

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.

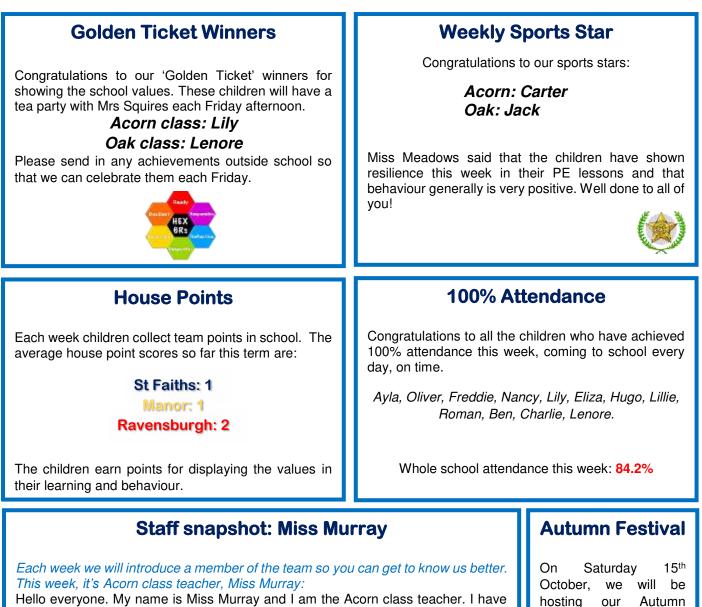
This week's letters

Autumn festival flyer, open day flyer, DSPL email.

| Dates | * £1 donation optional |
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| 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 | Christmas Tree Festival, St Nicholas |
| 4 th Dec | 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 <u>1:30 pm</u> – non-uniform |
| 22 nd Dec-4 th Jan | day Christmas holidays |
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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.

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.

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!



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