

# Hexton JMI School Newsletter

*Mighty oaks from little acorns grow...*

## March 2022



### Easter

It is wonderful to see the signs of spring in and around school. The children have been a credit this term, in their learning and approach to school life. We wish you all a lovely Easter break and we look forward to the summer term and all the learning opportunities ahead.

### Attendance

School attendance remains important and we appreciate the effort everyone is making to ensure children attend school regularly. Please avoid booking holidays and check the term dates for Hexton on the school website. Our current attendance figure is: 94%. Good attendance is at least 96%.

### Golden Ticket Winners



Congratulations to our 'Golden Ticket' winners for showing the school values.

**Acorn class: Ed, Iris, Carter and Emily**

**Oak class: Clark, Joe and Finley**

Please send in any achievements outside school so that we can celebrate them each Friday.

All children must be signed in and out of the school office if they are late or being collected early. Please note the school day will begin at 8.45am immediately after Easter. This brings the school day in line with new government guidance.

### Councillor David Barnard

We are very grateful to Councillor David Barnard for his generous £500 donation to several primary schools including Hexton JMI. David Barnard has supported the school at a very challenging time in the past few months. We have purchased some outdoor learning resources including a new easel for painting which the children are enjoying.

### Weekly Sports Star



Congratulations to our sports stars:

**Acorn: Iris, Ollie and Gracie**

**Oak: Ayla, Evie and Emily**

They have demonstrated the school values in PE lessons and are role models to others.

### Stadium Tour

Thank you to Mrs Gran, Miss Butler and Mrs Benstead for helping on the trip to the Stevenage Borough Stadium. Mr Smith is a huge asset to the school and the children enjoyed their visit a great deal. They also enjoyed the impromptu picnic on our return. George the coach driver certainly saved the day. It was a fun morning looking at the behind the scenes of our local football club.



### House Points

Each week children collect team points in school. The average house point scores so far this term are:

**St Faiths: 56**

**Manor: 69**

**Ravensburgh: 62**

Manor are the winning house. They have earned an extra playtime. Well done everyone.

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## Governor Visit

"On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March I enjoyed being able to visit school in person again working with Mrs Marsh and Miss Pidgeon to monitor behaviour. The school staff are working together to implement a behaviour policy based on the zones of regulation and providing children with the tools they need to talk about their feelings. I saw a PE lesson with Mr Smith from Stevenage Borough and learning in Oak and Acorn class. The vast majority of children in the school are polite and well behaved and they are all well supported to access their learning. It was a pleasure to be in school."

- Lee Burgess, Governor

## HPA

Thank you to the HPA for their ongoing work and support of the school. So far they have organised the mothers day art activity, happy bag collection and the easter egg hunt. We also appreciate the support given by parents in both time and money. The HPA have always played a significant role in the school and we are ever grateful to parents for their ongoing help.



## Nature Connections

After Easter Reception and Year 1 will have outdoor learning with Mrs Foot. They had such a wonderful time in the autumn, it will be lovely to see what they all achieve in the summer. We are very lucky to have such beautiful grounds and to be so close to the church too. After half term Reception and Year 2 will enjoy sessions until the end of term.

## Protective Behaviours

This term Mrs Daniels and Mrs Okoturo have been trained in protective behaviours. This training provides a set of principles that can be implemented in school settings to support pupils with their behaviour and wellbeing.

This training is designed for schools and anyone working with children. Both members of staff have gained new insight to use with children.

## Reading

Acorn class are collecting photos of the class reading in unusual places. So far we have had some delightful pictures of children reading on climbing walls, on rocking horses and in their own special places. Keep the photos coming in as we enjoy seeing what you are reading and where. Keep reading over the Easter holiday and we look forward to hearing about any new books or authors children have read when we return.

## Dates

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

01.04.22 - Last day of Term - 1.20pm finish

**19.04.22 - INSET DAY**

20.04.22 - Children return to school

20.04.22 - Oak class cookery sessions begin

**20.04.22 - Outdoor learning begins for Reception and Year 1**

**25.04.22 - Kittle photos**

**26.04.22 - Oak class swimming sessions**

**02.05.22 - Bank Holiday**

**09.05.22 - SATs week for Year 6**

**26.05.22 - Jubilee celebrations**

**27.05.22 - INSET DAY**

**30.05.22 - Half term**

**06.05.22 - Occasional Day**

**07.05.22 - INSET day**

**08.05.22 - Children return**

**10.06.22 - KS2 sports event**

**15.07.22 - Veg bikes HCL**

**14.07.22 - Herts secondary transfer day**

**22.07.22 - Last day of term 1.20pm finish**

*Best wishes from the Hexton Team.*

**EASTER**

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