

Hexton JMI School Newsletter

Autumn 2022: Issue 4

Headteacher's message

This week began with our welcome evening after school on Monday (see our Facebook page for pictures!). It was lovely to have so many children, siblings and parents in school so thank you to everyone who came along. We hope to make this an annual event, so please do share any feedback or suggestions for how we can improve it.

This week, I spent a morning looking at pupil English books and talking to them about their work. Pupils are overwhelmingly positive about English and enjoy the texts their teachers select for them. Strengths included effective use of success criteria and improving presentation of work. Our next steps are to further challenge pupils with grammar and to ensure pupils know the context of each lesson – i.e. what their English lessons are teaching them to do and why.

Following parental feedback, we have started to lock the school gate during the school day. This keeps our pupils safer, but will mean that should you arrive during the day, when you buzz in, you will be reminded to unlock the gate. Please support us with this by locking the gate when you leave the site after visiting.

I have finished writing the school development plan and am in the process of sharing it with staff and governors. It will be on the school website by half term. In the meantime, I have shared the school's four priorities for this year with you as an attachment on ParentMail today. Everything we do will be centred around these priorities this year. Please do discuss them with me if you would like. Have a lovely weekend – see you on Monday.

This week's letters

SDP priorities, parents' evening letter, Autumn Festival flyer, PHN nurse letter, DSPL flyers, secondary school transition flyer.

Dates

* £1 donation optional

Date	Event
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



Mighty oaks from little acorns grow...



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: Ben

Oak class: Eliza

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



Weekly Sports Star

Congratulations to our sports stars:

Acorn: Lily

Oak: Charlie

Miss Meadows said that both classes have showed real teamwork this week: Oak class working together as a team and older members of Acorn helping out their younger peers. What lovely co-operation!



House Points

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

St Faiths: 5

Manor: 5

Ravensburgh: 6

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.

Ed, Finley, Isla, Grace, Jack, Evie, Lily, Joe, Eliza, Iris, Hugo, Lillie, Roman, Ben, Charlie, Lenore.

Whole school attendance this week: **92.8%**

Staff snapshot: Mrs Okoturo

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

This week, it's Oak class teacher, Mrs Okoturo:

Hi! I am Mrs Okoturo and many of you might already know exactly who I am but to those who do not, I am married with two children and I love swimming and playing badminton at the weekends to try and keep fit and healthy. I look forward to teaching your darling, amazing children who have kept me here for 14+ years. I cannot go a day without my lemon tea and I absolutely love the colour purple.

Parents' Evenings

On Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th October we will have our first parents' evening. These will take place face-to-face. Monday will be later appointments and Tuesday will be earlier. Alongside this newsletter is a letter giving more information. Please reply by 10th October to give us time to organise and confirm your time slot. We look forward to talking to you about your child/ren's progress this term so far!

Late arrivals

Just a reminder that if children arrive after the school gate is shut, they must be brought into the school office to be signed in so that they are marked present.

SENCo coffee morning

Mrs Claxton warmly invites parents and carers to join her for our SENCo coffee morning on Monday 3rd October from 9 a.m. Come and meet other parents and carers and relax with a coffee after the school run! All welcome.



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