

The Hexton Herald

The Head's Lines

We have celebrated so much already this term – a super Harvest Festival and the work of two published authors in school – Thea and Finley – to name but two great achievements. As I look through our busy diary of forthcoming events, I know that there will be much more to share and celebrate before the end of term.

Mrs Fenner

Invaders and Settlers... Oak Class

Oak class will be visiting Pirton School on Monday 14th October to take part in an Anglo Saxon workshop, linked to this term's learning. Children will need to bring a packed lunch. We look forward to sharing their learning outcomes from this later in the term.

Primary & Secondary Admissions

The application process for Secondary School admissions is now open with the deadline on Thursday 31st October 2019.

Online applications can be made on www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions .

The application process for Primary admissions for children born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 opens on Monday 4th November 2019 with the closing date deadline of 14th January 2020.

We will be holding an **Open Morning** for prospective parents on Friday 8th November between 9am and 11am. Please share the date with any parents who might be interested. This date has been added to our Facebook page – Hexton JMI School@herts.sch.uk

Shared Learning/Shared Reading

Just a reminder that we will be continuing our shared reading and learning sessions this term, although with a change in days and times. **Acorn class will be holding shared reading sessions each Friday afternoon from 2.50pm-3.15pm.** This is open to any adult family member who might be able to come. Due to space however, please be aware that a maximum of two adults per child is permitted. Thank you for your understanding regarding this.

Shared Learning sessions, where children will be sharing their learning from the half term, will now be held **half termly**, for each class, **usually on the last Thursday of each half term 2.45pm -3.15pm.** However, the first of these sharing opportunities will be on **Thursday 17th October**, as not to clash with Parent's Evening. (Please see diary dates).

Pupil Premium Funding and Free School Meals

Since the introduction of Universal Infant Free School Meals for Key Stage 1 pupils, there has been a significant reduction in the number of families applying for Pupil Premium/Free School Meals funding. If you have a child who has moved into Year 3, school meals are now chargeable. Therefore, if you think you might be eligible to apply for Free School Meals, please visit the following website: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals or click on the following link [Free schools meals](#)

As a school, we also benefit financially from funding for Pupil Premium pupils so even if your child is in Key Stage 1 we would encourage you to apply. Not only will the school receive additional funds, it also saves you having to remember to apply when your child moves into Year 3. If you need any additional information, please speak to Mrs Fenner, Mrs Hibon or Mrs Spurr in the school office in confidence.

Code Club

It is a delight to see so many children join Code Club on a Tuesday after school. Please note there will not be Code Club on Tuesday 22nd October, due to Parent's Evening taking place.

Online Safety Workshop

Thank you to those parents who attended the workshop this week. If you would like a copy of the presentation or handouts, please let the office know.

Safeguarding

Please could you ensure that you wait in the front entrance by the school office when collecting children for appointments or early collections during the school day. A member of staff will bring your child to you. This ensures that all our children remain safe at all times.



Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded a Golden Ticket during the month of September (some who have only been in school for a few weeks!)

Acorn Class: Clark, Emily, Gabriella, Joseph A, Jake, Amber, Eliza, Joseph J

Oak class: Rhys, Will, Anaya, Thea, Grace, Isobel, Finley, Zack



Diary dates

Hexton School dates 2019-2020

*New dates added/changed will be in bold

Monday 14th October	Oak Class Anglo Saxon Workshop at Pirton School
Friday 18 th October	School Nurse Health questionnaire – Y6 pupils
Tuesday 22 nd October	3.30pm – 7.00pm Parent Consultation meetings
Wednesday 23 rd October	1.00pm Flu vaccinations – all pupils
Thursday 24th October	HPA Halloween Disco
HALF TERM 28 th October – 1 st November	
Wednesday 6 th November	Oak class swimming with Pirton School
Friday 8th November	Open Morning
11 th – 15 th November	Friendship (Anti Bullying) Week
12th November	HPA meeting @ The Raven – 7.30pm
18 th – 22 nd November	Assessment Week
Friday 22nd November	HPA Film Club after school
Friday 29 th November	OCCASIONAL DAY
Tuesday 10 th December	2.15pm Acorn Christmas Nativity - TBC 5.30pm Acorn Christmas Nativity - TBC
Tuesday 17th December	Carols by Candlelight 6.00pm TBC
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas lunch
Friday 20 th December	End of Term
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 23 rd December – 3 rd January 2020	
Monday 6 th January	INSET DAY
Thursday 9 th January	Whole school panto trip
Wednesday 22nd January	Happy School Bag Collection - HPA
Tuesday 4 th February	Young Voices 02 Arena
10 th – 14 th February	Feeling Good Week
Tuesday 11 th February	Safe Internet Day

Thursday 13 th February	3.30pm – 7.00pm Parent consultation meetings
HALF TERM 17 th – 21 st February	
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Monday 9 th March	Sport Relief
16 th -20 th March	Assessment Week
Friday 3 rd April	End of Term
EASTER HOLIDAYS 6 th – 17 th April	
Monday 20 th April	Term Starts
Wednesday 29 th April	Whole school and Class Photos
Friday 8 th May	VE Day Bank Holiday
11 th – 14 th May	KS2 SATS
18 th – 21 st May	KS1 SATS
18 th – 21 st May	Assessment Week
Friday 22 nd May	INSET DAY
HALF TERM 25 th – 29 th May	
8 th - 12 th June	Yr 1 Phonics Screening Check
15 th – 19 th June	Yr 4 Multiplication Table Check
29 th June – 3 rd July	Yr 6 Isle of Wight Trip
6 th – 10 th July	Transition Week
Thursday 9 th July	Secondary School Transition Day
Tuesday 7 th July	Sports Afternoon
Friday 10 th July	Reports to Parents
Tuesday 14 th July	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 17 th July	Leavers Assembly End of Term

Term Dates 2019-2020

Autumn Term 2019

Monday 2 September - Friday 20 December 2019

Half Term: Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November 2019

INSET Day: Monday 2 September 2019

OCCASIONAL Day: Friday 29 November 2019

Spring Term 2020

Monday 6 January – Friday 3 April 2020

Half Term: Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February 2020

INSET Day: Monday 6 January 2020

Summer Term 2020

Tuesday 20 April – Tuesday 21 July 2020

Half Term: Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May 2020

Bank Holiday: Friday 8 May 2020

INSET Day: Friday 22 May 2020

INSET Day: Monday 20 July 2020

INSET Day: Tuesday 21 July



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Dear Parents/Carers

We are delighted to announce that the school is holding a clothing collection with **Happy School Bag Fundraising Project**.

This scheme is designed to help schools raise needed funds as well as helping the environment by keeping textiles away from landfills. By taking part in this scheme, you help reduce the amount of reusable textile waste and give the clothing a new lease of life.

To take part you simply need to fill the bags provided or any plastic bags with unwanted but clean and reusable clothing. We accept children's and adults' clothes including paired shoes, (accessories: handbags, belts, jewellery, etc...).

Remember the more you fill up the bag(s) the more the school can raise.

The Happy School Bag van will be collecting from our school on 22nd January 2020. Please bring all your bags to the School Office and help us have an amazing collection.

Many thanks!

HPA & School Office