

# Hexton JMI School Newsletter

Autumn 2022: Issue 6

## Headteacher's message

A busy but productive week at Hexton, and full of the joys of autumn! On Monday's assembly, we continued our focus on resilience, watching a short video called *soar* from the Literacy Shed: <https://www.literacyshed.com/soar.html>. We talked about what strategies help us when we feel ready to give up.

Staff met this week to discuss how to offer even stronger maths provision. From this week, we will be talking to the children about The Learning Pit™ and that being "stuck" is part of the learning process. We will also be providing plenty of opportunity to practise oral rehearsal and writing of explanations in maths and we will be recording reasoning with a red pen. This should enable our learners to think more deeply, make mathematical connections and to remember their maths more.

In Oak this week, the children attempted writing raps in French (this proved tricky!) and finished decorating their Mayan masks. They are so effective and really brighten up the classroom!

In Acorn, they created Clarice Cliff-inspired plates using brightly coloured paint and learned about the history of flight, including early planes and aviation pioneers the Wright Brothers.

This Friday, we are sad to lose two of our pupils as they move onto a new chapter. We wish Charlie, Lenore and the whole family very well. Do stay in touch – we will miss your smiling faces so much!

## This week's letters

Hallowe'en party letter and leaflet, DSPL leaflets, parents' evening times, Hallowe'ek from SFCF, flu vaccine letter, Hitchin fun club flyer.

## Dates

\* £1 donation optional

Date	Event
1 <sup>st</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Black History Month
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	HPA movie night (see letter)
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	TBC HPA Autumn festival 12-4
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> and Tue 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parents' consultation evenings
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Bring a pumpkin to school HPA Hallowe'en Disco 3:15-5:30
24 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Half term break
31 <sup>st</sup> Oct-4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Open mornings for Rec 2023
31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Secondary application deadline
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Armistice Day World Kindness Day
14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Individual photos
14 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Anti-bullying week
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Odd socks day Children in Need*
Thur 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Divali
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Occasional day (no school)
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Decs day (children in old clothes)
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> and Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Tree Festival, St Nicholas Church
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Panto
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	HPA Christmas Fayre 3:15-5:15
TBC Dec	Santa Run
Tue 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas dinner day NEW confirmed Christmas jumper day NEW confirmed
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas service at St Faith's
TBC Dec	Christmas performance
TBC Dec	Christmas carols
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas parties
Weds 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	End of term 1:30 pm – non-uniform day
22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec-4 <sup>th</sup> 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: Ollie**

**Oak class: Clark**

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



## Weekly Sports Star

Congratulations to our sports stars:

**Acorn: Iris**

**Oak: Finley**

Miss Meadows said, "Iris was respectful and is showing improvement in football lessons every week. Finley always has a great attitude in PE and shows responsibility every lesson."



## House Points

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

**St Faiths: 2**

**Manor: 3**

**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.

*Ed, Oliver, Finley, Freddie, Nancy, Isla, Grace, Jack, Evie, Lily, Joe, Carter, Clark, Eliza, Iris, Hugo, Lillie, Hannah, Roman, Ben, Charlie, Lenore.*

★ Whole school attendance this week: **99.6%** ★

## Staff snapshot: Miss Webster

Hi all! I was lucky enough to return to Hexton JMI in September 2021 after a year away at Pirton School. I am a mum of 2 children, who both attended Hexton for their first foray into education. We all fell in love with our school, and I promptly joined the HPA and governing body to help support this unique setting. I also moved into the village in 2015. It was during my SEN governance focus and whilst learning about my own daughter's autism that I trained in SEND and autism and was chosen to be a 1:1 for a previous pupil. I found my calling and have loved working with all the children since my move into this sector. My passion for nature, photography, art, and all things creative helps me with my absolute dedication to the wellbeing, happiness, and progress of our children. I'm also an avid animal lover with 13 pets .... and counting!

I am really looking forward to the upcoming year with all our current Hexton pupils, parents, and our dedicated staff team.

## Autumn festival

It's almost time for our autumn festival and we are really looking forward to it! Flyers have been shared and our busy bees have been planning for weeks. Things kick off at 12:00 on Saturday with live music and theatre, games, pets corner, a barbecue. Some will take place inside, so you will have chance to warm up if things get chilly. We have shelters at the ready so we are all set if the weather deteriorates, but currently it looks like cloud and light wind. I look forward to seeing you all there and hopefully welcoming the wider community to see our lovely little school in all its glory. A huge thank you to our HPA for organising – they really are wonderful and work so hard behind the scenes to make these events such a success.

## Learning pit™

Staff have identified as part of ongoing school monitoring that many of our pupils find it hard to be "stuck" and are very reliant on their teachers for immediate help. To this end, we have introduced 'The Learning Pit™' this week. This, alongside other strategies to teach learners to help themselves a bit more (e.g. manipulatives in maths, spelling lists in English), should help pupils to become more independent and confident in their learning. [This video](#) gives a little more information.



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