

# Hexton JMI School Newsletter

Spring 2023: Issue 7

## Headteacher's Message

Wow – what a busy week it has been at Hexton JMI! It has been our Book Week this week (see text box on the right for more information) and we have started 'Eat them to defeat them,' too. This week, the children were given the opportunity to try sweetcorn. They had baby corn, sweetcorn and dried, flavoured corn to try. There will be a new vegetable for them to try every week.

This week was the beginning of the Usborne sponsored read, too. Please see the letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> February for more details. If any children have taken part, sponsor money needs to be returned to the office by the 10<sup>th</sup> March.

Please can I just remind all parents to avoid disturbing class teachers before school – our teachers each teach three year groups for both maths and English and really need the time to set up in the mornings. If you have a message for staff, please call or email the office or see me at the gates. We are always happy to meet with you to discuss any worries or concerns, so do make an appointment if you need a little more time with one of us.

Frothy Friday has been less well-attended for the last few weeks, so I will put it on hold for now until it warms up a bit. Coffee and tea will be served again after Easter – I look forward to our morning chats starting up again soon!

Have a lovely weekend – see you bright and early on Monday.

## This Week's Letters

DSPL info, Letter regarding a change to the length of the day, Autism acceptance week poster, MTE casting flyer, HaPpy club letter.

## Dates

\* £1 donation optional

| Date   | Event  |
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| 13 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> Mar             | STEM week  |
| Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar                           | Red Nose Day*<br>Usborne Book fair in school                   |
| Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar                           | Reports out to parents   |
| Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> and Thur 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar | Parents' Evenings time 3:45-5:30<br>(Oak class just on Monday) |
| Thu 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar                           | Sponsored walk & Easter Egg Hunt                               |
| Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar                           | End of term 1:30 Non-school uniform                            |
| 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 Roundup

This week was book week. We had assemblies which focused on reading, different members of staff read to the children at the end of each day, we had a book swap in the hall and there were lunch time activities such as puppet making and a quiz for children to do if they chose. Yesterday was World Book Day and the school was ablaze with colour as the children paraded in in their costumes. We ran an Extreme Reading competition and a 'decorate a potato' competition. Entries were great and it was a very difficult decision! All children who took part received a certificate, and the winners for each class are as follows.

- Potato Acorn class: Saffy and Iris (joint winners)
- Potato Oak class: Ed and Eliza (joint winners)
- Potato staff: Mrs Simpson and Miss Webster (joint winners)
- Extreme reader Acorn class: Nancy
- Extreme reader Acorn class: Ayla

The winners will receive their prizes on Monday. Please see all entries on our Facebook and Insta pages.



*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: Isla, Hannah, Saffy**  
**Oak class: Ed, Freddie**



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

## Weekly Sports Star

Congratulations to our sports stars:

**Acorn: Saffy**  
**Oak: Roman**



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 107, bringing the total to **396!**

## 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, Hugo, Ben.*

Whole school attendance this week: **94%**

## Children's Safety After School

As you are no doubt aware, there was an incident this week involving a child at school being injured when a car collided with her. The child in question has recovered and was lucky to escape with minor injuries, but the incident has highlighted risks in after school practice. Today I have talked to the children in assembly about this. I have agreed with them that after school they must **either** stay next to the adult who is collecting them or they may play on the field behind the school fence – they must not cycle or walk/run around the car park. This should mean that everyone is safe and no drivers are left shaken by a near miss with someone from the school community. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

## Home Learning

You may remember we changed our home learning policy this year and agreed that children should spend time daily on both reading and Times Table Rock Stars/Numbots. Please do encourage your child to do this – even just five minutes a day will really help. Certificates are given every week for Numbots and TTRS, and at the moment it is the same winners every week! Please contact the office if you need your login details refreshed.

## A week in photos



As part of their 'Come Fly with me, Asia' topic, Acorn have had a 'China' display created in their classroom (above right). Their Gruffalo books are now proudly displayed in the reading area alongside the flipchart for the text they are currently learning, 'The Magic Paintbrush' (above left).

Oak class have created a display for 'Come Fly with me, Africa,' working together to build and label a map of the countries in Africa.



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