

Hexton JMI School Newsletter

Summer 2023: Issue 6

Headteacher's Message

This week has been difficult for many in our school community, but as always, we at Hexton have kept calm and carried on. Thank you to the parents and carers who attended the meeting with HCC this week. I promised to provide the link for the proposal, and it can be found [here](#).

This is an unsettling time for all of you, but rest assured that your children will continue to receive a fun and engaging, challenging and relevant education at Hexton for as long as we continue, and that the nurturing ethos you have all come to expect will remain unwavering. Please do make a meeting with me if you need a chat, or if we can do anything to support you.

Learning this week has included a lot of assembly practise for Oak class and diving deeper into the world of Pocahontas for Acorn.

This week our year six pupils began their transition to secondary school. They visited their schools and had a visit from the deputy head who talked to them here at Hexton, too. Next month will be transition day (see 'Dates'), where children who will be moving will have chance to spend a day in their new classes.

Acorn trip out

Next Friday, as part of their topic, the Acorns will be going for a walk around the local area to investigate different types of houses and habitats. You do not need to give specific permission as you signed a general form upon entry giving permission to explore the local area, but if you have any concerns or questions, please speak to Miss Webster or Mrs Duncan. Children will not be crossing the busy main road.

This Week's Letters

Home learning policy. Home/school agreement, class curriculum newsletters.

Dates

* £1 donation optional

Date	Event
Wed 21 st June	World Music Day
26 th -30 th June	Healthy Living Week
Fri 30 th June	Sports Day
Date TBC	School Fair
Fri 7 th July	Acorn Class Assembly TBC
Tues 11 th July	Whole school trip to Natural History Museum, Tring
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

Homework

Earlier this year, we reduced the amount of homework expected of children to support family life and prioritise essential skills. However, many of our pupils are currently not regularly reading or completing their TTRS or Numbots home learning. We prioritised these tasks because they are core skills that help children to access the rest of their primary (and further) curriculum. All parents signed a home/school agreement (attached) which states that pupils will "Do all my classwork and homework as well as I can and on time" and that parents will "Support my child in reading and homework." Please do ensure your child does the following, every week:

- Read a minimum of 3 times a week with/to an adult and record in reading record.
- To practise on Numbots or TTRS for 3-5 minutes a day, 4-5 times a week.

Neither of these tasks is long or laborious. Regular reading practise will ensure your child has the comprehension and fluency to access the wider curriculum as they move into KS2/3 and beyond. Mental maths skills enable children to more easily calculate across all areas of maths e.g. multiplying fractions, long division and calculating measures.



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: Hugo

Oak class: Ayla, 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 43 bringing the total to **498!** Just another 252 to go until our next whole school treat! Well done to all those whose efforts this week led to house points being awarded.

100% Attendance

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

Ollie, Isla, Hannah, Carter, Iris, Hugo, Kami, Ben, Ayla, Gena, Ed, Freddie, Clark, Eliza

Whole school attendance this week: **92.7%**

Weekly Sports Star

Congratulations to our sports stars:



Acorn: Hugo, Carter

Oak: Clark

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:

Oak: Eliza, Freddie

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

World Music Day

Next week on Wednesday it is World Music Day. Children are invited to dress as a rockstar for the day (not compulsory of course). We will be doing all sorts of fun musical activities during the day; listening to and learning about music from all around the world. As always, please check out our social media for photos of the day's events. If we have any musical parents or carers (or wider family members) who are happy to come and perform for the children, please let the school office know.

A Week in Pictures

A few snapshots of our week at Hexton this week
(larger versions will be shared on our social media):



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