

Hexton JMI School Newsletter

Autumn 2022: Issue 8

Headteacher's message

Welcome back! I hope you had a lovely half term full of Autumnal fun. This week, despite the rain, we have had lots to celebrate at school. On Monday, the teachers and I met to discuss ways we can encourage our wonderful learners to be more active. Alongside our resilience project, we are working on our pupils having more of a voice in their lessons. This will include "oral rehearsal" in maths and greater use of partner talk amongst other strategies. We have also made adaptations to our reading lessons. Children in key stage two will have an echo reading session every week as well as reciprocal reading and will have time for independent reading and quizzing. This should ensure they spend more of their lessons focused on reading skills whilst also giving staff time to hear individual readers.

Thank you to the parents who completed the survey last half term. As a result of this helpful feedback, I have added links to our social media and a gallery sharing our practice to our school website. What a fantastic idea – thank you for sharing! We will give further opportunities for feedback later in the year.

Today we had a visit from our chair of governors, Mark Hall. During his visit, Mark noted that there was a positive atmosphere in the school and that staff appear settled.

I am pleased to be able to share that I have successfully appointed maternity cover for Acorn class from the middle of December. Two teachers will share the role – we welcome Mrs Charlotte Foot (our Nature Explorers teacher) to join us Monday-Wednesday and Mrs Claire Simpson (who has been working as a TA) will be the class teacher on Thursdays and Fridays. Both are busy planning and liaising with Miss Murray to make the transition as smooth as possible for the children.

Dates

* £1 donation optional

Date	Event
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*
Fri 18 th Nov	HPA cake sale (after school)
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
Tue 13 th Dec	Christmas dinner day
	Christmas jumper day
Wed 14 th Dec	Christmas service at St Faith's (a.m.)
	Christmas performance (p.m.)
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

Collection

Please ensure you let us know if someone else is picking up your children. We will not release children to other parents unless we have had a message from you or have their names added to the list on your SIMS account. This is part of our safeguarding duties, and will be the same for all parents.

This week's letters

Home school agreement (paper and electronic), Reception screening letter, sleep flyers.



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: Carter

Oak class: Roman

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: Finley

Grace has shown all the Hex 6Rs which has resulted in her being the new PE leader for Acorn! Finley is also the new PE leader and has been taking on more responsibility in Oak class. Congratulations to you both!



House Points

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

St Faiths: 4

Manor: 3

Ravensburgh: 1

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, Carter, Clark, Eliza, Iris, Hugo, Lillie, Ben.

Whole school attendance this week: **95.6%**

Herts Parent Carer Involvement

Herts Parent Carer Involvement exists to represent the views of the parents and carers of children and young people with SEND in Hertfordshire. We work alongside Hertfordshire health, education and social care services, to help focus the decision makers on improving services and outcomes for our children. We're launching our first annual survey, to find out more about what families in Hertfordshire are experiencing. We want to know what works and what doesn't, so that we can make sure we are concentrating on the areas that matter most to you.

Please complete our survey. It's open until 11 November 2022 and the information we gain is vital. It will help us prioritise our work and importantly, give us more data to back up what we are saying to the education, health and social care systems that we engage with. The more families who take part in our survey, the more powerful our voices become.

To complete the survey, please click here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HPCISurvey2022> We are offering anyone who completes the survey the chance to enter a prize draw to win a gift voucher.

Staff snapshot: Mrs Butler

Hello my name is Nicola Butler. I am the School Secretary at Hexton on Thursdays & Fridays. I have worked here now for almost 3 years and I love our little Hexton family! I live at home with my two daughters, Darci (12) & Phoebe (9) and my partner Chris. I absolutely love animals – I have a dog, 6 cats & 3 rabbits! I would love a goat but have been told I am not allowed any more pets!!

In my spare time, I love spending time with my family. I think it is so important to make as many precious memories as possible after all, 'Life is not a rehearsal, you only get one chance'. I also enjoy DIY and gardening and have a new found love of the gym.



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