



The Head's Lines

We are very excited about the few days left until half term! Not only do we have Feeling Good Week to look forward to but we have been awarded with a visit from an athlete as part of North Herts Sports' Partnership recognition of The Daily Mile. Although we don't know who our mystery visitor will be as yet, I know we will give our usual Hexton welcome and enjoy a morning of activity on February 14th. Thank you to Miss Jones for organising this.

Mrs Fenner

Reading



Libraries supporting Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing

Libraries will launch the Reading Well for Children book collection in the week 3rd – 9th February. These books provide helpful reading to support children's mental health and wellbeing. The books have been chosen and endorsed by leading health professionals and are targeted at children in Key Stage 2 (age 7-11), with a wide range of reading levels to support less confident readers and encourage children to read together with their carers.

The 33 titles in the collection cover subjects such as maintaining good mental health, understanding and managing feelings, dealing with worries, dealing with tough times personally and navigating the world around you, including at school, online and in the news. Visit your Library from 3rd February to find out more about the Reading Well for Children book collection and how it can support parents and children. For the full booklist visit www.reading-well.org.uk

Reading Photographs



Don't forget to send in photographs of your children reading at home so that Miss Pidgeon can display them in school. Photos can be sent into school either directly to the class teacher or via the school office.

We look forward to seeing our pupils working hard on their reading skills at home.

World Book Day



We are hosting a range of fun events to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. Children are invited to dress up as a book character on the day and bring in the book that the character comes from. During the day, classes will host a buddy reading session where children read with a child from another class.

At 5.45pm, children are invited back to school in their pyjamas and a dressing gown to listen to a bedtime story. We will serve hot chocolate, towards the end of the session, before children are collected at 6.15pm. Children can be dropped off and collected in the school hall before dispersing into different classrooms to hear a favourite or new story. For parents who live outside Hexton, you are welcome to wait in the learning zone until the end of the session.



Bikeability



We are pleased to be able to offer the children in Oak class the chance to receive professional cycle training towards the end of this term. This will be subsidised by use of our Sports Premium Grant and we look forward to sharing the children's success with you at the beginning of the Summer term. Please return permission slips as soon as possible to allow us to confirm numbers.

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 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 or Mrs Hibon in the school office in confidence.



Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded a Golden Ticket during the month of January

 **Jack, Gabby, Iris, Jake, Eliza, Joseph**

 **Briony, Will, Isobel, Joseph, Eva, Rhys**



HPA News



Don't forget about our School Lottery with a draw every Saturday, It is a fabulous way to raise money for the school.

Please visit <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/hexton-jmi-school> to enter the draw

YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

Supporting
Hexton JMI School

SHAPE UP YOUR FAMILY!

Buy A Lottery Ticket
This Half-Term &
WIN A Family
FITBIT
BUNDLE

- WIN a FITBIT Bundle (FITBIT Inspire HR + Ace 2 Kid's Fitness Tracker)
- Support your local school
- Play for £1 per week
- Win up to £25,000

To start supporting, visit:
[yourschoollottery.co.uk](https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk)
and search for: **Hexton**

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Sign up before 12th February 2020. Terms and conditions apply - see website.

The HPA will be hosting the annual 'Pancake Races' after school on Tuesday 25th February at 3.15pm.



Please send your child with an apron and a small frying pan on the day to join in the fun!
We would then like to invite you to enjoy a cuppa and cake while the children have some refreshments, show you their well-earned medals and get their breath back!
We hope you can join us for this fun and memorable event!

Finally, we are very pleased to tell you that a staggering **£197.40** was raised from Happy School bag collection so a big thank you to everyone who donated!



Upcoming Events – more details to follow:
Wednesday 18th March - Mother's day pop-up shop
Friday 20th March - Film Club



Diary dates

Hexton School dates 2019-2020

*New dates added/changed will be in bold

10 th – 14 th February	Feeling Good Week
Tuesday 11 th February	Safe Internet Day
Tuesday 11th February	Parent Consultation meetings, 3.30 - 7.00pm
Friday 14th February	Daily Mile Athlete Visit
Monday 17 th - Friday 21 st February	Half Term Holiday
Tuesday 25 th February	HPA Pancake Day races
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day and Bedtime Story Session at 5.30pm
Monday 9 th March	Sport Relief
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th March	Assessment Week
Wednesday 18th March	HPA Mother's Day pop-up shop (time TBC)
Friday 20th March	HPA Film Club
Monday 30 th March	Rock Steady Concert 9.15am
Friday 3 rd April	Whole School Easter Walk & Egg Hunt
Friday 3 rd April	End of Term
EASTER HOLIDAYS 6th - 17th April	
Monday 20 th April	Term Starts
Wednesday 29 th April	Whole school and Class Photos
Friday 8 th May	VE Day Bank Holiday
Monday 11 th – Friday 14 th May	KS2 SATS
Monday 18 th – Friday 21 st May	KS1 SATS
Monday 18 th – Friday 21 st May	Assessment Week
Friday 22 nd May	Inset Day
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th May	Half Term Holiday



Diary dates

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Monday 8 th - Friday 12 th June	Yr 1 Phonics Screening Check
Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th June	Yr 4 Multiplication Table Check
Monday 29 th June – Friday 3 rd July	Yr 6 Isle of Wight Trip
Monday 6 th – Friday 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

Monday 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

Term Dates 2020-2021

Autumn Term 2020

Wednesday 2 September - Friday 18 December 2020
Half Term: Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October 2020

INSET Day: Wednesday 2 September 2020
INSET Day: Thursday 3 September 2020
INSET Day: Friday 4 September 2020
OCCASIONAL Day: Friday 27 November 2020

Spring Term 2021

Monday 4 January – Friday 26 March 2021
Half Term: Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February 2021

INSET Day: Monday 4 January 2021

Summer Term 2021

Monday 12 April – Thursday 22 July 2021
Half Term: Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June 2021

Bank Holiday: Monday 3 May 2021
INSET Day: Friday 28 May 2021