

Hexton JMI School Newsletter

Autumn 2022: Issue 3

Headteacher's message

It's been another delightful week at Hexton JMI. It started, of course, with the bank holiday. Whether or not you observed the funeral, I hope you enjoyed the extra time with your family. I personally was peppered with questions about the ceremony by my son, which I'm sure will sound familiar to many of you.

On Thursday, I was joined by our Hertfordshire Improvement Partner Mr Mike Catchpool and governor Karen Ireland as we carried out visits to classes focusing on maths provision. There were plenty of positives including positive relationships between children and adults, calm, busy learning environments, effective use of working walls and some high quality presentation in books. Over the next term, we will adapt practice to make our maths offer even stronger. This will involve adopting a mastery approach, developing pupils as active learners and further challenging all pupils.

There appears to be a sickness bug doing the rounds at school, so please do talk with your children about good hand hygiene, as we will in school. Hopefully not too many more will be afflicted with it over the next few days.

Please note the change in date (again!) of the SENCo coffee morning. This will be the last change – we promise – and Mrs Claxton is looking forward to seeing many of you on 3rd October.

Have a lovely weekend, and we will see you bright and early on Monday morning.

This week's letters

Autumn festival flyer, open day flyer, DSPL email.

Dates

* £1 donation optional

Date	Event
Mon 26 th Sept	Parents' welcome evening
1 st -31 st Oct	Black History Month
Mon 3 rd Oct	Parents' coffee morning with SENCo
4 th -10 th Oct	World Space Week
Mon 10 th Oct	World Mental Health Day (wear yellow)*
Sat 15 th Oct	TBC HPA Autumn festival 12-4
Mon 17 th and Tue 18 th Oct	Parents' consultation evenings
Fri 21 st Oct	Bring a pumpkin to school HPA Hallowe'en Disco 3:15-5:30
24 th -28 th Oct	Half term break
31 st Oct-4 th Nov	Open mornings for Rec 2023
Fri 11 th Nov	Armistice Day World Kindness Day
14 th Nov	Individual photos
14 th -18 th Nov	Anti-bullying week
Fri 18 th Nov	Odd socks day Children in Need*
Thur 24 th Nov	Divali
Fri 25 th Nov	Occasional day (no school)
Fri 2 nd Dec	Decs day (children in old clothes)
Sat 3 rd and Sun 4 th Dec	Christmas Tree Festival, St Nicholas Church
Tue 6 th Dec	Panto
Fri 9 th Dec	HPA Christmas Fayre 3:15-5:15
TBC Dec	Santa Run
Wed 14 th Dec	Christmas dinner day TBC Christmas jumper day TBC
Wed 15 th Dec	Christmas service at St Faith's
TBC Dec	Christmas performance
TBC Dec	Christmas carols
Fri 16 th Dec	Christmas parties
Weds 21 st Dec	End of term 1:30 pm – non-uniform day
22 nd Dec-4 th Jan	Christmas holidays



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Golden Ticket Winners

Congratulations to our 'Golden Ticket' winners for showing the school values. These children will have a tea party with Mrs Squires each Friday afternoon.

Acorn class: Lily

Oak class: Lenore

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



Weekly Sports Star

Congratulations to our sports stars:

Acorn: Carter

Oak: Jack

Miss Meadows said that the children have shown resilience this week in their PE lessons and that behaviour generally is very positive. Well done to all of you!



House Points

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

St Faiths: 1

Manor: 1

Ravensburgh: 2

The children earn points for displaying the values in their learning and behaviour.

100% Attendance

Congratulations to all the children who have achieved 100% attendance this week, coming to school every day, on time.

Ayla, Oliver, Freddie, Nancy, Lily, Eliza, Hugo, Lillie, Roman, Ben, Charlie, Lenore.

Whole school attendance this week: **84.2%**

Staff snapshot: Miss Murray

Each week we will introduce a member of the team so you can get to know us better.

This week, it's Acorn class teacher, Miss Murray:

Hello everyone. My name is Miss Murray and I am the Acorn class teacher. I have been teaching for 9 years, and was living and working in London until last year. I enjoy cooking meals and baking, but I am not yet quite good enough to join the Great British Bake off. Maybe next year! I can play the fiddle (that's what us Irish call the violin) and I enjoy relaxing by reading a good book.

Autumn Festival

On Saturday 15th October, we will be hosting our Autumn festival between 12-4 p.m. The HPA are still busy organising, but there will be stalls, live music and games so do get the date in your diary. Attached is a flyer for you to share with friends and family. We'd love for it to be as successful as the summer fair was last term!



Welcome Evening

On Monday, we are hosting our welcome evening. It will start at 3:30. Please come in via the main entrance, where you will be given a Hexton Kingdom passport. Parents, pupils, siblings and wider family are welcome to attend! You will be invited to journey around the school, carrying out some simple learning tasks with your children (suitable for all ages), while you explore the school and chat to our friendly staff. Once you have completed each task, you will receive a secret letter. When you have completed them all, and unscrambled them, let Mrs Squires know the secret word to receive a small prize! Tea and coffee will be provided in the dining room, and school is open until 4:30. We look forward to seeing you all.



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