

Hexton JMI School Newsletter

Spring 2023: Issue 8

Headteacher's Message

It's been cold and snowy at Hexton JMI this week, and the children have had a lovely time exploring the snow.

Wednesday was both International Women's Day and Maths Day. We talked about both of these in assembly and the children had challenges from me to complete if they wished.

Eat Them to Defeat Them is a real hit this year. So far, the children have tried sweetcorn and broccoli. Yesterday so many wanted seconds of broccoli at lunch that they polished it all off between them! Next week, the children will have chance to try tomatoes.

Next week is STEM week. Mrs Okoturo, our science lead, will be planning some opportunities for science investigations – look out for pictures on our social media next week!

Next Thursday (16th) is the day when Acorn class is closed for Industrial Action. Acorn may still attend breakfast club and multisports after school as usual if they wish. If you are eligible for benefits-related free school meals and would like a bagged lunch provided on Thursday, we need to know by **Monday at the latest**, or HCl will not be able to provide the lunches.

Next Friday is both Red Nose Day and our Usborne book fair (after school). Children may dress in red/wear crazy hair and there is an optional donation of £1 for Comic Relief.

Have a lovely weekend!

This Week's Letters

Nothing this week.

Dates

* £1 donation optional

Date	Event
13 th -17 th Mar	STEM week
Thurs 16 th Mar	Acorn class closed (Strike Action)
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

FREE membership to FiveDinners.com!

We know how hard times are at the moment so the folks at FiveDinners.com – online meal planning service - have decided to give away FREE lifetime memberships to try and help you save money on food shopping and reduce the mental load of deciding what to eat every night. There's no catch or restrictions, simply full access to our meal plans to make your dinnertimes a little easier and cheaper. FiveDinners.com is an online meal planning service co-founded by author and TV chef Theo Michaels. To help with the cost of living crisis so many families and individuals are facing Theo has decided to offer their meal planning service for FREE (usually £49.99 per year); every week they publish a new meal plan with an automatically generated shopping list; set to your serving size so you know exactly what you need for the week ahead. It saves you time, money on food shopping and ultimately takes away the headache of deciding what to cook every night. You can even create and save your own meal plans choosing from hundreds of recipes. Simply head to <https://FiveDinners.com> for more information.



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 on Monday afternoon.

Acorn class: Ben, Carter
Oak class: Clark, Roman



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: Ed



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. This week, they earned 67, bringing the total to **463!** Each week in assembly we enjoy calculating how many more points to the whole school reward – just 287 to go!

100% Attendance

Congratulations to all the children who have achieved 100% attendance this week, coming to school every day, on time.

Ed, Oliver, Finley, Freddie, Nancy, Carter, Clark, Hannah, Hugo, Saffy, Ben.

Whole school attendance this week: **89.8%**

Staffing Change

From Easter, the lovely Mrs Simpson will be returning to her role as a teaching assistant. While Mrs Simpson loves teaching, her family commitments mean that it is not practical for her at the moment. Between Easter and May half term, Mrs Squires (Thursdays) and Miss Webster (Fridays) will be teaching Acorn on a Thursday and Friday. In June, we will be joined by Mrs Grace Duncan, who the governors and Mrs Squires interviewed this week. She is an experienced teacher already familiar with Talk4Writing. Mrs Foot and Mrs Duncan will be staying with Acorn class until towards the end of the calendar year. I know you will join me in warmly welcoming Mrs Duncan when she comes to get to know the children over the coming weeks.

School Promotion

This half term, we have received a lot of interest from parents wanting to view the school with a view to their child starting either in Reception or as an in-year admission to other year groups. This is great news! We are very pleased that we have a new pupil who started in February and two more due to start this month. Please do give us feedback about how we can further develop our website, as several of the parents who have contacted us have said that this is how they learnt about the school. We love being a small school, but greater pupil numbers means more funding which has an impact on curriculum resources and enrichment that we can offer. Thank you to all the families who are already actively promoting the school.

A Week In Pictures



This stunning display (left) was put together by the children in Oak and has real artefacts from different African countries.

Acorn made these charming pandas (right) and have been enjoying their travel agents role play.



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