



Hexton JMI School Newsletter

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175th Anniversary of Hexton School

On Friday 1st October, we are celebrating the 175th anniversary of Hexton School. Everyone is welcome to join us from 1.30pm to enjoy the celebrations and see the school as it is today. Over the past few weeks children have been learning about Victorian education and the school founder Caroline De Lautour.

Friday promises to be a very special day for the school.



Nature Explorers

Reception and Year 1 have been enjoying weekly outdoor learning sessions with Mrs Foot. We are very excited by this new venture and the opportunity to make the most of the school grounds. So far children have made crowns and leaf prints.



Mrs Caporale

We know the children have missed Lucy in the Kitchen and are looking forward to her return. Mrs Caporale is going to be off work for at least the next three weeks and we wish her a speedy recovery. Thank you to everyone for their patience while school lunches are being served by Herts Catering from a local kitchen.

Covid-19

The school is working with the new Covid-19 guidance in school. We will continue to promote good hygiene and keep rooms ventilated. Should your child feel ill or test positive for Covid-19, they must stay at home and follow the new guidance. Close contacts do not need to isolate unless they test positive.

Barton Christmas Tree Festival



Hexton JMI School have been invited to open the Barton Christmas Tree Festival this year. Please keep Saturday 5th December free so that as many children as possible can take part. We will send more details in November as we will also enter a tree hoping to do as well as last year.

Ickle Drama

Valerie from 'Ickle Drama' has been exploring Caroline De Lautour with children in Oak class. Valerie is offering these sessions for free as she begins to establish a community based group. The children have been creating interviews and enjoying role play based on historical facts about Hexton School and Victorian education.



Golden Ticket Winners

Congratulations to our Golden ticket winners so far this year. You have shown the Hexton values in your learning and conduct in school.

Oak Class:

Gabby, Evie, Joey, Finley, Emily, Ronnie

Acorn Class:

Iris, Grace, Lily, Edward, Lenore, Freddie C



Mighty oaks from little acorns grow...

Trips and reply slips

Please return and reply slips to the office for school trips or the flu vaccination. It is important we have all reply slips before children can take part in the British Schools Museum visit on Thursday. Thank you again to HPA for funding our trips and visits this term.



Consultation Process

On Thursday 30th September, you will receive a letter from Herts County Council with a link to formalise your view about the proposed closure of the school. On Tuesday 12th October there will be a public consultation which all stakeholders are invited to attend. If you have any questions about the consultation process or want to talk about your child, please talk to me or Mrs Marsh and we will help and support you in any way we can. Mr Hall and I are working with county admissions to secure the future of all children both in Hexton and beyond including children living in Bedfordshire. We thank all parents for their continued support of the school at this time.

Lift

Both Oak and Acorn classes have been enjoying a new text Lift. They have been finding out about Iris as she takes her brother on an adventure through a magical lift. Both classes have been creative and imaginative in their responses to the text. Mrs Okoturo and Miss Murray have been very impressed by pupils learning and engagement so far.



Mr Wallace

Mr Wallace has responsibility for safeguarding as part of his governor role. This week he is working with Mrs Hibon to check the Single Central Record. He is also reviewing all staff training since returning in September and will begin working on the annual safeguarding audit for the school.

Autumn term dates

**New dates added/changed will be in bold*

- 30.09.21 - British Schools Museum trip
- 30.09.21 - Consultation process begins
- 01.10.21 - 175th Anniversary afternoon
- 11.10.21 - Harvest Festival assembly
- 20.10.21 - Morning book share
- 20.10.21 - Parents consultation
- 21.10.21 - HPA Halloween Disco
- 25.10.21 - Half Term
- 02.11.21 - Wildlife Centre workshop
- 26.11.21 - Occasional Day
- 05.12.21 - Christmas tree Festival
- 07.12.21 - Whole School Panto trip
- 15.12.21 - Christmas Lunch
- 21.12.21 - Last day of Term 1.20pm finish

Term Dates for the Year

Spring term 2022

- Inset day - Wednesday 5th January
- First day of Term - Thursday 6th January
- Half Term - Monday 14th – Friday 18th February
- Last day of Term - Friday 1st April

Summer term 2022

- Inset day - Tuesday 19th April
- First day of Term - Wednesday 20th April
- Bank Holiday - Monday 2nd May
- Inset day - Friday 27th May
- Half Term - Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June
- Occasional day - Monday 6th June
- Inset Day - Tuesday 7th June
- Last day of Term - Friday 22nd July

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