

Hexton JMI School Newsletter

Summer 2023: Issue 1

Headteacher's Message

It's been a lovely first week back after what felt like a long, relaxing break. I hope you had chance to enjoy some family fun days, in or out. The children have had a great time this week building dens, blowing bubbles, chalking and playing with play dough in the quiet area at break and lunch times.

Our early opening has been very popular this week – I hope it has helped some of you who have to battle traffic from Hitchin or Luton in the mornings. Next week we will start up our Frothy Fridays again, so do grab a hot drink and a biscuit on your way to work, or stop and have a chat if you have the time.

Our new topics for the term are 'No Place Like Home,' in Acorn and 'Picture Our Planet' in Oak. Curriculum newsletters will be on the website early next week, and I will send a copy home with next week's newsletter.

It is just over a week until the Spring Fair and our HPA have been busy making preparations. There should also be some farm vehicles for the children to explore, so do come along if you are able to!

Dates

* £1 donation optional

Date	Event
Mon 24 th Apr	School photos (class)
Sat 29 th Apr	Spring Fayre 12-4
Mon 1 st May	Bank holiday
Fri 5 th May	King's Coronation Party
Mon 8 th May	Bank holiday
9 th -12 th May	KS2 SATs week
Tues 16 th May	Whole School Trip to Wrest Park TBC
15 th -26 th May	KS1 SATs taking place
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
12 th -16 th June	Phonics Screening Check Week (KS1)
Fri 16 th June	Oak Class Assembly 2:40p.m.
Wed 21 st June	World Music Day
26 th -30 th June	Healthy Living Week
Fri 30 th June	Sports Day
Fri 7 th July	Acorn Class Assembly TBC
Thur 13 th July	Transition Day
Fri 14 th July	Around the world day
Fri 21 st July	End of term (1:30p.m.) Non-uniform

Wraparound Care

Just a reminder that **all** children attending clubs must be booked on ahead of the club. If children are not booked on, you will be called to collect them. We are not meeting our safeguarding duties if we do not follow up when children are not collected from school on time and are not booked into a club. All clubs must be paid for. If clubs are not financially viable, they will need to be cancelled long term, which we would rather avoid.

Music Tuition

Accompanying this newsletter this week is a flyer from **musicly** about music tuition. This is an opportunity for any families who would like to encourage musicality in their children to begin private tuition at school. Musicly offer one-to-one lessons in drums, piano, vocals, ukulele and guitar. More details and a link to sign up can be found in the flyer.

Spring Fair Plea

Please have a root around at home for any donations for the Spring Fair – books, toys and adult tombola donations are all gratefully received. Thank you!

This Week's Letters

Musicy flyer, HCL Kings Coronation Menu



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: Saffy, Ollie, Hugo
Oak class: Ayla, Gena



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

House Points

Each week children collect house points in school. Our target is 750. This week, they earned 98 bringing the total to **712!** Each week in assembly we enjoy calculating how many more points to the whole school reward – just 38 to go!

100% Attendance

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

Ollie, Nancy, Isla, Jaś, Carter, Iris, Hugo, Saffy, Ben, Ayla, Hennadii, Ed, Finley, Freddie, Clark, Eliza, Roman.

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

Weekly Sports Star

Congratulations to our sports stars:



Acorn: Jaś
Oak: Eliza

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

TTRS and Numbots

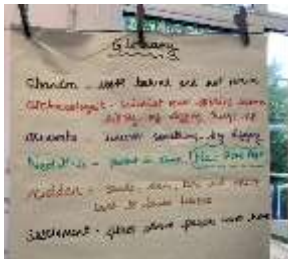
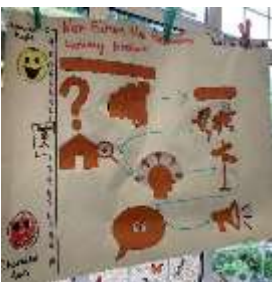
This week, the pupils playing TTRS and Numbots for the greatest number of minutes were:

Acorn: Ben, Carter
Oak: Freddie, Ayla

Remember to play for 5 minutes a day for your chance to win a certificate every week!

A Week in Pictures

These are our English and Maths working walls for KS1, LKS2 and UKS2 (top to bottom). Full-size versions are on Facebook for you to see more clearly.



Acorn Homes Topic

As part of our 'No Place Like Home' topic this term, we would like to invite you to send in photos of your homes and gardens. It might be the outside of your house or inside - your child's favourite room or space in the house. Additionally, in week 3 we are looking at pets at home. If you have any pets at home we would love to see photos of those too. We would like to display them in class and incorporate them into the children's work. Please do share anything else that you think may be relevant to our topic. Photos can be sent in with children or via the admin email.

King's Coronation Party

To celebrate the King's Coronation, we would like to invite you to come to school to celebrate with us. On Friday 5th May we will host a picnic and lots of royalty-themed arts and crafts for you to enjoy. Please feel free to bring along younger siblings. The party will start at 1:30p.m. and finish at home time.



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