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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers

What an incredible day we had last Saturday at our annual summer fete! Everything about it was wonderful – from the atmosphere, to the weather, from the time and effort of the volunteers to the generosity and support of those who attended. It really encapsulated everything that is special about being part of the Hever community. A huge thank you to everyone who made this happen!

We were very proud of our Key Stage 1 children during their visit to Hever Castle yesterday, when one of our parent helpers was stopped by a visitor who said that our children were the best-behaved school there. What great ambassadors for our school!

Our Year 5 pupils have been superstars today! We are always looking to develop our provision and this year we decided to add a second 'stay and play' session for our new entrants, so we could introduce our buddies in preparation for September. Our Year 5 children really listened to their 'brief' and were wonderful with their buddies, really calm and nurturing. We know they are going to do a great job in this important role.

This week I had the opportunity to attend a DfE Early Years Conference, where we heard from a range of speakers, including the new Minister for Early Years, about the Government's ambitions for Reception children and some of the steps they are taking to support this critical stage in children's learning. There was also a presentation about the importance of attendance, right from the start of children's schooling. We would certainly support this as we can see the impact on children's progress by the end of Reception, where children have already missed out!

Happily, our termly meeting with the LA attendance officer this week was mostly positive, although we will be having a renewed focus on punctuality in September.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Bligh

HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to Eagle!

Eagle 386

Kestrel 317

Falcon 280



Star of the week

Acorn: Roman

Magnolia: Cian F

Elderberry: Imogen

Elm: Evie

Willow: Rory

Chestnut: Lyla

Oak: Poppy



Attendance Cup

Well done

Willow class!

98% attendance



Last week's whole school attendance:

95%

Christian Value of the Week: Compassion

'For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.'

Matthew 6:14



Birthdays this week:
Jessica H, Albie, Kylie

The Week in Photos—Early Years & Key Stage 1

ACORN

Aarrgh me hearties! Acorn class had lots of pirate fun this week! We discovered a treasure map tucked inside a bottle, along with a message from Captain Jill asking for our help to uncover hidden treasure. Working in teams, we hunted for golden coins and used 10-frames to count them, diving into number comparisons, sharing, grouping, and exploring 'more' and 'less' with fantastic mathematical language. When the captain asked where to hide the treasure, we used positional language to describe the perfect spot and wrote brilliant directions to guide the way. To finish off our pirate day, we crafted our own pirate hats to truly look the part!

This fantastic weather perfectly complemented our 'On the Beach' theme. The children fully embraced the experience with plenty of water play—paddling their feet, running through sprinklers, and exploring floating and sinking through hands-on investigations.



MAGNOLIA

This week, Magnolia class enjoyed an exciting trip to Hever Castle. The children were so well behaved and had a fantastic day exploring the grounds. The visit tied in well with our current science topic on animals. The children spotted various creatures, ticking them off on their checklists while considering which animal groups they belong to.

Reflecting on last term's science project about plants, the children also took time to carefully observe and sketch different plants. They then labelled the parts with great attention to detail, creating some impressive pieces of art!



ELDERBERRY

The high-light of the week for Elderberry class was the trip to Hever Castle on Thursday. The children enjoyed a walk around the lake spotting habitats and animals living within them. They took a moment to lie down and gaze up into an old oak tree and listen to the sounds all around them. In the rose garden, the children spent time sketching, looking closely at the beautiful blooms and enjoying the wonderful fragrance. The children had time playing in the grounds, finishing with a much-appreciated ice lolly on their return to school. We were very proud of how well everyone behaved- they truly were a credit to the school!



The Week in Photos—Key Stage 2

ELM

In our science lesson, we explored materials used for greenhouse roofs and walls. We discussed their properties, such as being transparent, strong, and waterproof, and why these are important.

The children then predicted which materials would work best and carried out an investigation using different samples.

After testing and recording their results, they chose the most suitable material and explained their reasoning based on the evidence they gathered.



WILLOW

This week during PE, the children have been developing their cricket skills with a focus on underarm bowling, working on accuracy and increasing the distance of their throws. They have also been encouraged to work as a team, building communication and cooperation throughout the activities. Emphasis has been placed on enjoyment and participation, helping all children to feel confident and engaged as they continue to develop their fundamental skills in a fun and supportive environment.



CHESTNUT

It's been a great week for Chestnut class, despite the hot weather! The children have been fully engaged in their learning across different subjects.

In maths, they tackled the topic of angles, developing a strong understanding through hands-on activities with the protractors and problem-solving. I was particularly impressed with their understanding of this unit so far.

In Science, the class experimented with thermal conductors, using thermo sheets to observe how different materials transfer heat. The class also enjoyed exploring architecture in DT. They investigated what makes a structure sturdy by designing and testing paper constructions under varying weights, learning valuable lessons about stability and engineering principles. Well done to all for their enthusiasm and hard work!



OAK

Oak class enjoyed a fantastic trip to Bore Place on Tuesday. As it was their final visit, they chose the activities for the day. The adventure began with a walk across fields to see the cows, who were grazing at the edges to try and find some much needed shade! After a cool down, the children learnt about sewing different types of seeds, and had a go themselves selecting from a variety of plants, vegetables, and herbs. They each took home their own seed pot to nurture and watch grow. During the afternoon, they cooked pizza wraps over a campfire, toasted marshmallows and spent lots of time playing in the woods. The children explored nature, built shelters, climbed trees, and used binoculars to spot wildlife.





Forest School

With the welcome shade of Forest School after a hot week, Acorn class decorated their own woodland journey sticks with things they had found around the forest.

Meanwhile Oak class learnt some basic survival skills such as how to use the sun and time as a compass and how to collect and filter water. We also learnt the importance of given clear instructions during a team challenge.



For kids 5-10

Craft Workshop

Wednesday 23rd July 9-11:am
Rock painting
Thursday 24th July 9-11:am
Building a mini greenhouse

£25 per session. Includes all material
Only 10 spaces per session
Chiddingstone Causeway

For more information: Mrs Smedley
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Charity Tea Party

SUNDAY 6TH JULY
2-5PM

TEA/COFFEE, CAKES, SCONES AND A RAFFLE!

Supporting **LINGFIELD MARATHON**
COMMUNITY MINI BUS

St Peter & St Paul Church,
Lingfield

EMMA'S KITCHEN

Term 6's lunch menu & ASC menu is now on the school website:

<https://www.hever.kent.sch.uk/school-meals/>
Please send any feedback to the school office.

Emma's Kitchen



**** Reminders ****

Unnamed Lost Property will be displayed next week.

Anything left on Friday 18th July will be recycled or thrown away.

School Office

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weekend	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Saturday:	7th July:	8th July: Hever Castle Trip — Years 3 & 4	9th July:	10th July: Pizza Express Trip—Yr R KS2 Triathlon	11th July: Bore Place Trip — Year 4

Tuesday 15th July: Year 5 & 6 End of Year Performance: 14:00 & 18:00

Thursday 17th July: 1.15pm YrR to Yr1 Transition Meeting



PTA Update

What an amazing day last weekend! Thank you to everyone who supported, everyone is appreciated. Special thanks to those who played a larger role on the bar, bbq, raffle, facepainting, tombola, class stalls, plants, DJ booth, who were on duty all day! Also a big thank you to all our sponsors and raffle donators - please see a list of thank yous at the end.

As we come to the close of another year we have some PTA Awards to nominate for, who have you seen making a difference who has gone over and above? Please email in your suggestions for **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR** and **CLASS REP OF THE YEAR** with the reasons why to heverpta@hever.kent.sch.uk All feedback will be passed on anonymously whether your nomination wins or not so they know how grateful you are.

Next Year Already?

NEW ROLE: Plans will be starting for 25-26. We will be looking at a new Events Lead Role for all our events- so if there is an event you would like to work on to make it bigger and better - please get in touch.

TRUSTEES: Our trustees will be considering over the summer whether they would be able to continue or not in their roles, however if you would like to be the Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, or Secretary please get in touch they would welcome the help.

GRANT GROUP: This is where you can make a massive impact. Grants are funding from outside our parent/carer body so can massively increase our potential. Let us know if you want to help.

OUT OF HOURS SUPPORT: We appreciate there is a lot of support needed in school hours, which is tricky for anyone with fixed work hours. However there is ALWAYS smaller things to do out of hours so let us know if you want to be added to this group.

All PTA roles are voluntary and all the main roles have fulltime jobs as well. Parents and carers should remember the main trustees are merely facilitators, it is not their responsibility to deliver everything. If you like your children benefiting from all the advantages they coordinate they need your support. In the past few years alone as a PTA we have - built a shepherds hut, funded new books in the library, resurfaced the school playground, bought over £35k of new playground equipment, bought a new stage, bought new musical instruments, funded multiple dance and science workshops, supported school trips, the list goes on. It makes me sad I need to say this but please always treat them with the politeness they deserve.

We look forward to hearing your nominations!

A List of thank yous;

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