

The Hexton Herald

The Head's Lines

I hope that everyone enjoyed a happy summer holiday. It has been wonderful to welcome our children back to school. Everyone looks very smart in their uniforms and eager to learn and it has been a pleasure to hear the buzz of learning fill the classrooms once again! We look forward to an exciting year ahead. A warm welcome to all our parents and families – old and new!

Mrs Fenner

Staffing news

I am pleased to welcome to **Miss Selina Jones** who joins our staff team as teacher in Acorn class and also **Mrs Nicola Spurr** who will be our school secretary Wednesday-Friday. I know that they are keen to meet you all, so please do come and say hello.

Summer Reading Challenge

A reminder for anyone who completed the Library Service Summer Reading Challenge to bring their completed certificates in to school. **There will be 20 house points for anyone who completes the challenge and brings in their medal/certificate into school for a celebration assembly on Monday 16th September.**

Save the Date: Parent Workshop

On the **8th October 2019, from 6.30pm-8.00pm**, we are offering a free information evening about safeguarding for parents at Hexton JMI School. More information will be look out for the update in early September.

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.

Children coming to school on PE days.

We have decided that, to help children with organisation on PE days, children should come to school dressed in their PE kits. They should return home in their kits at the end of the school day. A change of trainers should be kept in school for PE use. PE days will be **Tuesdays and Thursdays**. We will be trialing this arrangement for the first half term and would welcome any parental comment regarding this. If days change for any reason, we will do our best to give parents notice via parent mail or notice board.

Shared Learning/Shared Reading

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 will be 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 however, 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.

Good Luck...

Mark Hall, parent and governor, is going to endure the Great North Run on Sunday, raising money for Hexton JMI school with every step taken! We wish him well and look forward to him crossing the finishing line! He aims to complete the race in 1 hour 45 minutes – a pace of 4 minutes 58 seconds per kilometre!

If you are able to support Mark, please visit the link below to his fundraising page. Thank You and Good Luck Mark. We are all (metaphorically) right behind you!

<https://donate.givesasyoulive.com/fundraising/markswimbikerunandrunagain?everyclick>

Parent Information Meetings

Parent Information Meetings will be held in Acorn class on Monday 16th September 3.00-3.15pm and in Oak class on Tuesday 17th September 3.00-3.15pm. This will be an opportunity for class teachers to share the curriculum plans for this term and update parents on routines within school. We look forward to seeing you then.

Clubs

The following clubs will take place this term:

Dance – Monday lunchtime – no charge – open to all.

Code Club – computing with Mrs Fenner, Tuesday after school – no charge – open to Y2 upwards (not on Tuesday 24th September).

Drama – Ickledrama – Wednesday lunchtime – chargeable

Multi Sports with Stevenage Borough – Thursday after school – no charge.



Diary dates

Hexton School dates 2019-2020

Monday 2 September	INSET – Training
Tuesday 3 September	Term starts for pupils
Monday 9 September	Rocksteady lessons start – a.m
Thursday 12 September	Multi Sports after school club starts
Wednesday 18 September	HPA meeting @ Raven time TBC
Mon 23 to Wed 25 September	Year 5 trip to Liddington
Tuesday 8 October	6.30pm Parent Safeguarding Workshop at Hexton
Friday 18 October	School Nurse Health questionnaire – Y6 pupils
Tuesday 22 October	3.30pm – 7.00pm Parent Consultation meetings
Wednesday 23 October	1.00pm Flu vaccinations – all pupils
28 October – 1 November HALF TERM	
Wednesday 6 November	Oak class swimming with Pirton School
11-15 November	Anti Bullying Week
18-22 November	Assessment Week
Friday 29 November	OCCASIONAL DAY
Tuesday 10 December	2.15pm Acorn Christmas Nativity - TBC 5.30pm Acorn Christmas Nativity - TBC
Tuesday 17 December	Carols by Candlelight 6.00pm TBC
Wednesday 18 December	Christmas lunch
Thursday 19 December	2pm Carols by Candlelight - TBC 6pm Carols by Candlelight - TBC
Friday 20 December	Last day of term
23 December – 3 January CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	
Monday 6 January	INSET
Thursday 9 January	Whole school panto trip
Tuesday 4 February	Young Voices 02 Arena
10-14 February	Feeling Good Week

Tuesday 11 February	Safe Internet Day
Thursday 13 February	3.30pm – 7.00pm Parent consultation meetings
17 – 21 February HALF TERM	
Thursday 5 March	World Book Day
Monday 9 March	Sport Relief
16-20 March	Assessment Week
Friday 3 April	End of Term
6- 17 April EASTER BREAK	
Monday 20 April	Term Starts
Wednesday 29 April	Whole school and Class Photos
Friday 8 May	VE Day Bank Holiday
11 to 14 May	KS2 SATS
18 to 21 May	KS1 SATS
18 to 21 May	Assessment Week
Friday 22 May	INSET Day
25-29 May HALF TERM	
8 to 12	Yr1 Phonics Screening Check
15 to 19 June	Y4 Multiplication Table Check
29 June -3 July	Year 6 Isle of Wight Trip
6-10 July	Transition Week
Thursday 9 July	Secondary School Transition Day
Tuesday 7 July	Sports Afternoon
Friday 10 July	Reports to Parents
Tuesday 14 July	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 17 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

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