trees and fields. The children had the best time jumping in puddles, rolling down hills and playing with sticks! They then used these sticks to make bird feeders, we then took these out into the gardens and put them out for the birds. The children were very excited to see a brave robin start eating from one of their feeders whilst we were still present!



CHESTNUT

This week, Chestnut class has been busy exploring the characters in our class book 'Arthur and the Golden rope'. We've been focusing on how dialogue and action can reveal how someone is feeling - it's been great to see everyone's insights!

In Science, we used compasses to help us design and create sundials helping us to understand the position of the sun and how this can help with tracking daytime. Weather permitting, we hope to put them to good use soon and see them in action!

Finally in art, we delved further into the world of nature art, exploring, by looking and feeling, the materials an artist might use to create stunning works inspired by the natural world.



OAK

Oak class particularly enjoyed their gymnastics lesson this week. Over the previous two weeks they have built up a wide range of skills which they enjoyed putting together into routines to show the class. They worked productively and with purpose, showing excellent teamwork, and they began to give praise and constructive feedback for future lessons.

In English, they put their creative hats on to write free verse poems about magical objects in the Norse world. They used wonderful descriptive words and phrases to write some very good poems.





Forest School

As it was so windy today we could not go to the Forest. However, Acorn class we had great fun making forest animal puppets and face masks.

Meanwhile, Chestnut class had their forest school in the nature area learning about the Weald clay that makes up our soil in this part of the country, as well as it's uses. We also learned how to safely use a knife to do some hazel whittling.



EMMA'S KITCHEN

The current 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 drive safely when you are parking in
 the Hever Castle Car Park—thank you.

School Office

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weekend	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	27th January:	28th January:	29th January:	30th January:	31st January: British Museum Trip—Yr5 & Yr6

Monday 3rd February to Friday 7th February: Children's Mental Health Week

Monday 3rd February: Author visit—Sue Hendra YrR & Yr1

Thursday 6th February: Netball Vs Chiddingstone (away)



PTA Update

It's all about the events this week - support us by making bookings early! Our Ball is only 3 months away so look out for an email this weekend confirming final payments. Even if you can't attend, please help support this event with prizes for the raffle or silent auction. If you are a business owner can you donate something? Do you have any contacts we can use? Remember all the profit will go straight to our school and children so a really worthy cause!

All class reps have been updated with class pot totals so now is a great time to discuss with your class teachers about what it would be good for this to be spent on.

Upcoming Dates:

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/heverprimaryschool/>

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. **We need at least 20 more children to make it worthwhile splitting so please book now!**

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/b1YeYq4S6dVU3tu3cc>

Dancing only tickets (initial deposit £15 - final payment of £10 due by 31 Jan 2025):

<https://buy.stripe.com/14k5nQckv6tsfccb1j>

If you have already bought your ticket, we will be in touch shortly to remind you of how much you need to make payment for so don't worry!

Have a lovely weekend!

The PTA Trustees
heverpta@hever.kent.sch.uk

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Alex & Dean, The Brighton Marathon.



**HEVER C OF E
PRIMARY SCHOOL
BRIGHTON MARATHON**

gofundme

Scan to donate to Dean's fundraiser
"Alex & Dean, The Brighton
Marathon."



Fundraising Update

2024-2025

Fundraising Total: £14,952

PROJECTS

Playground: COMPLETE!

Outdoor/Wellbeing

Classroom: £12,712



The Friends of Hever School Present

Quiz Night

All Welcome!

£15^{pp}

QUIZ ENTRY
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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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