

Hexton JMI School Newsletter

Autumn 2022: Issue 10

Headteacher's message

It's been rather soggy at school this week, and there are lots of nasty bugs circulating, but we've still managed to keep smiling at Hexton!

We kicked off the week with an anti-bullying assembly, where we talked about what bullying is, how to recognise it and who to reach out to.

On Tuesday, our key stage two staff went to see a model lesson as part of their training with Maths Hubs, and came back enthusiastic to implement some of the strong practice they saw.

On Thursday, I went into class to experience school as an upper key stage one pupil. I looked at books, talked to pupils and sat in lessons. Presentation of work is neat, pupils' attitudes to learning are positive and children are beginning to reason more in maths. Next we are going to develop strategies for maximising learning time and making our oldest pupils more active and more independent in lessons.

On Friday, it was Children in Need day and Odd Socks day. What a colourful day it was! Please see our social media for photos this afternoon. We ended our week on a high with a cracking cake sale organised by our wonderful HPA.

Just a reminder that next week, there is an Occasional Day next week on Friday, so school will not be open.

Have a wonderful weekend; we will see you on Monday.

Decs Day

Decorations day will take place on Friday 2nd December. If any parents are available and would like to come in to help small groups of children to make Christmas decorations (no experience necessary!), please contact the school office.

Dates

* £1 donation optional

Date	Event
21 st -25 th Nov	Just Talk Week
Tue 22 nd Nov	Individual photos – date change
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 performance (p.m.)
Thur 15 th Dec	Christmas service at St Faith's (a.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
Thur 5 th Jan	First day back
9 th -13 th Jan	Creativity week
Sun 15 th Jan	Deadline for application to primary schools
6 th -12 th Feb	Children's mental health week
Tue 7 th Feb	Safer Internet Day
Fri 11 th Feb	HPA Valentine's Disco TBC
13 th -17 th Feb	Half term
Mon 20 th Feb	INSET day (no school)
27 th Feb-3 rd Mar	Book week
Thurs 2 nd Mar	World Book Day*
13 th -17 th Mar	STEM week
Fri 17 th Mar	Red Nose Day*
3 rd -14 th April	Easter Holidays
Mon 17 th Apr	INSET day (no school)

This week's letters

uPlay sports camps, school transfer, brake safety, festive jumper swap.



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: Nancy

Oak class: Ed

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



Weekly Sports Star

Congratulations to our sports stars:

Acorn: Hugo

Oak: Jack

Hugo has been ready in his gymnastics lessons and has performed some great balances. Jack has been resilient and has come up with a new technique in rugby to help everyone.



House Points

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

St Faiths: 1

Manor: 1

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, Isla, Grace, Evie, Lily, Joe, Eliza, Iris, Hugo, Lillie.

Whole school attendance this week: **87.3%**

Free service and support for families

Did you know that Hertfordshire families can sign up here to access Hertfordshire's Family Centres' free services? Why should you sign up?

- Access FREE fun family activities to do with your child and receive support when needed
- Meet other local families with children the same age Give your children the best start in life with support from trained professionals, qualified in Early Years development
- Have your say and help to shape future services
- Receive your local district newsletter, packed with useful parenting advice and activities

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Staff snapshot: Miss Johnson

Hello, I'm Kylie and I've been cleaning at school for just over a year. I'm also chair of the HPA which involves raising money to help make lots of memories for our lovely children.

Most of you know I'm also Mum to Clark and Carter and I'm now a proud Grandma to 7 Rabbits! We generally spend our free time with friends and family, usually outdoors playing football or at the park.

Wintery weather

As we slip closer towards winter, please ensure your child comes to school with all the outdoor items they need. We will go outside every day unless it is torrential rain/very icy, so a coat is needed every day. As temperatures drop, you may also want to provide hats, coats and gloves to keep your children toasty during playtimes and lunchtimes.



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