

# Hexton JMI School Newsletter

*Mighty oaks from little acorns grow...*

## October 2021



### Barton Christmas tree Festival

The school have been invited to sing at the opening of the Christmas Tree Festival on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Our theme for the festival this year is 'Woodland Walk'. Please look out for the letter with the details about the opening ceremony. It is a lovely opportunity to celebrate Hexton in the community.

### Golden Ticket winners



Congratulations to our 'Golden Ticket' winners. They have shown the school values in all that they do and are role models to others in their class.

**Acorn class: Freddie J, Oliver, Ben, Ellie, Carter & Lenore**

**Oak class: Eliza, Henry, Ronnie, Kiera, Jack & Amber**

### House points

The average house point scores are:

**St Faiths: 17**

**Manor: 14**

**Ravensburgh: 15**

Please talk to children about house points and how they have earned them. The winning team will earn a house reward at the end of term.

### Attendance

School attendance is important and we ask families to avoid booking holidays in term time. Good attendance is over 96%, a persistent absentee is a child with attendance below 90%. Our current attendance figure is: 95.7%

### Mrs Gran – School Governor

As part of my role, I am the appointed SEND governor and as such, am in contact with Mrs Marsh and the team who ensure that our children have the best support that Hexton JMI can provide. I carried out a school visit on 12<sup>th</sup> October with Mrs Marsh to observe how the staff are engaging and working with children and the specific interventions that are in place. I was delighted to see the support and individual attention that is being provided.

The staff have a wonderful connection and understanding of our children's needs and take a positive and sensitive approach to working with each child. They are always seeking to find the best solutions for the development of our children while in school, with the resources available.

Along with the other governors we have also been working on our submission for the consultation response. Please remember to submit your consultation responses, because each and every one matters!



### School arrival and drop off

Please ensure your children arrive by 9am. If they are late, please take them to the front office and sign them in as the classroom doors will be closed. Please make sure that the school know who has permission to take you child home and contact the school office or let the class teacher know, at the start of the day. We have a duty of care to keep children safe at all times, including collection at the end of the day.

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## Children in Need Day

We will be taking part in Children in Need on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Children are invited to wear spotty clothing for the day. Each class will take part in activities that promote kindness and wellbeing in the afternoon. Parents are welcome to make a donation which will be sent to Children in Need.



## Local Area Study

The children enjoyed two local visits as part of our Hexton JMI School project. Mrs Swann opened the church for the children to look at the monuments and gravesite of Caroline de Lautour and her family.

This week, Mrs Webster led the school on a tour of the village. We looked at the original water pumps that were installed for the tenants by Caroline de Lautour. We saw the location of the original pub, which was called the Red Lion, and the old post office. Both houses which have replaced these buildings are now named after them.

The children have carefully considered changes over time and have learnt a great deal about life in Hexton in the Victorian era. We have many budding historians in school and all the pupils can be proud of their learning so far.

## HPA Events

Thank you to the HPA for organising the film night in September, the Halloween Disco and for the upcoming Christmas Disco on 10<sup>th</sup> December. As a small school, parents make an incredibly valuable contribution to the life of the school and our children benefit from this enormously.



## Parents Consultation

Thank you to all those parents who were able to meet their child's class teacher this week. It was a positive evening and a good opportunity for you to work with Mrs Okoturo and Mrs Murray in supporting your child with their learning and development.

## Dates

- 02.11.21 - The Wildlife Trust visit
- 03.11.21 - School nurse and Year 6 questionnaire
- 03.11.21 - Year 5 and 6 mindfulness sessions begin
- 08.11.21 - 10.11.21 – School tours
- 15.11.21 - Individual school photographs
- 19.11.21 - Children in Need
- 22.11.21 - Flu jab follow up appointments
- 26.11.21 - Occasional Day – school closed
- 01.12.21 - Reception hearing/eye tests
- 04.12.21 - Christmas Tree Festival performance
- 05.12.21 - Christmas Tree Festival
- 07.12.21 - Panto – Aladdin at the Gordon Craig
- 10.12.21 - Christmas Jumper Day/Santa Run
- 10.12.21 - Christmas Disco 4.00pm -6.00pm
- 15.12.21 - Christmas Lunch
- 16.12.21 - Christmas Performance
- 20.12.21 - 'Gratitude' – Theme Day
- 21.12.21 - Last Day of Term - 1.20pm finish
- 05.01.22 - INSET Day
- 06.01.22 - Spring Term begins
- 14.01.21 - Film night
- 14.02.21 - Half Term
- 01.04.21 - Last day of Term - 1.20pm finish

*Thank you for your commitment and support, of Hexton School, over the past half term. We have lots to look forward to in the weeks leading up to Christmas and wish you all a lovely half term with your families.*

*Best wishes from the Hexton Team.*



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