

# Hexton JMI School Newsletter

Autumn 2022: Issue 5

## Headteacher's message

My assembly on Monday focused on one of the Hex 6Rs: resilience. We talked about the meaning of resilience and heard the story of Savannah the swallow and her annual flight to and from Africa. We will be working hard in our classes to build pupil resilience in their learning this year to enable them to be more confident and independent in their learning.

In Oak this week, the children have been creating masks as part of their Mayan topic. They have used card and salt dough to make them and they are very effective!

In Acorn, they explored mixing different shades of green with paint and created leaf wreaths (after going on a leaf hunt outside) to support their topic of plants.

I visited class reading lessons this week, now that I have heard all of our children read. Key stage two take on different roles to practise the different reading skills, such as summarising and questioning. Twinkl phonics enables pupils in key stage one and early years to progress quickly through their sound journey through the use of familiar characters and short stories. Accelerated reader helps us to select appropriately pitched books for the children, and they are learning skills such as retrieval and inference in their daily lessons. Our next step is to further challenge pupils who are not reading/working with the teacher on particular days.

Have a lovely weekend. See you all on Monday – don't forget to dress your children in yellow for WMH day (see dates)!

## This week's letters

Open day flyer, movie night letter, DSPL leaflet, yoga flyer.

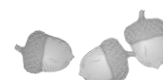
## Dates

\* £1 donation optional

Date	Event
1 <sup>st</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Black History Month
4 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	World Space Week
<b>Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>World Mental Health Day (wear yellow)*</b>
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



*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: Gracie**

**Oak class: Charlie**

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



## Weekly Sports Star

Congratulations to our sports stars:

**Acorn: Ollie**

**Oak: Lenore**

Miss Meadows said, "Lenore has stood out in Oak class due to being respectful and helpful EVERY lesson! Oliver always shows enthusiasm in PE and is resilient within our football lessons. This week all students have shown responsibility within PE and every lesson everyone is ready to participate within the PE session, which is fantastic!"



## House Points

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

**St Faiths: 10**

**Manor: 9**

**Ravensburgh: 10**

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

★ Whole school attendance this week: **98.5%** ★

## Staff snapshot: Mrs Simpson

*Each week we will introduce a member of the team so you can get to know us better. This week, it's teaching assistant, Mrs Simpson:*

Hello! My name is Mrs Simpson. I have been a TA at Hexton school since February. I am also a qualified teacher. I have been married for 27 years and I have four grown up children, including one child in year 13. I am currently known for calling children the wrong name, as I have switched from Acorn to Oak. I love running, long walks, cooking and chatting. My new hobby is researching my ancestry. I am looking forward to the changing colours of Autumn!

## Communication survey

We have created a short survey (less than a minute to complete!) to find out how well we communicate with you and what we can do to make this work better for our families. Please click this [link](#) to answer five short questions to give us feedback. All results will be received anonymously. Alternatively, come to talk to me at the gates, where I will be glad to hear your comments. Thank you in advance!

## Governor vacancy

We have a vacancy for a co-opted governor. If anyone is interested (parents or the wider community), please contact Mrs Squires via the admin email address for more information.

## School transfer

For any parents of older or younger children, a quick reminder that the deadlines are coming up for primary and secondary school applications:

- Secondary: deadline **31<sup>st</sup> October**
- Primary: applications open in September and close on **15<sup>th</sup> January**

For more information, please go to:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/school-admissions-and-transport.aspx>



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