



The John Hampden School Wendover



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Despite having a National Curriculum which directs the content of what should be taught to children at this stage of their education, we are given the freedom to choose how we feel it is best to deliver this content. We have found that some topics are universally popular with infant aged pupils whilst at other times we take account of particular interests of the children to plan something new. Our teachers work very hard to keep the learning opportunities relevant and interesting for the children so they are motivated and engaged in their learning.

At The John Hampden School Wendover we try hard to present the content as a linked curriculum whenever possible. This means we choose topics which enable aspects of different subjects to be taught in a meaningful way to the children. So, rather than having a history lesson each week we may choose to block the teaching of this subject into a specific topic. At other times we may choose to have specific enrichment days or weeks to focus attention on a particular subject or a particular theme. So far this academic year we have enjoyed a fortnight of Health and Safety. This week has been 'Discovery Week' where the children have been investigating mathematically and scientifically. There has also been a focus on thinking skills linked to philosophy (P4C).

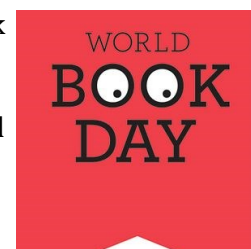
Later on this term Mrs Llewellyn and Mrs Collins have planned an exciting Arts Week that will involve the children creating art work linked to a jungle theme. This will be enhanced with music, drama and poetry. Later on in the year there will also be Enterprise Week and World Weeks to look forward to.

Yesterday the whole school took part in Maths Day which was organised by our Maths Co-ordinator, Mrs Timms. Further details and comments from the pupils can be found in the Curriculum Section of this newsletter.

UPCOMING DATES:

- 2.2.18—FJH bags to school by 9am
- 5.2.18—Assessment week
- 9.2.18—FJH ice cream day
- 9.2.18—School closes for half term
- 19.2.18—School opens
- 26.2.18—Arts week
- 28.2.18—Learning reviews 4.00—7.00 pm
- 1.3.18—Learning reviews 4.00—7.00 pm
- 1.3.18—St David's Day
- 2.3.18—World book day
- 2.3.18—Work sharing at 2.45 pm

Whenever possible we invite visitors into school or we plan trips to enhance the learning experiences. Sometimes we ask the children to come to school wearing costumes to make their learning more memorable. With this in mind I would like to draw your attention to World Book Day which we will be celebrating on Friday 2nd March. Every year we ask the children to dress up and this year the theme will be animals from stories—linking with the Arts Week theme. We will be celebrating our love of books by providing a range of activities throughout the day including sharing books with Wendover Junior children.



Finally, can I remind parents/carers that we try hard to advertise our open door policy, encouraging you to come into school and speak to us if you have any concerns, questions or worries. Please do approach the school first rather than using Facebook or other social media channels—we are here to help and we are best placed to provide you with the answers that you may need. Thank you.

2. GOVERNOR SECTION

The School Council

A recent addition to the life of John Hampden is the School Council. Pupil representatives come from the Foundation Stage to Year 2 and I've been privileged to sit in on several of their meetings.

The area where the meetings take place is bright and welcoming, with photographs of the representatives grouped by their class and year. Some of the representatives' remarks were also displayed and these demonstrated the impact the Council has had on them individually. One said 'Now I feel like a proper part of the School', another said 'I had ideas but didn't share'.

I think that the maturity of discussions would amaze both parents and possibly even the staff. The meeting is conducted in a formal way with a Chair and a Minutes Secretary and although these roles rotate for each meeting, both officers clearly understand their roles and are quietly confident in them.

All the children are encouraged to express their concerns, ideas and suggestions freely and they do this with great thought, imagination and flair. Courtesy was shown by everyone and each speaker was listened to with great attention.

On the rare occasion when a slightly impractical suggestion was made the other representatives politely pointed out the limitations of the idea, an alternative was suggested and a vote taken.

At the last meeting pupils' shared ideas about how the school could improve further and this included an emphasis on improving handwriting and Maths, fortunately the latter was already timetabled for Thursday of this week and Presentation of work & handwriting are currently a whole school focus.

At the last meeting it was agreed that the members of the Council should speak at a School Assembly and tell the rest of the School community about what the work of the Council involves. They will also be sharing findings from their site visit to the new building project.

Perhaps even more surprisingly, they had a good working knowledge of the role of the Governors. I'm looking forward to sitting in on many more School Council meetings; I'm sure I'll learn a lot.



Elna Joseph
Co-opted Governor

The Governing Board are always willing to listen to parental queries and to explain in more detail what the Governing Body does. They do realise, however, that it may not always be appropriate to speak to us at the school gate so please feel free to email the Chair of Governors, James Edley, on jedley@johnhampdenwendover.co.uk if you would like to raise a matter for discussion or if you just have a query about the school.

3. IMPORTANT MESSAGES

School Times

This is a polite reminder that children should arrive at school between 8.45a.m. and 8.55a.m. each day. We have a number of children who are either arriving very early or after 8.55a.m. It is a shame that those children arriving late are often missing the important first instructions of the morning. Please try to ensure your child arrives on time. **The black security gate is locked promptly at 8.55am so if your child is late please accompany them to the main entrance** where we will let them into the school and ask you to complete the late arrivals sheet.



Scooters and Bicycles

Please note, scooters and bicycles left at school are left entirely at the owner's risk. John Hampden School accepts no liability for any loss or damage from any cause whatsoever. It really helps if bicycles and scooters are clearly named and we are happy for them to be padlocked to the fence for extra security if you wish. Siblings from Wendover Junior School should not leave their scooters or bikes on our premises.



Attendance Letters

Just a reminder that, as mentioned in the attendance letter, one day is two sessions so if your child has had one day off it will be recorded as two sessions absence i.e. morning and afternoon.

Scroll of Honour Badges

Our behaviour initiative, which allows any pupil in the school to be nominated by an adult for demonstrating excellent behaviour, appears to be working well. Every child who is nominated has their name included on the Scroll of Honour and is asked to stand up in front of the rest of the school during Merit Assembly on Friday. They are given a yellow 'Spotted for Something Special' badge which they can wear for one week. We are asking for your support in ensuring the badges are returned to school on the following Thursday. This way we can make sure they can be passed to the next set of children who are nominated. We only have a limited supply of the badges and others will be really disappointed if they don't get a badge when it is their special moment. Thank you for your support.

Jewellery

Please remember that children should not be wearing any jewellery to school. Children with pierced ears should definitely have their earrings removed on P.E. days or be provided with tape to cover the studs if they cannot be removed yet. This is for health and safety reasons as earrings can easily get caught up as children get changed for P.E.

Sponsorship forms

Following the visit from our Olympic Athlete on Friday please remember to return any sponsorship monies as soon as possible. Thank you.

Juice in water bottles

We are keen for children to bring water bottles to school each day. These are easily accessible to the children to ensure they keep hydrated throughout the day. However, we would ask for your support in only providing water in the bottles—we are noticing that a few children are being given light coloured squash! This can get very sticky which causes obvious problems.

TWITTER

We are pleased to re-launch our school's Twitter feed. This was originally introduced some years ago but we didn't get many followers so opted to temporarily suspend it. If you would like to follow us we are @jhswendover

4. PUPIL'S SECTION

Science Investigation Day

Science Investigating at John Hampden.

As part of our Discovery Week, the children have been taking part in engaging Science investigations within their topics. This week as explorers, Foundation Stage have been making salt dough and observing the changes in state of the mixture before using it to make their very own dinosaur fossils. They have noticed cracks and fading as the dough dries making them look like genuine fossil finds! In KS1 the children have focussed on investigations within the unit Materials. Year 1 investigated the best materials to use to build a roof for Teddy's house. The children relished the free reign given to come up with their own ideas and theories and the activity generated discussions about the strength and waterproof properties of different materials. Some children doubled up layers of material, while there were some interesting observations about how the pitch of some roofs even made a difference. Year 2 were given the challenge of producing a flying object that could travel the furthest in a test. The children drew on their knowledge of materials' properties and how they could manipulate their shapes to make a flightworthy vehicle. The activity produced some rich discussions, including how to make the test flights fair. Our Science Governor Jay Edley came in to watch some of the sessions and took some tips from the children on how to mend his leaking roof!

Kate Tysoe—Science Co-ordinator

Thinking Day

As part of Discovery Week we have been developing our thinking skills.

In Foundation Stage the children have had fun learning about the different parts of the brain and how we can 'grow our brains' by challenging ourselves. This links to the Foundation Stage character Captain Challenge, with whom the children are now very familiar. The children enjoyed making brain hats to help them learn. They have also joined in a 'mini enquiry' to introduce them to P4C.

In Years 1 and 2 the children have been developing their P4C skills. This involved playing some circle games which created a sense of a trusting community, valuing differences of opinion and showing respect for each other. This is closely linked to our school values of 'Respect', 'Reflection' and 'Belonging'. During this 'warm up' Mr Edley, our link Governor, enjoyed joining in a debate with the children in Hedgehogs class as to whether it was better to be an adult or a child. Their thoughts were very interesting. Mr Edley was persuaded by the children that life as a child was definitely more fun! Each class then moved into a P4C enquiry. The children were shown a picture of an alien who had allegedly appeared in the entrance hall of John Hampden School. They had to discuss why the alien should or shouldn't be allowed into the school. They had to justify their opinions and explain their reasoning. Dilemmas were added into the enquiry to get them to question their ideas even further. There were some great discussions throughout the school with some children convinced that the alien should be allowed (as long as he followed the Golden Rules!) and some adamant that he should not be welcomed as he may disrupt their learning. The children seemed to thoroughly enjoy the activities and it was fantastic to see how confident they are in sharing and justifying their own opinions whilst still showing respect for those with differing opinions.

Anna King P4C/Growth Co-ordinator

5. FRIENDS OF JOHN HAMPDEN

Children's New Year Disco

They danced, glowed, coloured, ran around, drank, ate, watched, built and laughed (and that was just the parents!) Thank you to Caroline P and the team for all your hard work organising the event – the children seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. Thank you for all of your generous donations - we raised just under £1100 – amazing HUGE thanks to all involved in volunteering and donating. A special thanks to our amazing facepainters too.

Bag 2 School Friday 2nd February

If possible please fill the white Bag2School with any unwanted adults' and children's clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, ties and soft toys and bring to school by 9am on Friday 2nd February (there will be a tarpaulin on the grass by the scooter park from 7.30am). Or if you struggle at drop off, there will be a space outside the Year 1 classroom to drop off before 6pm on the Thurs evening. The school then gets money by weight of the collection. Thanks!

Ice-cream day Friday 9th February

It's cold outside; time for an ice-cream! The children will get to enjoy an ice-cream at school. No need to do anything if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 – payment was taken for all terms back in September. A letter has gone out in the book bags to the new starters in Crickets and to all other new starters in Foundation, Yr 1 and 2. Please make sure you return your forms to ensure your child is not missed! Crickets will get theirs at lunch, the other years in 'Golden Time'

Easyfundraising

We continue to be so grateful with your use of easyfundraising – the total raised continues to grow! Please remember to activate your donation before every internet purchase - <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> before you start booking your summer holidays, food shopping, sales shopping – it's simple and **costs you nothing**.



Your cause has raised

£1,926.66

£155.64 in the last 30 days

Save the dates – Please note the change of date for two events – May Fayre and Spring Run

Save the Dates

Guilty Pleasures Disco (parents)	TBC
Spring Cake Sale	Friday 16th March
May Fayre	Saturday 12th May
Spring Run	Sunday 17th June
Bag to School	TBC
Summer BBQ	Friday 6th July
End of term picnic	Tuesday 24 th July 1.30pm Wendover Woods

Secondhand Uniform

Don't forget to let us know if you have uniform that is outgrown but still in good condition. We will let you know when it will next be on sale. We have heaps of summer uniform – so before you head to M&S or Tesco – get in touch with Laura Croker via our Facebook page – 'JHS Parents'

Tesco – blue chips

Don't forget to hunt out your blue chips- ask at Customer services if none are at the till. Find them at Tesco Express – Wendover and main stores in Aylesbury - Tring Road and Broadfields – help us get money for nothing – up to £4000 – 'every little helps'!

New Ideas?

If you have any ideas for new events or fundraisers or suggestions about how to improve current ones – please let us know; either by contacting Caroline Benson our chair or via the FB page.

6. CURRICULUM

Maths Day 2018

On our Maths Day we had lots of fun and practised lots of maths skills. We worked together and encouraged each other. We celebrated our successes and failures together.

The aims of our maths day were:-

- To develop the pupils knowledge and enjoyment of mathematics
- For the children to enjoy maths together
- To develop the children's awareness of links between maths and other subject areas
- To have a chance to try new things
- To develop thinking skills
- To raise standards

For the children in KS1 we also had a visit from "Maths in a Suitcase." Selwyn has been coming to our maths day for the past few years, and he always amazes all the children with his array of "hands on" activities and investigations.

Foundation Stage enjoyed a visit from 'Bubbly Maths'.

In each of the year groups different maths challenges were taken on - including cross curricular links to other subjects, working inside and outside our classrooms.

7. SCHOOL TRAVEL

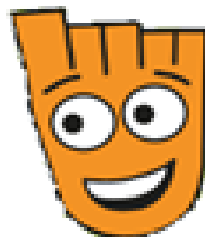
School Travel News

'WOW!'

Our WOW travel tracker is working well with all children logging their daily journeys. Just to remind you that if your child completes three active journeys each week for a month they will earn their next badge. I understand that sometimes you may have to use the car, but to ease congestion around the school, please consider Park and Stride. The new MAP you received recently shows the different places you could park. Or perhaps you could park at a friend's house and walk from there. Remember active journeys can include: walk, scoot, bike, or park and stride. There will be other activities throughout the year that your child can participate in where they can win a variety of prizes. Our first competition will be to design the new WOW badges for the next academic year. **Details will be sent to you soon!**

Thank you for supporting sustainable travel to and from school.

Heather Beattie (School Travel Coordinator)



8. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

We aim to keep you fully informed of our actions linked to the school improvement plan. Since the last newsletter we have:-

GOAL A: LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT

The leadership team at the school are committed to working collaboratively with others for the benefit of the children at John Hampden. We already work very closely with our Liaison Group of schools and we are, as a team, working together to ensure our governing boards are collaborating closely too. The first group meeting of governors was chaired by governors from John Hampden and hosted at our school.

Our building work continues and the bricklayers are working towards roof level of our new Year 1 classroom. We are in regular meetings with the project managers and so far the project is on schedule.

GOAL B: TEACHING, LEARNING & ASSESSMENT

The assessment week data from before the Christmas holiday has been used to inform future teaching. Individual teachers have planned future activities and individual/small group interventions for any child/group who is not on track to make expected progress during the year. We have a focus on making sure our most able children are appropriately challenged and the use of 'Challenge Lights' in our marking and feedback policy enables children to indicate how challenging they found the work that was offered to them.

Mrs Spencer is leading a joint project between our school and Wendover Junior School. We are currently training some older children to become reading mentors for some of our Year 2 pupils.

GOAL C: PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, BEHAVIOUR & WELFARE

Parents recently received a letter informing them of their child's attendance figure for Autumn 2017. Analysis of whole school data tells us that 81 children (32%) had 100% attendance and 99.6% of children had an attendance percentage of over 80%. 72% had above 95% attendance (the expected figure)

Punctuality data was also analysed. As a rule, punctuality is very good but we do have a small number of families who are regularly arriving later than 8.55am. We will continue to monitor attendance and punctuality regularly.

We have introduced a new set of lunchtime monitors and Play Pals who are responsible for ensuring all children have someone they recognise who can help and support them lunchtime. Our monitors wear special tabards or bright red caps so they can be easily identified and their photos are proudly displayed in the corridor. We are keen to ensure our pupils are given these types of roles of responsibility and there are further opportunities e.g. School Council representatives who complement the work of the Class Council.

GOAL D: PUPIL OUTCOMES

Following the assessment week at the end of the Autumn Term pupil attainment has been entered onto our school tracking system. For key stage 1 pupils this has allowed us to measure progress since the end of Foundation Stage or the end of Year 1. End of year targets are then set and teaching and interventions are planned to meet the learning needs of all.

Steph Parkinson has, once again, joined the team of EYFS County moderators. She will be visiting a number of other schools in the area to moderate their judgements linked to the EYFS profile to ensure consistency across Buckinghamshire.

9. MISCELLANEOUS

Pollution

Following concerns from local residents about the air quality around the school at peak traffic times, please be aware that stationary idling is an offence under section 42 of the Road Traffic Act 1988.

The Act enforces rule 123 of the Highway Code which states: "You must not leave a vehicle engine running unnecessarily while that vehicle is stationary on a public road."

Doing this can incur a £20 fixed-penalty fine under the Road Traffic (Vehicle Emissions) Regulations 2002. This goes up to £40 if unpaid within a given timeframe.

Please be considerate if you are waiting to collect your son or daughter.



Carrier bags

If you have any unwanted plastic carrier bags please could you donate them to the school so we can use them for putting wet clothes in—thank you.

John Hampden Out of School Care Vacancy

We have a permanent vacancy for a Play worker at our Breakfast Club : 7.30—8.45 am , four mornings per week and at our After School Club : 3.00—6.15 pm, Monday to Thursday term time only. The applicant would preferably have some experience of working with children and a relevant Level 2 qualification, however this is not essential.

The salary will be within Bucks Pay Range 1A, £14,468 pro rata.

The closing date for applications is Friday 9th February 2018.

If you are interested in this post please call the John Hampden School office on 01296 622629

or email office@jhampden.bucks.sch.uk or contact the OOSC on 07506 195699 or email OOSC@jhampden.bucks.sch.uk for more information.



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Dear parents,

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could collect a free cashback donation for Friends of John Hampden School by using Easyfundraising?

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, eBay, John Lewis, and Sainsbury's – and it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

Currently we have **177 supporters and have raised £1,875**.....in the last 30 days alone we have raised **£160!** This is a fantastic effort but now we really need to keep this momentum going, by building Easyfundraising into your day to day life you can raise funds for the school with little (or no) effort!

It's really simple, all you have to do is:

1. Join.

Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/DOKHAP/> and sign up for free. Or if you shop on mobile or tablet **download the Easyfundraising app** – search for your cause which is called 'Friends of John Hampden School'.

2. Shop.

Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first, pick the retailer you want and **start shopping**. If you shop on mobile or tablet simply click through the app to the retailer of your choice. This simple extra click can raise money for the school!

If you shop or make bookings on your PC then follow a few simple steps to **install the Donation Reminder** which will give you a handy little reminder whenever a donation is available when you're shopping online.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/donation-reminder/>

When you see the alert, just click to activate your donation. It's as easy as that!

Shoppers who use the easyfundraising Donation Reminder raise 5 times more donations for their cause because it helps them remember. You'll love it and we will too!

3. Raise.

After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to us for no extra cost whatsoever! There are no catches or hidden charges and John Hampden School will be really grateful for your donations.

Regular updates will be sent out by email and can also be found on the JHS Parents Facebook page (if you are not a member just search 'JHS Parents' and ask to be added).

Thank you for your support.

The FJH has just joined the Aylesbury Vale Lottery as a good cause - so lottery tickets can be bought for £1 - with 50p from each tick sale coming straight to the FJH. Details as follows:

We have joined Vale Lottery as an official good cause. Lottery tickets can now be bought with HALF of the ticket price going to FJH. Details about tickets as follows:

Each ticket costs just £1.

Each ticket is made up of 6 numbers/digits.

Each digit must be in the range 0-9 and the same digit can appear more than once.

This means there are a million possible ticket numbers from 000000 to 999999!

If you have a cherished number such as a date of birth or telephone number why not use that. Alternatively, if you don't mind what numbers you get just click "Choose for me" and it'll randomly pick the numbers for you.

To win a prize you must match at least 2 numbers in a row starting from either the left OR right.

Every ticket has a 1 in 50 chance of winning a prize every week!

Winning ticket example:

If the winning number one week was 092582

All tickets starting 09XXXX will win a prize

All tickets ending XXXX82 will win a prize

If you match 2 numbers you get 3 free tickets

If you match 3 numbers you get £25

If you match 4 numbers you get £250

If you match 5 numbers you get £2000

If you match all 6 numbers in the correct order you will win £25,000!

You can buy individual tickets whenever you like, or set up a Direct Debit for 1 (or more) ticket(s) per week and not worry about forgetting!

Draws are every Saturday night.

Here's the page from which to buy them - <https://www.valelottery.co.uk/.../friends-of-john-hampden-sch...>



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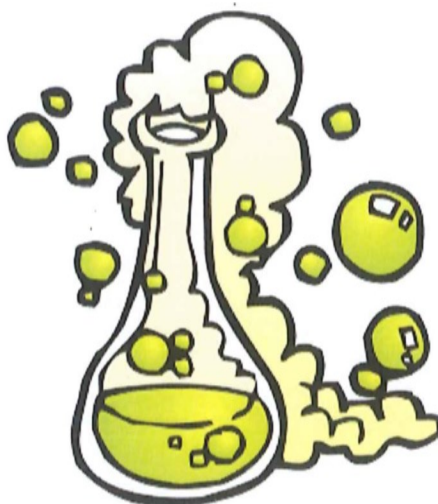
Vale Lottery

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good causes in Aylesbury Vale!



Buckinghamshire Libraries—Wendover



Science With Max

On the 17th March

At 10:30-11:30 or
2:30-3:30



An hour of fun science experiments for British
Science Week to get involved in!

£2 - Ages 7-11 - Please book as places are limited

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Friday 2nd February at 9.30

**Under 5s crafts, stories and fun at
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Booking Essential as places limited!

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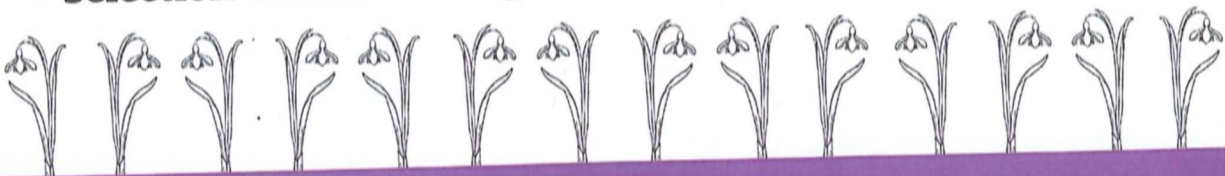
Sunday 18th February 2018

11:30am to 4:00pm (last admission 3:30pm)

West Wycombe Park, HP14 3AJ

Join us for a stroll in the
beautiful West Wycombe Park

- Plant a snowdrop bulb (available to purchase)
- Children's activities including a treasure hunt and crafts
- Hot drinks and cakes in the Village Hall
- Selection of stalls selling hand crafted goods



Prices: adults £2.50, under 16 £1.50, under 3 free

For more information please contact us

email: fundraising@sbhospice.org.uk or phone: 01494 552 761

Please note, only assistance dogs are allowed on the grounds for the event.

We would like to thank Sir Edward and Lady Dashwood for their support.

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