



*Belonging . Courage . Perseverance . Compassion . Trust*

## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

There has been a discernible buzz of creativity across the school this week! There is definitely something about a collective focus with all classes studying a shared artist, that generates an abundance of enthusiasm and imagination for learning, from children and adults alike. This week we have had a focus on developing skills, with next week moving on to application, and we are very excited to see how this translates into creative expression using a range of different media. Thank you to Mrs Hardiman, our art lead, for her inspiration and organisation of Art Week.

For Reception and KS1, the week got off to an exciting start with a visit from renowned children's author, Sue Hendra. Our highest priority at Hever is ensuring that every child in our school becomes a reader, with a love of stories, poetry and reading, and opportunities like these are a great way of engaging and inspiring young readers and writers. Thank you to our governors for funding this, and our forthcoming KS2 author visit.

This week also saw a visit from our Local Authority school improvement advisor who was impressed by the work we have done since our Ofsted and SIAMS inspections last term. You may remember that, in addition to the positive outcomes, both reports acknowledged that the school was already focused on the appropriate next steps (reflected in our School Development Plan) and we are continuing to make good progress towards these.

The Local Authority also keeps a close eye on attendance figures and I am pleased to report that our year-to-date attendance currently remains at our target of 95%. To ensure parents are fully informed, I will shortly be writing to update parents of children whose attendance falls into the persistence absence band of below 90%. Please do not hesitate to talk to your child's teacher or to me if there is anything you think we can do to support your child's attendance.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Bligh

## HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to Falcon!

**Falcon 244**

**Kestrel 221**

**Eagle 200**



## Star of the week

Acorn: Jacob

Magnolia: Kylie

Elderberry: Ernie

Elm: Archie

Willow: Thomas

Chestnut: Vinny

Oak: Florence



## Attendance Cup

Well done

Chesnut Class!

100% attendance



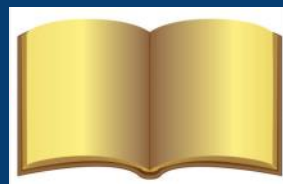
Last week's whole school attendance:

**95%**

## Christian Value of the Week: Hope

*'While it is daytime, we must continue doing the work of the One who sent me. The night is coming. And no one can work at night. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.'*

John 9: 4-5



## Golden Book Award

Elm: Poppy, Issy, Lexi, Jessica, Archie, Amelie



## Birthday Announcements

Eden, Roman

## The Week in Photos—Early Years & Key Stage 1

### ACORN

During our art week, Acorn class had a wonderful time sketching jungle plants while exploring the works of Henri Rousseau. We then experimented with mixing colours to create different shades of green, using straws to blow the colours together and syringes to squirt the colours to form the stems of the plants.

We finished off the week using watercolour paints and pastels as well as using digital art on the iPads.

We also celebrated and learnt about Lunar New Year, tasting foods using chopsticks and practising a Chinese dragon dance which we will perform to the school next week!



### MAGNOLIA

Wow, what a busy week we have had in Magnolia class!

To start the week we had Sue Hendra, the author of *Supertato*, visit us. She worked with all the children to create their own veggie superheroes or supervillains!

Once the children had designed a character, they thought about what could happen in their story. Sue spoke to the class about how she uses her story ideas to create a front cover which the children then had a go at too.

Throughout art week the children have practised observational drawing and colouring mixing. The children explored a range of different leaves to help them see how much detail they would need to draw and mixed paint to create different shades of green and orange. Both these skills will be used in their final piece!



### ELDERBERRY

What a memorable week it has been with the visit from the very popular children's author, Sue Hendra. There was much laughter as she shared the hilarious themes of some of her books and the children were transfixed as she read extracts from her stories with all the voices of the characters! In the class workshop Sue showed the children how she created a story with a storyboard. She set them off to create their own *Supertato* storyboard based on the idea of a time machine. As the children shared their ideas with her, she felt she might soon be out of a job!

The fun continued with Art Week activities inspired by the artist Henri Rousseau. There is too much to tell but I will aim to share more details next week!



## The Week in Photos—Key Stage 2

### ELM

Elm class applied their prior knowledge of addition with jottings to support their equations.

They are now confident in adding numbers beyond 100. Today, they worked in pairs, using dice representing 100s, 10s, and 1s to create their own sums.



### WILLOW

This week, the children have thoroughly enjoyed diving into the world of art! Art week has centered around the works of Henri Rousseau.

We began with close observational drawings of the beautiful house plants the children brought in. Next, the children used viewfinders to select specific sections of paintings. They carefully examined what they saw, paying close attention to the shapes and angles of the objects.



### CHESTNUT

This week, we've been exploring 'Surprised!' By Henri Rousseau as part of our Art Week. The children have been practising their observational drawing skills, experimenting with colour mixing in preparation for their final piece. We also had a fantastic trip to the British Museum last Friday! The children were brilliantly behaved, and it was amazing to see Shang Dynasty artefacts close up. We also had a taster of Ancient Greek history, sparking lots of curiosity and excitement.

Well done to everyone for a great week!



### OAK

Oak class had a creative week, dedicating three afternoons to art inspired by Henri Rousseau. They began by exploring his unique painting style and took a close look at his famous work 'Tiger in a Tropical Storm'.

As they "walked" through the painting, they observed and identified various shapes, textures, and shades of the plants.

Using viewfinders, the children practiced their sketching skills by zooming in on specific plant details. They also delved into colour theory, learning how to mix and match tints from different paintings to capture a wide range of colours. To end the week, the children experimented sketching details of a tiger or leopard from multiple angles.

Next week, they will develop these further to create their final pieces of art using acrylic paint.





Please ensure that you have read the changes to the Wraparound Care and Extra-curricular clubs email detailing changes to the pricing structure.



## Forest School

Following some dryer weather during the week, Acorn class were finally back in the forest! This week we investigated different lengths and sizes of branch make different sounds and attempted to make own Forest School band!

Meanwhile Chestnut class practiced their fire lighting skills and cooked some yummy cinnamon bread.



### 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 ensure only fruit, vegetables, plain ricecakes and plain breadsticks are brought in for snacktimes during and after school.

School Office

# UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weekend	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>9th February:</b> Forest Church - St Peter's church Hever - 3pm	<b>10th February:</b> Chinese New Year Menu & Worship	<b>11th February:</b>	<b>12th February:</b>	<b>13th February:</b>	<b>14th February:</b> YrR Reading Meeting and Stay & Play- 1.30pm



**Tuesday 25th February: KS2 Author Visit—Thomas Taylor**

**Tuesday 4th March: Bore Place Trip— Year 4**



## PTA Update

The disco team are looking forward to welcoming you to the Valentines Discos after school! Get your party frocks on, with DJ Luck on the choons it is looking to be lots of fun!

We will start planning for our larger events soon so make sure you watch this space and see how you can be involved!

Alex & Dean, The Brighton Marathon.



## Fundraising Update

**2024-2025**

**Fundraising Total: £14,952**

### PROJECTS

**Playground: COMPLETE!**

**Outdoor/Wellbeing**

**Classroom: £12,712**



### Upcoming Dates:

**Quiz Night - Friday 28 February 2025**

Booking is now FULL! There are a couple of spots left if you would like to join a team. £15pp including a choice of delicious meals!

Email: [quizheverpta@gmail.com](mailto: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—deadline extended to End of February 2025):

<https://buy.stripe.com/bIYeYq4S6dVU3tu3cc>

Dancing only tickets (initial deposit £15 - final payment deadline extended to End of February!):

<https://buy.stripe.com/14k5nQcky6tsfccbl>

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

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The Friends of Hever School Present

# Quiz Night

All Welcome!

**£15<sup>pp</sup>**

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](mailto:quizheverpta@gmail.com)  
 Teams of up to 8.

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