



The John Hampden School Wendover

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1. MESSAGE FROM MRS BARNES

As we reach the end of the first half of the Spring Term we are already looking forward to what the next half will bring. Learning Review Meetings for Foundation Stage and KS1 pupils have been included in the school calendar and we have noted previous feedback which appeared to show parents would value having more notice of their appointment time. To this end we have already sent home the dates and associated times for these meetings. We have asked that the reply slips be returned to school by today, Friday 9th February, so we will be able to organise appointments and inform you of your time slot as soon as we return after the holiday. The meetings are scheduled to take place on Wednesday 28th February and Thursday 1st March. Teachers try very hard to adhere to the ten minute time allocations. If issues arise during the meeting that need further discussion, it may be more appropriate to make another mutually convenient appointment time, as others are affected when appointments overrun.

Fundraising Update

Last year we informed parents that our school, along with many others, is currently in a deficit position financially. We requested support from the parent body to help us raise some additional funds and we are extremely grateful to those who have been able to contribute—your donations continue to be well spent but we are aware that we have not provided an update recently. As the end of our financial year approaches we are waiting to be informed of our new budget share for 2018-2019 and we have a meeting with the finance team from Bucks County Council today, who aim to provide advice and support. Once these factors have been taken into consideration we will provide you with further information about the revised financial forecast and the potential for further fundraising.

OFSTED UPDATE

Our school was last inspected in December 2013 when we were disappointed to be graded as 'good' having consistently been judged as 'outstanding' in previous inspections. Since then our aim has been to regain the 'outstanding' judgement. Our next inspection (a one day inspection) is now imminent—they should happen approximately every three years for good schools. Unfortunately for us the Ofsted inspection framework changed slightly in January 2018 and one of the changes will impact on our aim i.e. *Where a lead inspector considers that a school remains good and there is sufficient evidence of strong practice and marked improvement in its performance to believe that the school may be judged outstanding under a full 2 day inspection if carried out now, the school will receive a letter that makes clear that its next inspection will be carried out under section 5 of the Act. The letter will confirm that the school remains good and will highlight the specific areas where particularly strong practice has been evidenced, as well as priorities for further improvement.*

So, for us to achieve an outstanding grading, we will have to undergo a further 2 day inspection within one to two years giving the school time for the strong practice to be consolidated however, it would be possible for us to request an early inspection. I just thought I would inform you of the situation as it does prevent an immediate grading of outstanding being given following a one day inspection.

I hope you manage to have a restful half term break and enjoy some quality time with your children.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

19 Feb—School reopens
26 Feb—Arts week
28 Feb—Learning reviews
3.30—7.00 pm
1 Mar—Learning reviews
3.30—7.00 pm
2 Mar—World Book day
and animal mufti day
2 Mar—2.45 pm Work
sharing
12—14 Mar—SEN reviews
15 Mar—Dance workshops

2. GOVERNOR SECTION

Maths and Numeracy

How many Foundation Stage children can you fit into a 1m cube? Would you believe the answer is 23! I discovered this when I visited Maths Day at John Hampden. The cube was created with 1m long balloons tied together and there was lots of giggling and excitement as children stepped into the balloon one by one as the clown from 'Bubbly Maths' cleverly introduced the concept of volume to the 4 and 5 year olds.

As Maths and Numeracy Governor I am particularly interested in seeing how children of such a young age are introduced to maths and numeracy. How often have you heard friends or family say how much they hated maths, or were 'no good' at maths. I think this is really sad because Maths is so vital in modern day life. As well as the obvious practical benefits to knowing how to add, subtract, multiply etc. learning about more complex maths concepts and how to solve maths problems helps train the brain to think analytically, logically, strategically and critically. These skills help us make decisions and solve complex problems in our work and daily lives. An infant school has the opportunity to develop children's interest and enjoyment of maths at a young age, and this was one of the main objectives of Maths Day.

My Maths day visit started with a Bubbly Maths Show in the Octagon. Each Foundation Stage Class was treated to an hour long show by the Bubbly Maths Clown who used balloons, bubbles, inflatable balls, 3D straw shapes amongst other things to introduce children to concepts such as volume, length, estimation, 2D and 3D shapes. The children clearly enjoyed the interactive show which cleverly combined entertainment with learning.

After Bubbly Maths I had the chance to visit each of the KS1 classes. Each Year 1 and 2 classroom had set up a number of activity stations that children rotated through, taking turns to have a go at each activity before moving on to the next. In the 'Measure Room' children were challenged to use a stopwatch to time a friend putting on lots of clothes, spinning around and sitting down. Another activity was to weigh fruit and put them in order from heaviest to lightest. In the Shape room they were asked how many triangles they could make with 9 lollipop sticks and asked to make 3D shapes using cocktail sticks and marshmallows, among other things.

In the afternoon I was able to observe 'Maths in a Suitcase'. As with Bubbly Maths this was an activity provided by an external company and each Year 1 and 2 class had the opportunity to spend an hour in the school hall with Selwyn who had set up around 30 different maths related puzzles and activities. Children were able to move around the activities having a go at all the puzzles and challenges while Selwyn spent the time moving between tables explaining concepts to the children, giving them clues on how they may be able to solve problems etc. The children clearly enjoyed the activities and showed perseverance trying to solve puzzles, many of which were really tricky!

Attending Maths Day was a fantastic opportunity to observe children developing a love of learning maths and numeracy. I was impressed by the number of activities and the fun and clever ways in which children were able to engage with maths and numeracy related concepts.



It is clear that all of the teachers, led by Numeracy lead teacher Mrs Timms, are working hard to ensure that Maths teaching at John Hampden is outstanding and that children are enjoying the subject. This has the positive effect of improving children's performance in Maths and the fact that John Hampden children consistently performs above national averages in this area is tangible evidence that their hard work is paying off!

Suzanne Pim

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

Reminder

World Book Day is coming soon (Friday 2nd March). Children are invited to come to school dressed up as animals from stories, particularly animals with a jungle theme to link with Arts Week which is taking place at the same time. The children will be coming home with a book voucher nearer the time so please check their book bags.

P.E. Kit

Your child will be bringing home their P.E. kit to be washed during the half term holiday. Please could we remind parents that kits must be returned to school on the first day back because P.E. lessons start immediately and your child cannot participate if they do not have the proper kit. Long hair must be tied back for health and safety reasons and earrings removed or covered with tape.

Sign 2 Sing

You may be aware that your child has recently been learning some sign language at school. This is because we have taken part in SignHealth's national fundraising and deaf awareness event, sign2sing. On Thursday 8th February our school, and hundreds of others, along with businesses and choirs across the UK and abroad, joined in and performed a song with signs. Our thanks to Mrs Collins for leading this event.



Achievements Outside School

We are always keen to hear of your child's achievements outside school. In fact we have dedicated a special board in the corridor to display photocopies of certificates or photographs of children receiving special awards. If your child would like to bring in any such items we would be happy to put them on the board to help celebrate their success. Equally if you feel your child has a particular strength or talent that they demonstrate outside school we would be glad to hear about it—it helps us to build a picture of the 'whole child'.

Spare Old Shirts

We are keen to receive any unwanted adult shirts for children to wear during art activities. If you can help please bring your donations to the school office and we will distribute them to the classes that need them. Thank you.

Small Talk Mix 96

We are delighted to inform you that our local radio station Mix96 visited the school this Monday to record a special feature called "Small Talk". Some of our Year 2 children were very excited to be chosen for the interview, where they were asked numerous questions about the world through a child's perspective. You can hear their amusing answers throughout the weeks of 19th March and 4th June. They will be aired at about 7.50 am and drive time at about 3.20 pm. You can also listen through a podcast on their website at www.mix96.co.uk so don't forget to listen out.

ROBLOX App

It has been brought to our attention that children of infant age may be using the App ROBLOX. This App allows children to access online friends and apparently many children have reported that they have received game messages from 'strangers'. Kent Police have highlighted issues with children viewing inappropriate content whilst playing and have advised parents to check their child's ROBLOX account and look to see if they have friends that they do not know—children can have a maximum of 200 friends on the App. They also advise that parents check their child's in game message inbox to check if they have been receiving inappropriate messages.

Visit from Athlete

The children enjoyed a fantastic visit from Liz McCann, Commonwealth medalist in Badminton. The children completed a sponsored work out before listening to an inspiring assembly from the athlete. Photos are on the website and there is an article about the visit in the Bucks Herald. We believe we may have raised £800 for the school through this event so thank you for your support and thanks to Mrs Nelson for organising it.

Junk Modelling

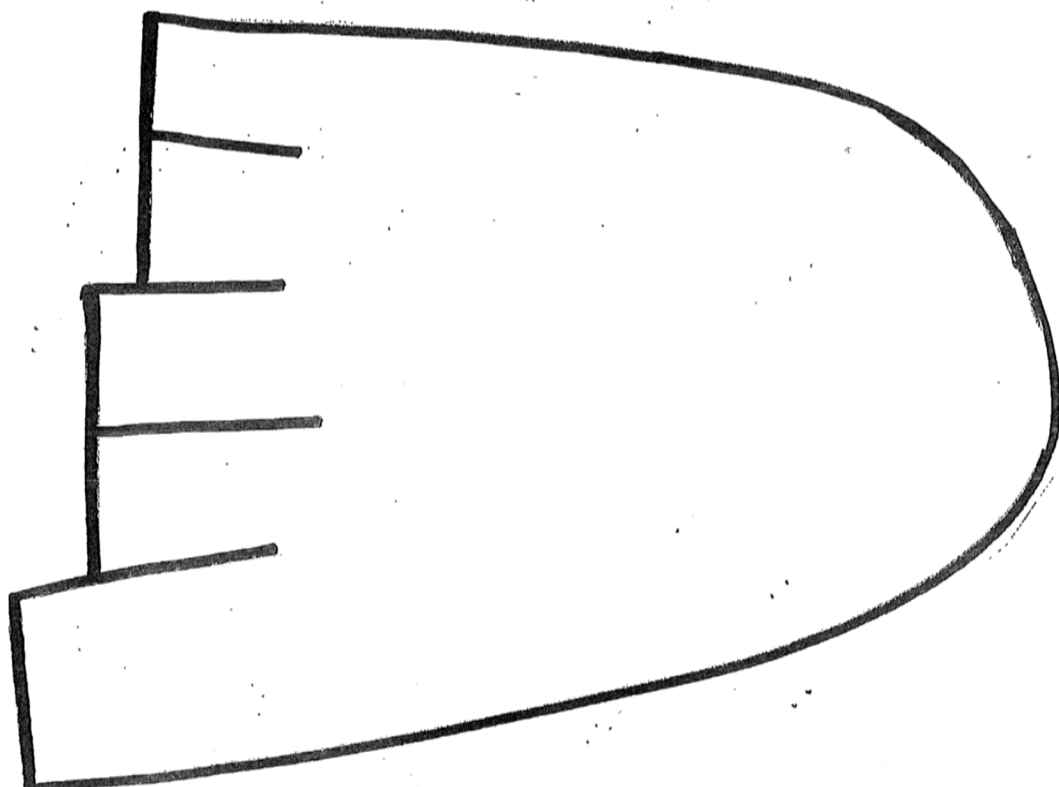
We are after donations of any empty pringles tubes, kitchen towel roll tubes (not toilet roll tubes) and general small clean boxes for Art Club please.

Inset Day

Please note that in addition to the Inset Days set by County, we have now confirmed the following for the next academic year—Friday 7th December 2018 and Monday 3rd June 2019.

4. PUPIL'S SECTION

There is some optional homework for pupils to do over half term. Please look in your home-work books for the details but this is the template to be used. All homework is to be handed in to the class teacher after half term.



WOW Badge competition Template

Name.....

Age.....

Class.....

Which season?.....

What have you drawn and why?

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Writing competition for Year 1 and Year 2

After half term in Year 1 and Year 2, we are going to focus on reading and writing Traditional Tales, part of which will involve retelling a Traditional Tale and changing a character.

The children will be reading a variety of Traditional Tales, discussing and describing characters and the different parts of the story.

We are holding a competition to write a Twisted Tale, for example The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig or Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs. There will be a winner for Year 1 and Year 2.

So, over half term read lots of traditional tales, start magpieing language and phrases that you might want to use and start to think of your ideas.

Watch this space for further details.

Book reviews

Well done to Ella Burne for completing her book review—you can see her review on our school website under the Parent section, Book swap and book reviews. We look forward to receiving lots more book reviews soon.

5. FRIENDS OF JOHN HAMPDEN



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.

6. CURRICULUM

We were delighted to welcome Gordon Wong and his wife to lead assemblies for all children on Thursday 8th February. The theme was 'Chinese New Year' and the children were so interested to hear from our visitors about this festival and the customs associated with it. They found out about the Chinese calendar, the lucky food, and the various celebrations and traditions of the lunar festival. Some children even got the chance to try out various Chinese puppets. The children were fascinated to see a real Chinese dragon and they were keen to ask lots of questions. Our grateful thanks to them all for their contribution—it received a spontaneous round of applause from the audience.

This year will be the year of the dog.



Year 2 History Morning

Year Two had a super time during last week's History Day. Teachers and pupils alike dressed up and travelled back in time to 1666 to find out more about life in the Stuart times as well as about the Great Fire of London. The classes got the chance to participate in a range of activities including hot seating, which involved different characters sitting on the interview chair, answering questions about life at the time and describing what they saw when the fire broke out. The children also engaged in role play activities linked to events in 1666 and followed an ancient recipe to bake bread.

Here are some comments from the pupils about History Day.

Ellie – I loved the drama because we got to act out the Great Fire of London and save people!

Rosie – I liked the hot seating because it was fun to be someone from the time of the Great Fire of London.

William – It was surprising to see how much sugar goes into bread!

Jake – I liked the drama, I liked pretending to be a Firefighter.

Joey – I enjoyed passing the bucket down the line to put out the fire.

Lexi – I loved hot seating, it was great asking questions!

Faye – It was great when Thomas Farynor came in and we got to ask him questions.

Caleb – I liked making bread, the dough was squidgy!

Liesel – I liked working in groups to act out a scene as if it was real.



7. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

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

GOAL A: LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT

Building work continues to follow the planned schedule. The roof is currently being put onto the new Year 1 classroom and on 8th February our school council visited the site office and completed a tour of the project so far. This phase of the building work should be completed in April and at this stage we should no longer be sending home children with muddy shoes and clothing! We apologise that this has been the case for a while now but sadly it has been very difficult to avoid it. Soon we will see the demolition of the wooden buildings at the front of the school (currently being used by the John Colet School). The space this creates will be used to create new classrooms and outside learning space for pupils at John Hampden.

GOAL B: TEACHING & LEARNING

The first half of the Spring Term has provided lots of memorable learning opportunities for the pupils in the school- we work hard to make the experiences we offer enjoyable and engaging. The Early Years class have taken every opportunity to get engaged in new learning. Foundation Stage pupils have been inspired by their topic of 'Explorer What Can You See' and so much good learning has taken place. Year One have been inspired their topic work and have completed numerous investigations. Year Two have found Samuel Pepy's buried treasure in the school grounds which led to them learning so much about the Great Fire of London. The whole school has spent time developing thinking skills in Science and P4C as part of Discovery Week while maths day was another real success. Such a lot has happened in just five weeks and two days!

GOAL C: PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, BEHAVIOUR & WELFARE

We continue to be pleased with the excellent response from pupils to the 'Scroll of Honour' initiative. We are consistently noticing more children taking the initiative to offer help to others or to tidy up or to demonstrate the school values in action without any prompting. We are delighted that a whole range of adults in the school spot this type of behaviour and we hope that this will further enhance the ethos of respect for people and property. The School Council has met and has identified key areas that they consider ripe for development so we are learning things from the various pupil voice activities whilst celebrating the success of those who demonstrate our core values and our Golden Rules.

GOAL D: PUPIL OUTCOMES

Assessment Week

This week the children have been busy providing us with further evidence of what they have learned since the last 'Assessment Week' at the end of the Autumn Term. The children complete a range of tasks and activities to help teachers confirm their judgements about progress and attainment in the core subjects. Assessment is an on-going process in our school but these special weeks give our staff and pupils the opportunity to spend slightly longer gathering more evidence to confirm their judgements. Learning Review meetings take place during the week beginning 26th February. Teachers will share with you, their observations and assessments of your child, at this time. They will also hand you a sheet outlining some targets which could be worked on at home as well as in school.

8. MISCELLANEOUS



Little Acorns Kindergarten

Wharf Road, Wendover
Buckinghamshire HP22 6HF
www.littleacornswendover.org
Tel: 01296 625787

Email: enquiries@littleacornswendover.org

Vacancy

We are looking for a Qualified Play Assistants to join our team. The following hours are to start 16th April 2018:-

Hours Monday 8.45am - 12.45pm (all day September 2018)	Tuesday 8.45am - 12.15pm
Thursday 11.45am - 3.45pm	Friday 8.45am - 3.45pm

We are also recruiting for a 10th September start - hours will be confirmed at interview stage.

Purpose of the Job:

- To work as part of the Pre-school team under the direction of the Kindergarten Manager.
- To provide safe, high quality care and education for young children in accordance with the policies and procedures, including Safeguarding and Equality of Opportunities, of the setting and in relation to the Early Years Foundation Stage.
- To act as a Key-person for a specified group of children, becoming a secure base and forming a firm relationship with the children and their families.
- To maintain learning journals and records for those children.
- Work within the policies and procedures of the preschool.

Preferred Qualities and Qualifications

- Qualified to Level 2/3 in Early Years and Childcare
- Safeguarding, Basic Food Hygiene and First Aid Trained
- Understanding of the EYFS within a preschool setting.
- Previous experience of working with children within an early years setting and being a key person.
- Ability to work as a team, not afraid to partake in all roles within the Kindergarten if/when required.
- Commitment, pride and passion

Successful applicants will need to provide 'right to work in the UK' documentation, undertake a DBS check and provide two satisfactory references prior to commencing employment.

Closing Date: Wednesday 14th February

Interviews: Week commencing 19th February

For more information, an application form/Job Description or to arrange a visit to meet us prior to application please contact Michelle Russell/Jackie Bird on 01296 625787 or email enquiries@littleacornswendover.org

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	Tuesday Evening. Lanes Available.	8:00pm to 9:30pm
	Thursday Evening. Lanes Available.	7:00pm to 8:45pm
Weekday Daytime	Tuesday Morning	9:00am to 10:30am
	Thursday Morning	9:00am to 10:15am
	Friday After School	3:30pm to 4:30pm
Saturdays	Early Saturday. Adults Only	8:00am to 9:00am
	Saturday Lunchtime	11:00am to 1:00pm
Sundays	Sunday Afternoon	2:30pm to 4:30pm

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Adult's: Thursdays 7.30pm to 8.30pm



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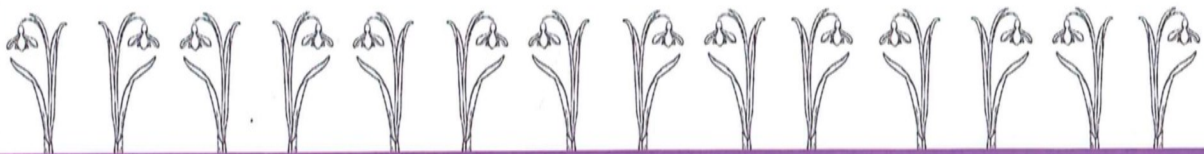
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11:30am to 4:00pm (last admission 3:30pm)

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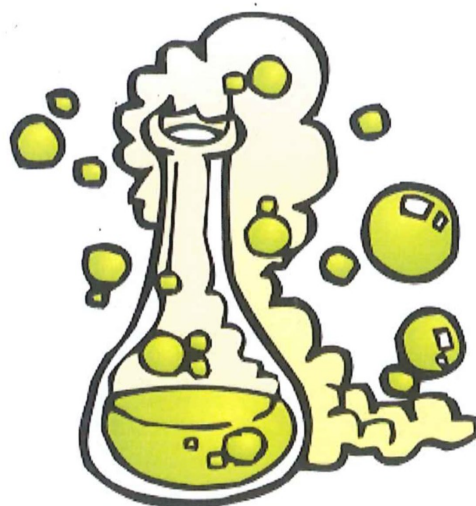
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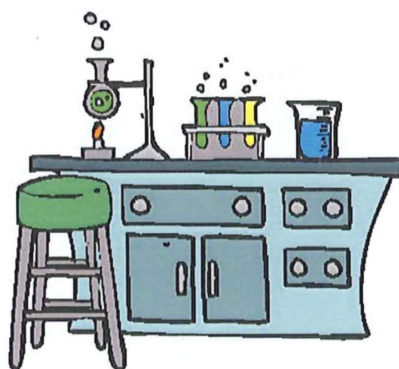


Science With Max

On the 17th March

At 10:30-11:30 or

2:30-3:30



**An hour of fun science experiments for British
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£2 - Ages 7-11 - Please book as places are limited

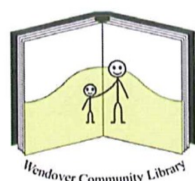
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The FJH has just joined the Aylesbury Vale Lottery as a good cause - so lottery tickets can be bought for £1 - with 50p from each ticket sale coming straight to the FJH. Details as follows:

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

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If you match 4 numbers you get £250

If you match 5 numbers you get £2000

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



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