

Hexton JMI School Newsletter

Autumn 2022: Issue 7

Headteacher's message

This week was our final week before half term. Last weekend, we celebrated our Autumn Festival. There was music, a BBQ (my office still smells somewhat chargrilled as a result!), a bouncy castle, stalls, crafty activities and games. We had a great turnout and the children had a fabulous time. Our HPA worked so hard to get it ready – a huge thank you to them for everything.

On Monday and Tuesday, we held our first parents' evening of the year, which was well-attended. It was lovely to see so many of you and to share how things are going for your children so far this year.

In Acorn this week, the children read the story 'Pumpkin soup' and explored making real-life pumpkin soup with spices. They also planted their own succulents and talked about what steps were needed.

In Oak this week, the children carried out place value 'chilli challenges' in maths and wrote stories in English. Some of them were very tense and scary! They also made clay divas for Divali using clay which they will decorate one dry.

If any of our families have children due to start either Reception or year seven next September, please do be aware of the upcoming deadlines for applications. Please visit this [link](#) for more information. We have our open mornings for Reception during the first week after half term – please do share with any families who may be interested.

Alongside this newsletter is a letter outlining some small changes to school practice, including our homework policy and the school website.

Have a lovely half term break - I hope you enjoy the time with your family. See you all in a week.

Dates

* £1 donation optional

Date	Event
1 st -31 st Oct	Black History Month
Fri 21 st Oct	Bring a pumpkin to school HPA Hallowe'en Disco 3:15-5:30
24 th -28 th Oct	Half term break
31 st Oct-4 th Nov	Open mornings for Rec 2023 9:30-11
31 st Oct	Secondary application deadline
2 nd Nov	Flu vaccinations
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
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 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

This week's letters

Letter from Mrs Squires, Numbots letter, Homework policy, Messy Church flyer, Coding letter.



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: Hugo

Oak class: Ayla

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



Weekly Sports Star

Congratulations to our sports stars:

Acorn: Isla-Rose

Oak: Joe

Congratulations to Acorn class who won the half-termly competition. They have had a young leader who has helped them to develop their teamwork and to consistently show the Hex 6Rs in their weekly PE lessons.



House Points

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

St Faiths: 18

Manor: 13

Ravensburgh: 20

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, Nancy, Grace, Jack, Evie, Lily, Carter, Clark, Hugo, Lillie, Hannah, Ben.

Whole school attendance this week: **93.3%**

New Children's Emergency Department

The new and improved children's emergency department at Lister Hospital is opened on Wednesday 19 October after refurbishment and extension works. From Wednesday 19 October, the new children's emergency department will be located at Lister Hospital, Gate 4. You can enter through main emergency department and follow signs to children's emergency department.

For minor injuries and minor illness: The urgent treatment centre (UTC) at the New QEII Hospital, in Welwyn Garden City treats children aged 1 year and above. The UTC treats minor illness, muscle and joint injuries, such as sprains; bites, stings, cuts, bruises and grazes; burns and scalds; objects stuck in ears or noses and minor eye injuries. We can x-ray if your child/young person has an injury to a limb. The UTC opens at 8am every morning, and closes at 10pm. Patients already in the UTC being treated, or waiting to be treated, at 10pm will continue to be cared for appropriately. No appointment is necessary. - If you think your child urgently needs to see a GP outside of these hours, please call NHS 111. - If your child is feeling unwell and you don't know what to do, phone NHS 111. These phone and web-based services are open all day, every day.

Flu vaccines

Flu vaccines are taking place in school on Wednesday 2nd November for all children who have been given permission. If you want your child to receive the vaccine and still haven't given permission, you will need to complete the e-consent that was sent to you last Friday before 31st October.

Staff snapshot: Mrs Hibon

Hello my name is Claire Hibon and I am the School Secretary at Hexton on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. I have worked here now for 4 years and I still really enjoy it!

I live with my husband and 2 children and when I'm at home I love to sit and relax with a cup of coffee. I also love my house plants, I have so many my children say I'm not allowed anymore!



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