

# Hexton JMI School Newsletter

Spring 2023: Issue 5

## Headteacher's message

This week was Children's Mental Health week. The week started with a mindfulness assembly, then children worked with Mrs Claxton in the afternoon on yoga and mindfulness colouring.

On Wednesday, children enjoyed their house point treat of 'fun time' in the afternoon, as well as their weekly Nature Wanderers session.

This half term, I have worked with teachers to develop our long term plans, based on our new curriculum resource, Dimensions. On our website, on [this page](#), you will now find class timetables, all curriculum newsletters from this year, long-term plans and our reading spine. Hopefully this will help you to better understand the curriculum offer at Hexton.

This week in Acorn class, love has been in the air as the children have been doing lots of valentine-themed arts and crafts.

Oak class did an experiment involving Lego to explore what life would be like without gravity!

Next week is the half term break. I know that several of our children (and staff!) are feeling tired and will be looking forward to a break. There is an INSET day on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February, so children return on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

I hope you have an enjoyable week, whether home or away, and I look forward to seeing you all again next half term. Best of luck to those who are off to new adventures at their new schools – you will be missed.

## This week's letters

DSPL parent/carer info, Sponsored read letter, log and sponsor form, HTFC match day poster, Boro' bears book club competition.

## Dates

\* £1 donation optional

| Date                                               | Event                            |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 13 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> Feb             | Half term                        |
| Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb                           | INSET day (no school)            |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb-3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar           | Book week                        |
| Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar                          | World Book Day*                  |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> Mar             | STEM week                        |
| Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar                           | Red Nose Day*                    |
| Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar                           | Reports out to parents           |
| Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> and Tue 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar  | Parents' Evenings time TBC       |
| Thu 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar                           | Sponsored walk & Easter Egg Hunt |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> April            | Easter Holidays                  |
| Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Apr                           | INSET day (no school)            |
| Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Apr                           | Primary School Allocation Day    |
| Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> Apr                           | Spring Fayre 12-3                |
| Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> May                            | Bank holiday                     |
| Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> May                            | Bank holiday                     |
| Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> May                           | INSET day (no school)            |
| Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> May                           | HPA ball TBC                     |
| Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> May – Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jun | Half term                        |
| Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Jun                           | HPA Mad Hatter's Tea Party TBC   |

## Book Week and World Book Day

The week after we return from our half term break is Book Week! On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March there will be a book swap – all children are invited to bring one or more books they would like to swap. On the Thursday, it will be World Book Day, when children may come dressed up as a book character of their choice (£1 donation optional). Children are also invited to decorate a **potato** ([click here](#)) as a book character and bring it in on the Friday to be judged. Ahead of Book Week, I'd like to set the children a challenge. It's called Extreme Reading. Children should read in the most extreme (safe!) ways they can come up with. Please email photos to the office, saying if you are happy for them to be shared on social media. There will be a prize for the best photo. The competition ends on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. For Extreme Reading ideas, please click [here](#).



*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 every Friday afternoon.

**Acorn class: Gracie, Hugo**

**Oak class: Ayla, Clark, 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: Roman**



Both showed some of the Hex 6Rs in their PE lessons this week.

## Junior Bake Off

Applications have opened for the 9th series of Junior Bake Off; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain. The creators are looking for young budding bakers between 9-12 years old!

Filming will take place from July 2023, but the applications close on Sunday 12th March 2023.

Interested bakers can apply online at [www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk](http://www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk).

If you have any queries please contact [applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk](mailto:applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk) or call **0207 067 4833**.

Best of luck to anyone who decides to apply!

## 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, Evie, Lily, Joe, Carter, Clark, Eliza, Iris, Hannah, Hugo, Lillie, Roman, Ben.*

Whole school attendance this week: **94.8%**

## House Points

Each week children collect house points in school. Our target is 750. Last week, they achieved their target and this week the children enjoyed their treat on Wednesday afternoon. House points have rest again. This week, they earned a total of **186!**

## A week in photos



Acorn class's capacity tuff tray, valentine's themed maths display and Valentine's writing area.



Oak class's clay creations – painted, finished products to follow after half term!



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