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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Our week got off to an exciting start with our Chinese New Year celebrations on Monday. Thank you to Mrs Gibbins and Mrs Reddaway for leading worship, to Acorn class for their enthusiastic Dragon Dance and to Emma's Kitchen for our special lunch menu.

Art week has continued this week with children having an opportunity to develop and apply their skills using a range of different media. There has been some really stunning work across the school and we have been amazed by the children's patience and perseverance in adding detail to their work. There has been a lovely combination of calm and creativity and it has been a treat to spend time in class, seeing the children's focus and engagement.

Our Friday Celebration Worship, really is a genuine celebration of the week's achievements, not just in learning but across all our school values. We always recognise children who have been in the Golden Book each week, as well as our Stars of the Week. What you may not know, is that as each Star of the Week is presented, the class teacher explains their reason for their choice so each child is fully recognised for their individual success.

It was lovely to welcome so many Acorn parents to our reading meeting and stay and play this afternoon. It was also nice to welcome back two of our last year's Year 6 pupils who came in to help as they had an INSET day. Not only do we appreciate their help, but it is always lovely to know that former pupils have chosen to come back and spend a day with us.

Please look out for the World Book Day letter coming home today with a fun activity for the half term break.

Have a lovely break and let's hope this sunshine lasts!

Mrs Bligh

HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to Eagle!

Eagle 270

Falcon 266

Kestrel 254



Star of the week

Acorn: Eagle Girl

Magnolia: Sophie

Elderberry: Bodhi

Elm: Dylan

Willow: George T

Chestnut: Tom

Oak: Rufus

Christian Value of the Week: Trust

'I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture.'

John 10: 9



Golden Book Award

Acorn: Eagle Girl

Magnolia: Jacob

Elderberry: Ernie

Willow: Jackson, William, Kestrel Boy, Josie, Phoebe, Chloe, Evie, Mara

Chestnut: Gabriel, Harrison, Kestrel Girl

Oak: Elsie, Jack, Falcon Boy, Eagle Boy, Jessica, Rufus, Evie, Kestrel Girl, Olivia, Florence, Naevia



Attendance Cup

Well done

Magnolia Class!

98.7% attendance



Last week's whole school attendance:

95%



Birthday

Announcements

Willow, Cian A, Ralph P



Half-Term Birthday

Announcements

Eliza, James T, Falcon Girl



The Week in Photos—Early Years & Key Stage 1

ACORN

Acorn class discovered something very green and very slimy in our outside area at the beginning of the week! Lots of speculation as to what it was and where it had come from happened. We got it tested and investigated and found out it came from outer space, probably from an alien form! Luckily it was harmless and we were able to play in it!!

We also had a lovely valentines themed stay and play at the end of the week, which was very well attended. Have a wonderful week off Acorn class!



MAGNOLIA

Art 'week' continues! The children completed some beautiful sketches of close-up tigers.

They used view finders to focus in on part of the image which allowed them to pick up on lots of little detail that they may have normally overlooked.

Despite the mess, the painting also continued! The children used the colouring mixing skills from last week to create some amazing leaves.

We can't wait to see the final pieces once everything has been put together!



ELDERBERRY

Elderberry class thoroughly enjoyed the final lesson of their science topic as they investigated different kinds of paper for strength and absorbency.

In art, they continued work inspired by Henri Rousseau. This has included experimenting how to make different shades of green and exploring the shapes and patterns of leaves through drawing and collage. In English the children have written fantastic stories based on our class text.

It has been a great term of learning - well done Elderberry Class!



The Week in Photos—Key Stage 2

ELM

Henri Rousseau, the renowned French artist, became famous for his vibrant and imaginative paintings.

Inspired by his work, we've had an incredible week of art, exploring colour mixing, oil pastels, roller printing, and painting with Brusho ink.

Through a variety of techniques and media, we've brought jungle scenes to life, showcasing our creativity and newly developed skills.

Have a lovely half term.



WILLOW

The children have thoroughly enjoyed applying different mediums to their chosen observational drawing. They have carefully used pastels, print and brusho ink.

A lot of perseverance was needed, particularly in printing, when carefully transferring their design onto the polystyrene. They have all worked so hard and the final pictures look amazing. I can't wait to see them on display. I hope that you all have a wonderful half term.



CHESTNUT

Chestnut class have had a wonderful and productive week, filled with creativity, problem-solving, and fantastic storytelling!

The children have continued their work inspired by Henri Rousseau, carefully painting their own jungle-themed pieces. They have been developing their colour mixing skills to create different shades, but more importantly, they have demonstrated excellent observational skills, paying close attention to the details in their work.

In maths, we have started subtracting fractions, building on our previous understanding of adding them. The children have worked hard to grasp the different methods and have shown great perseverance when tackling trickier problems.

English has been particularly exciting this week as the children wrote incredible recounts of Arthur's journey across the sea to the Great Hall. They used powerful vocabulary and relative clauses to bring the adventure to life, making their readers feel as if they were right there alongside Arthur on his quest.

Well done, Chestnut class—another brilliant week of learning to close the term.
Happy Half Term to all!



OAK

Oak class have worked hard to edit and improve their final piece of writing this week, which they have also 'published' as a final copy. They are looking forward to sharing them with their families.

During art lessons they have continued to work on their observational drawings, zooming in on parts of a tiger or leopard and using acrylic paint to colour them. They have also used fine lines pens to add detail and bring their paintings to life.



Please ensure that you have read the changes to the Wraparound Care and extra-curricular clubs email detailing changes to the pricing structure.
NB A ParentMail will be sent when you are able to book for Term 5



Forest School

This week Acorn class went on a bug hunt and tried to identify what we had found.
We also had some 'end of term' rope swing fun!

Meanwhile, Chestnut class finished their term at Forest School with a memory test whilst using teamwork to negotiate our Forest School adventure course.



EMMA'S KITCHEN

Term 4'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 **

Please ensure that any last minute bookings for ASC requiring food are made before 12noon—thank you.

School Office

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weekend	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	24th February: START OF TERM 4	25th February: KS2 Author Visit—Thomas Taylor Fossil & Dinosaur Workshop—Yr1 & Yr2	26th February:	27th February:	28th February:



Tuesday 4th March: Bore Place Trip— Year 4



PTA Update

What a fab disco last week! Special thanks to DJ Luck and Sol and Laurie for their support as well as all our dedicated helpers. Hope the glitter tattoos have finally come off....

Next term we have some exciting events coming up including our Easter Fair, so put the dates in your diary!

SECOND HAND UNIFORM – Our second hand uniform is now being run by Nina and Emma -thank you! Donations – please leave with Mrs Reddaway in the office. If you are looking for something – please email Emma: eskorczewski@icloud.com

HEVER FUNDRAISING BALL – We need prizes and sponsorship – can you help?

Upcoming Dates:

Quiz Night - Friday 28 February 2025—Fully Booked! Amazing job team! Will the teachers win again???

Hever Bar Golden Ticket Sale – Will you find a Golden Ticket? - £2.50
Buy your Hever Bar in advance and collect on Friday 7 March. Will yours have a golden ticket in? Will you win one of our fabulous prizes? If you don't, you get a massive chocolate bar so everyone's a winner! Don't miss out by buying yours now www.pta-events.co.uk/heverprimaryschool

WWYLD – Bring an Easter Egg – Early next term so keep an eye out for those Egg Bargains!

Easter Fair – Friday 28 March – we are looking for volunteers for 30min to 1hour slots – please email to get involved! heverpta@hever.kent.sch.uk

Have a great half term!

The PTA Trustees xxx
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Get 'Spring' Fit!

Hever Parents and Carers Walking Group. Every morning after drop off, we meet by the PTA store/shed and set off at 8.40/when the gate closes.

We do circuits of the Parish Field and you can do as many or as few you as you like. It can be very muddy so suitable footwear a must!

Friendly dogs welcome!



Fundraising Update 2024-2025

Fundraising Total: £14,952

PROJECTS

Playground: COMPLETE!

**Outdoor/Wellbeing
Classroom: £12,712**



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*For 50 new supporters we get an extra £150 Bonus Funding for our PTA!

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