

The Head's Lines

Despite a chill in the air, the sun continues to shine and the children are experts at bringing this brightness into class each morning! The summer term has started well and it is comforting to be able to start planning a 'return' of events and experiences this term. We will share more details of further events as we are able to plan them!

Mrs Fenner

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 will move to Y3 in September, 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](#) . If your circumstances have changed in recent months, you may also qualify and may want to consider applying.

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 Miss Butler in the school office in confidence.

Breakfast Club

We still have places available in our Breakfast Club. Please let the school office know if this is something you are interested in.

Breakfast Club At: Hexton Junior & Infant school

Date: W/c 12th April 2021 – W/c 12th July

Day: Monday – Friday

Times: 7.30-8.50am

Price: £5 Per session

***Small breakfast provided**



How to Book...

Go to www.premier-education.com/parents and search for your child's school using our handy school activities finder.

Attendance

We continue to have high attendance in school and are grateful to parents who are following the guidelines when a suspected case of Covid-19 occurs within their family. We know that it is often confusing to separate Covid-19 symptoms from common colds. Whilst some schools are not accepting children in school with any symptoms of any illnesses, we feel that it is important that children attend school regularly and wherever possible. If your child demonstrates any of the Covid-19 symptoms, please **DO NOT SEND THEM TO SCHOOL**. Please follow the steps in the guidance we have previously released.

We will continue to ask parents to keep their child at home for a period of **48 hours** following a bout of diarrhoea or vomiting commencing from the last episode of illness.

We will continue to contact you if your child becomes unwell at school and needs to be collected to go home. This will include when we feel a child may be demonstrating Covid-19 symptoms. In this case, we will ask you to arrange for your child to be tested and not return to school until we have confirmation of negative test or your child has self-isolated for 10 days from the onset of symptoms. If your child is generally unwell, please also consider if it is in their best interest to be at school. Please contact the school office if your child will be absent from school for any reason.

Reading



“A book is like a garden, carried in the pocket” Chinese proverb

Reading remains a high priority in school and we are pleased with how well engaged children are on their return after the holiday. As a school, we continue to invest in high quality texts and provide as much variety as possible in the books children read. Teachers also carefully consider the texts they use to inspire pupils in their learning across all subjects. We are pleased to be reading to pupils on a regular basis again in class and we are looking forward to welcoming Julia Jarman to school on Thursday 27th May 2021. Thank you for sharing books with your children at home too.



Bikeability



We are pleased to be able to offer the children in Oak class the chance to receive professional cycle training later this term. Further information and permission slips will be sent home soon.

Space to Be Project

We are excited to begin developing the quiet area as part of the project for Feeling Good Week over the next few weeks. We have been able to use the Sports Premium Funding for the project too and have a gazebo on order that will provide wooden shelter for children as well as a space to read or enjoy quiet activities. The space will support pupils' well-being and provide a calm space to play. Look out for the changes in the next few weeks and thank you to everyone who has contributed to the space so far.

PSHE

In the summer, term both Oak and Acorn Class will begin their Relationship Education as part of the PSHE curriculum, these will be tailored lesson to the appropriate age group, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.



Diary dates

Hexton School dates 2020-2021

*New dates added/changed will be in bold

Wednesday 28 th April	Class Photographs
Monday 3 rd May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 27 th May	Julia Jarman author visit
Friday 28 th May	Inset Day
HALF TERM 31 st May – 4 th June	
21 st - 24 th June	Bikeability – Oak Class (information to follow)
Thursday 22 nd July	Last Day of Term

Term Dates 2020-2021

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

Term Dates 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2021

Wednesday 1 September – Tuesday 21 December 2021
Half Term: Monday 25 October – Friday 29 October 2021

INSET Day: Wednesday 1 September 2021
OCCASIONAL Day: Friday 26 November 2021

Spring Term 2022

Wednesday 5 January – Friday 1 April 2022
Half Term: Monday 14 February – Friday 18 February 2022

INSET Day: Wednesday 5 January 2022

Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 19 April – Friday 22 July 2022
Half Term: Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June 2022

INSET Day: Tuesday 19 April 2022
Bank Holiday: Monday 2 May 2022
INSET Day: Friday 27 May 2022
INSET Day: Monday 6 June 2022