

Hexton JMI School Newsletter

Spring 2023: Issue 4

Headteacher's message

This week was National Storytelling week. On Monday, the children from Y1-Y6 took part in a live assembly where they heard Wendy Shearer tell a story about a gecko who couldn't sleep, followed by her best storytelling tips.

On Thursday this week, the Acorn class teachers travelled to a school in Northampton to watch live Talk4Writing lessons taking place. They plan to start using Talk4Writing (T4W) after half term to teach English – we will let you know more about this exciting project after half term. I was lucky enough to spend most of the day in the lovely Acorn class, where we wrote a recipe for Gruffalo soup, and learnt about the difference between Victorian toys and modern toys.

Oak must've had a fabulous week – they kept being sent to me with their work and I think I'm now running low on my Headteacher postcards. I've seen improved handwriting, ambitious vocabulary in English and some tricky calculations in maths. I always love to celebrate successes, no matter how small.

Thank you to the parents that completed the survey on survey monkey. It's still live if you want to give feedback, or if you prefer, please come in and ask for a paper copy from the office. I'm always keen to hear feedback, so please do come and chat if there is anything you want to talk about – good or bad.

Have a lovely weekend! See you next week – the last week of the half term.

This week's letters

Letter from the governors, HPA disco letter, DSPL newsletter, Active Start breakfast club, pupil lunch info & menu, February half term camps, World Book Day Costume Swap leaflet.

Dates

* £1 donation optional

Date	Event
6 th -12 th Feb	Children's mental health week
Tue 7 th Feb	Safer Internet Day
Fri 10 th Feb	HPA Valentine's Disco 3:15-5:15
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*
Fri 24 th Mar	Reports out to parents
Mon 27 th and Tue 28 th Mar	Parents' Evenings time TBC
Thu 30 th Mar	Sponsored walk & Easter Egg Hunt
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
Sat 10 th Jun	HPA Mad Hatter's Tea Party TBC

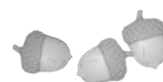
Pupil choice menu: lunch time

As mentioned in the newsletter before Christmas, we are making changes in way the children choose their lunches. Instead of sending home the pupil choice menu and you making the choices for the whole half term in advance, after half term we will ask the children to choose which lunch choice they would like each morning.

Attached with this newsletter is the current menu, so that you have a copy of the lunch choices and are aware of the days your child may want to have a packed lunch. Please look at this with your child so that they know what their choices are each day as this will help the teachers greatly in the mornings. We are hoping with these changes that the children will be happier with their lunch choices each day.



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: Lily
Oak class: Roman, 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: Ollie
Oak: Ayla



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

Governor update

Attached is a letter from the governors giving you an update about school from their point of view. Please do read it and feel free to contact either me or the governors if you have any concerns or queries.

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, Nancy, Gracie, Jack, Isla, Evie, Lily, Joe, Carter, Clark, Iris, Hannah, Hugo, Lillie.

Whole school attendance this week: **93.7%**

Website updates

I have been working on some documents to give you more information about our curriculum offer at Hexton. This will be uploaded to the website next week. There will also be a new page detailing our enrichment, so please do have a look over half term. I plan to continue to develop our website over the rest of the year, and welcome any feedback about what you would like to see or what you think might be useful for prospective parents.

House Points

Each week children collect house points in school. Our target is 750. This week the children met their target! The treat we have selected out of the jar is 'fun time,' which will involve colouring, Lego and other activities. The children will enjoy this treat next week, and will start receiving house points towards their next reward from Monday.

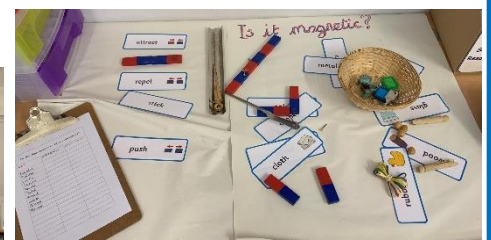
A week in photos



Oak (bottom row): two forces displays and our new washing line for displaying our English working wall.



Acorn (top row): feelings monster, busy fingers work and pine cone/pasta creatures.



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