

Hexton JMI School Newsletter

Summer 2023: Issue 2

Headteacher's Message

This week it's been a busy week for everyone at Hexton. On Monday the school photographers came in and Valerie had us all laughing by pulling faces to make us smile. After school, our science club investigated which types of paper planes flew the best. On Tuesday, gardening club were tidying and planting in the quiet area. On Wednesday, Mrs Okoturo and I went to visit another tiny village school to learn some more creative ways to teach multiple year groups. The wonderful Mrs Benstead (and her team of happy helpers) has been busy making preparations all week for the Fair tomorrow – it's set to be a great day! And our classes have been getting stuck into some scientific learning this week and are very excited about their new topics.

For the next 2 weeks we have 4 day weeks because of the bank holidays. We do not expect to be affected by the teacher strikes – I will let you know if this changes.

I look forward to seeing lots of you here tomorrow (more information is below) – the Fair opens at 12pm. Let's keep our fingers crossed for warm sunny weather!

Dates

* £1 donation optional

Date	Event
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

HPA School Spring Fair

As I'm sure you are aware, this weekend is the school Spring Fair! On this occasion, while the HPA bank account transitions, please expect to pay cash only. It's set to be a great day with stalls, animals, BBQ and cakes, crafts, a bouncy castle and more. Do come along if you can and feel free to bring guests – the more, the merrier!

Helper Plea

If any parents can spare an hour or two in the school day, we would really love to have some helpers in to hear readers. No experience is necessary – we will provide some basic training if you are able to help!

Governor and HPA

We have two vacancies on our governing board for parent governors. We also urgently need more 'official' members of our PTA (all parents and staff are considered unofficial members). Governors have input into decisions made around school operation, and HPA meet with staff and leaders regularly to plan events to support the school. If you are able to help, please contact the school office.

This Week's Letters

Coronation menu, curriculum newsletters, Wrest Park letter, Active Start Breakfast Club, Breakfast Club rota



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: Iris, Ben, Jaś
Oak class: Roman, Freddie



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 104 bringing the total to **816!** The treat they chose was 'art day' which we will organise in the next two weeks.

100% Attendance

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

Ollie, Nancy, Hannah, Jaś, Iris, Hugo, Saffy, Ben, Ayla, Hennadii, Ed, Finley, Freddie, Eliza.

Whole school attendance this week: **87.4%**

Weekly Sports Star

Congratulations to our sports stars:



Acorn: Iris
Oak: Finley

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, Nancy
Oak: Freddie, Clark

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

King's Coronation Party

Our Coronation party will take place next Friday afternoon, Friday 5th May. It will begin at 1:30p.m. with a picnic on the field (weather permitting). If you would like to make a donation to the picnic, please contact the school office. After the picnic, there will be a series of craft activities for you to enjoy with your children. We will be finished before the end of the school day – parents will be invited to have tea and coffee while children have a story and get ready to go home. All parents and carers are invited and please feel free to bring other family members. We would appreciate knowing how many people you intend to bring to allow us to cater for everyone for the picnic – please let the office know via email or phone.

Coronation Menu

Please look at the Coronation menu ahead of Friday so your child is aware of the choices they can have on the day.

A Week in Pictures

Our topics lend themselves to lots of practical science this half term. These photos will be on Facebook with more explanation.



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