

Hexton JMI School Newsletter

Autumn 2022: Issue 1

Headteacher's message

After a lovely first week back, we were faced with the tragic news of our beloved Queen passing. Death can be difficult for children to process, and I am sure you will be contending with questions from your children about her death and life. We held a memorial assembly today to mark the life of such a kind and prominent figure, and have given children opportunities to reflect through the planned classroom activities. I know you will join me in wishing her family our condolences. What a very sad loss to the world.

This week, the children have been learning all about routines and expectations ready for the year ahead. They have been getting to know each other in class and have completed some lovely activities that will be displayed around the school, such as self-portraits.

From next week, we ask that children are dropped off at the gates in the mornings. Gates will open at 8:45 and will close at 8:55. Registers are now taken electronically and close at 9:00 in classes, after which point children will be marked late for school. I will be on the gates every morning, so I will take any messages that are needed. Between 8:45 and 9:00, children will be offered activities to improve their readiness for learning. Over the course of this term, I will add timetables and other curriculum information to the website so that you can see a clearer picture of your child/ren's day at school.

This week was 'aspirations' week. I set the children a challenge on Monday morning's assembly to find out a fact that I had never heard before. The children amazed me with their responses! Watch Facebook for some quote over the next week.

Dates

Date	Event
Thur 1 st Sept	INSET day (no school)
Fri 2 nd Sept	INSET day (no school)
Mon 5 th Sept	Term starts for children
Mon 19 th Sept	Parents' coffee morning with SENCo
Mon 26 th Sept	Parents' welcome evening
1 st -31 st Oct	Black History Month
4 th -10 th Oct	World Space Week
Fri 10 th Oct	World Mental Health Day (wear yellow)*
Mon 17 th and Tue 18 th Oct	Parents' consultation evenings
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
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

* £1 donation optional HPA event dates to be confirmed: watch this space!



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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: Nancy

Oak class: Freddie

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



Weekly Sports Star

Congratulations to our sports stars:

Acorn: Grace

Oak: Ed

Miss Meadows says that all the children have shown the following values this week:

- Respect, by listening during PE session
- Resilience, not giving up when finding things tough
- Being ready to learn



House Points

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

St Faiths: 3

Manor: 3

Ravensburgh: 4

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.

Child, child,

Staff snapshot: Mrs Claxton

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

This week, it's our new SENCo, Mrs Claxton:

My name is Laura Claxton and I am delighted to introduce myself to you as the new SENCo. I have been a special needs teacher for 9 years and have previously worked in an outreach team, giving specialist advice to SENCos and mainstream teachers. Outside of school, I am a mum to three children and have a Cavalier King Charles called Teddy. At home, if I am not with the children I like to read, bake bread and cakes and go to yoga. I look forward to meeting you all!

Staff news

I'm sure you will join me in congratulating Miss Murray and her partner, Stephen, who are expecting their first baby at the end of this year. We look forward to hearing news of their little bundle of joy when he or she arrives.



Nearer the time, I will be in touch to let parents know the arrangements for Acorn class from January 2023.

Welcome evening

On Monday 26th September from 3:30-4:30, we would like to invite all parents (and grandparents/siblings!) to our welcome evening. You will be able to visit various different rooms in the school and carry out some activities with your children. There will be tea and coffee served, and a chance to chat informally to all the staff. You will receive a passport upon entry to the school, and will be given a mystery letter for every activity you take part in. Then once completed, you will need to unscramble the letters to discover a secret word and be given a prize on exit! We are very much looking forward to welcoming you into our classrooms for some family fun.



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