

Hexton JMI School Newsletter

Spring 2023: Issue 6

Headteacher's message

Welcome back! I hope you had some time to relax with your families over the half term break and are feeling recharged.

This week, the teachers received training on playground games and developing sports leaders on our INSET day. We will be introducing this over the next half term.

This week we have been looking at keeping safe online, using the Safer Internet Day resources as well as some from the NSPCC. There is a new Online Safety display in school (containing work from both Oak and Acorn pupils) to facilitate further discussions about this.

Oak and Acorn have both started their new topics this week. Acorn's is 'Come Fly With Me Asia,' and they have a new airport/plane role play in class to whet their appetites. Oak class's topic is 'Come Fly With Me Africa.' They have been locating the countries of Africa on a globe and using Google maps to record names of the countries and capitals. Both classes are very excited about their brand new globes! Attached are our curriculum newsletters which tell you more about their topics.

Next week is our BOOK WEEK! It is packed full with exciting activities – for those you may want to take part in, please see the highlighted portion of the dates table to the right. There is a sponsored read, a book swap, dressing up on Thursday and our competitions on the Friday. Please see the newsletter from 10th February for more details.

This week's letters

Strike letter, Book fair letter, Club letters x2, DSPL info for parents/carers, Oak/Acorn curriculum newsletters.

Dates

* £1 donation optional

Date	Event
27 th Feb-3 rd Mar	Book week
27 th Feb-6 th Mar	Ready, Steady, Read! (Sponsored read)
Weds 1 st Mar	Book swap in school
Thurs 2 nd Mar	World Book Day*
Fri 3 rd Mar	Decorate a potato and Extreme reading competition deadline
13 th -17 th Mar	STEM week
Fri 17 th Mar	Red Nose Day*
	Usborne Book fair in school
Fri 24 th Mar	Reports out to parents
Mon 27 th and Thur 30 th Mar	Parents' Evenings time 3:45-5:30 (Oak class just on Monday)
Thu 30 th Mar	Sponsored walk & Easter Egg Hunt
Fri 31 st Mar	End of term 1:30 Non-school uniform
3 rd -14 th April	Easter Holidays
Mon 17 th Apr	INSET day (no school)
Mon 17 th Apr	Primary School Allocation Day
Sat 29 th Apr	Spring Fayre 12-3
Mon 1 st May	Bank holiday
Mon 8 th May	Bank holiday
Fri 26 th May	INSET day (no school)
Sat 27 th May	HPA ball TBC
Mon 29 th May – Fri 2 nd Jun	Half term
Sat 10 th Jun	HPA Mad Hatter's Tea Party TBC

Eat Them To Defeat Them

Over the next few weeks, we will be part of Veg Power and ITV's campaign, 'Eat Them To Defeat Them,' which aims to encourage children to eat more fruit and vegetables. You can find out more information about the campaign [here](#). We will launch the campaign in assembly next week and the school will provide vegetables for all children each week to try. There are also lesson plans available which teachers will access. Your child will be bringing a pack home this week to share with you at home. Children will not be forced to eat vegetables, but they will be available over the coming weeks. If you do any activities at home linked to the campaign, please do share them with us via email. The campaign will run until Easter.



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: Ollie, Iris
Oak class: Finley, Eliza



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

Weekly Sports Star

Congratulations to our sports stars:

Acorn: Nancy
Oak: Freddie



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

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 103, bringing the total to **289!**

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, Isla, Carter, Clark, Eliza, Iris, Hannah, Hugo, Saffy, Ben.

Whole school attendance this week: **95.8%**

Free Support for Herts Families

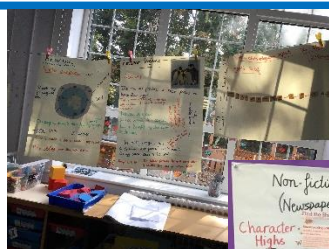
The Hertfordshire Family Centre Service have lots of fun activities for families this spring!

As the cost of living continues to rise, it helps that all of their sessions are free and also drop-in. Run by professional, qualified staff in Early Years, their groups offer a wide range of activities for you and your children to enjoy and play together. They are an opportunity for you to meet other local families and get advice and support from the Family Centre team. As well as lots for under 5's to enjoy! Their regular groups include:

- Baby Group (pre-walkers) - drop in and meet other families with young babies in a supportive, stimulating and friendly environment. This session is for babies to play and for you to discover more about their development and support your own wellbeing as a new parent
- Active Rhyme Time (6-18 months) – a fun session including active rhymes and songs for you and your baby and toddler. The groups are a great way to meet other families and develop your child's communication and physical skills
- Physical Fun (18 months +) - join the team for a fun, active session. A way to meet other families and enjoy lots of fun games and play opportunities to support your child with their physical development

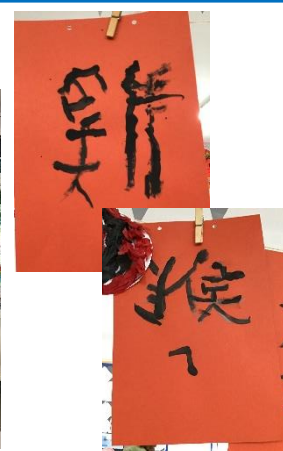
These groups run at different venues across Hertfordshire and you can drop into any of them, there is no need to book. Family Support staff will be on hand to answer any questions that you may have and if you need any extra help, they can point you in the right direction. For the latest 'What's On guide' please see their website www.hertsfamilycentres.org.

A week in photos



Oak class's English toolkit from The Write Stuff (left: top Y6, bottom Y3/4).

Acorn class's airport role play and Chinese writing (right).



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