



The John Hampden School Wendover



NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

	20th July—Last EY session
	24th July—Y2 Leavers Assembly 11.15am
18th—20th July FS Performances at 2.30 pm :	24th July—School closes for the summer <u>1.30pm</u>
18th—Caterpillars	24th July—NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
19th—Ladybirds	
20th—Honeybees	6th Sept—School reopens 8.55am

1. MESSAGE FROM MRS BARNES

Well, we have almost come to the end of another academic year and as this is the final newsletter of the term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the support you have given the school this year—we are fortunate to have parents who are genuinely interested in their child's learning and supportive of the school in general. As we reflect on the year and the progress that has been made in terms of school improvement, I believe we can congratulate ourselves on another successful year. Back in September we reminded our pupils of our seven core values: belonging, collaboration, perseverance, independence, good manners, reflection and respect and I have spent the year watching these values being demonstrated on a daily basis. Emphasizing these values has helped to further develop our ethos of 'Loving to Learn' and I hope you found the end of year reports reflected the values that are being encouraged.

We have now completed our school development plan for 2017-2018 and I am proud that we have managed to maintain our high academic standards whilst continuing to enhance and improve the quality of teaching and assessment, leadership & management and the quality of personal development, behaviour and welfare we offer.

It is with sadness that we have had to say goodbye to a number of staff and governors during the year and we wish them every success in their new ventures. On Tuesday 24th July we also have to say goodbye to our Year 2 children and their parents—the children have been stars and I am sure they will continue to thrive in their next schools.

I hope you all have a very happy, safe Summer Holiday and I look forward to seeing our new Foundation Stage, Year One and Year Two children back in school between 8.45am and 8.55am on **Thursday 6th September**.

On that morning staff will be on hand to direct you as to which entrances the children should use on the first morning and thereafter. You are, of course, welcome to bring your children in for the first few days but we would ask you to let them come in independently as soon as they are ready.

School finishes at 3.15pm. Foundation Stage parents should collect their children from the same door that they use in the morning. Year One children will be brought to the area where the scooters are currently left and parents of Year Two children should wait in the area by the wooden gate nearest to their classrooms. Children will not be allowed to leave the teacher until they can see the person who is collecting them.

Have a wonderful holiday with your children.

2. GOVERNOR SECTION

As another school year draws to a close it's always tempting to reflect on the year's achievements - and why not!? What a great year it has been for John Hampden.

There really are too many successes to mention them all, but a few that really stand out include: the achievements of the School Council; promoting community links through Wendover Celebrates and Linking School Visits; the success of the new school nursery; achieving well above the national average for various statutory assessments (SATS and Phonics); all the money raised by the school for various charities through 'Red, White and Blue Day', Sports Relief and Enterprise Week, and the money raised by the Friends of John Hampden for the school; and Mrs Barnes' ability to maintain an outstanding level of education and rewarding working environment during such financially challenging times (and whilst half the school ground is a building site!)

Guided by our key values of Perseverance, Independence, Belonging, Collaboration, Reflection, Good Manners and Respect (which I suggest are equally applicable to all of us, not just the children), everyone at the school has worked exceptionally hard this year and we have seen many great results.

And whilst it's easy for me to bash on about how great the school is, I thought I'd take this opportunity to highlight a few sound-bites from other people...

"The school is an inspirational setting in all aspects - pupils here love learning" (Independent School Improvement Advisor);

"[the teachers have a] passion and drive to cater and reach every individual child..." (Parent);

"Teachers are ambitious for their pupils; they deliver well-crafted lessons which challenge and enthuse the pupils...Pupils' behaviour in lessons, in assembly and around the school, and their attitudes to learning, are impeccable..." (Bucks Learning Trust);

"The children are supportive of others and take a real interest in all that goes on. They really are my favourite school to visit" (Host for school visit);

"I walk around and I see enthusiastic passionate teachers in front of engaged, confident and above all happy pupils" (ok... that was me).

And finally...in response to the question "Are you proud to be the head teacher of our school?" posed to her by a pupil (full interview available now on the schools website), Mrs Barnes replied:

"Very, very proud!".

Well I think that about sums it all up... don't you?

So, a huge well done and thank you to all the teachers, support staff, fellow governors and most importantly... pupils who helped to make this another splendid year at John Hampden. We look forward to seeing those existing pupils and new Foundation Stage pupils who will be with us in September; but equally we wish our Year 2 pupils all the best as they take the knowledge and skills that they have learnt at John Hampden and continue their learning journey - wherever that may take them...

Have a relaxing and enjoyable summer.

James Edley



P.S. After many years (10 years!) of valued service one of our Governors, Mike Boyle, is stepping down. We offer a huge thank you to Mike for all his hard work and effort, but this means we will soon be looking to recruit a new Parent Governor. Whilst there is a fairly high level of commitment required, being a governor is extremely rewarding. It's a great opportunity to get to know the school and teachers better, as well as being more involved, albeit on a strategic level, on your child's education.

So if you would like to join the team, look out for the application form that will be going out early in the Autumn term. In the mean time, if you have any questions about being a Governor please drop myself or Mrs Barnes an e-mail.

The Governing Board is always willing to listen to parental queries and to explain in more detail what the Governing Board 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.

3. IMPORTANT MESSAGES

Warm Weather

We are enjoying a particularly hot period of weather at the moment. Please make sure your child comes to school with sun cream applied and with a sunhat to wear. Children in KS1 should be provided with a named water bottle which must not contain juice or squash please. Children in EYFS have access to water at all times so do not need to bring in their own water bottle. Please see the advice on the NHS website—Public Health England—Beat the heat.

Year 2 Leaver's Assembly

The Year 2 Leaver's Assembly takes place at **11.15am on Tuesday 24th July**. No tickets are required but with almost 90 children in the year group, seats are limited to 2 per family. Thank you

Our **Early Years classes** have their last day on **Friday 20th July**.

Finally, just a reminder that for everyone else term ends at **1.30pm on Tuesday 24th July**.

MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

Can I please remind all parents that any medication kept in school must be collected at the end of term. We will endeavour to hand it over on the last day. Any medication left at the end of term will be taken to the pharmacy for disposal as we can't keep medication on site over the long Summer break.

LOST PROPERTY

We put out tables of unnamed lost property at the recent Open Evening. Please check the lost property boxes by the end of term if you are still missing something as all items left will be sent to a charity if they are not claimed.

SCROLL OF HONOUR

If your child has been included on the Scroll of Honour this year please would you check that you have returned the special yellow badge. These are loaned for one week and should have been returned—they are very precious to us!

SCOOTING IN AND AROUND SCHOOL GROUNDS

Please could we remind you that children should not ride bikes or scooters within the school grounds. There is a risk of children/younger siblings being knocked down if children attempt to ride on the paths around the school or in the scooter/bike parking area.

Also, could we remind you that children should not be allowed to ride their bikes and scooters in the area outside Wendover Junior School while waiting for older siblings.

STAFF CAR PARK

The car park at the school is designated for staff only. We are noticing a number of parents trying to park here while they take their children swimming etc. Please remember that the campus roads should only be used by staff and delivery vehicles. Thank you for your co-operation.

CONSIDERATE PARKING

If you do need to drive your child to school ensure that you park thoughtfully and considerately—local residents must have access to their driveways at all times. Thank you for your co-operation.

4. CURRICULUM

This year a range of events have been planned as part of our Enterprise Week initiative. A few more classes have organised their events in the last fortnight. This is what they did:

Hérons class organised a Yoga and Cake afternoon consisting of a relaxing session of yoga followed by cake and flapjack refreshments and recitals of riddles written by the children. We raised £81.90 in total. Thank you for your support.



In Firecrests class we had a 'Summer Sale'. We sold sunflowers, cakes, popcorn and had various games and prizes as well as a raffle. It was a huge success and we raised £138! Thank you for all your support.

5. PUPIL'S SECTION

We thought you might like to read some of the comments from children following some of the recent transition activities. We hope that planning a range of opportunities for children to familiarise themselves with their new Teachers, Teaching Assistants and classrooms will mean they look forward to returning in September full of enthusiasm for the next stage in their learning journeys.

Olivia (Crickets) said "I liked the story about a naughty pea".

Florence (Crickets) said "I enjoyed playing with the new children".

Lauren (Ladybirds) said "We visited the new classroom—it's got lots of new furniture".

Alba (Ladybirds) said "The classroom was very big!".

Ryder (Caterpillars) said "I want to learn new sounds in Year 1".

Kitty (Caterpillars) said "It was fun in our new class. I like Badgers".

Scarlett (Hedgehogs) said "I felt happy because I met new friends and I have new teachers. They are nice and friendly. I enjoyed circle time and using the magic ball to talk about what we like. It is good to have a move up day because we can see our new room and what sort of activities we will do".

Huw G (Hedgehogs) said "I felt a bit shy but when I got used to it I felt better. I enjoyed making a puzzle. I had to draw a picture of myself. It will make a big puzzle of the whole class. Mrs Spencer showed us the class Red Kites. I'm glad we have a moving up day because it helps us feel better about going up".

Alex (Hérons) said "I liked the picnic because I learnt lots about Wendover Junior School from some Year 3 children I met".

Maddison (Hérons) said "I enjoyed visiting Wendover Junior School because I could find out what it was like".

Tilly (Red Kites) said "I enjoyed visiting the Junior School, the super hero colouring was great fun".

William (Red Kites) said "The Year 3's came to visit and did an assembly for the Year 2's. It was really helpful because they told us what life would be like at Wendover Junior School".

Tom (Firecrests) said "I enjoyed playtime when we saw friends that used to come here".

Ella (Firecrests) said "We made springing chicks and wrote down our new targets".

6. FRIENDS OF JOHN HAMPDEN

What have we bought?

We are delighted to announce that we have spent £4k on new laptops to refurbish the IT suite...more news to come

Feedback forms

A huge thanks to all of you who have given us feedback on what you would like to see **and** how we could improve our annual favourites...we always welcome new suggestions and ideas...SO watch this space for new events in 2018-2019!

Summer BBQ

We hope you all had a lovely evening – we managed to raise over £2000 for the school. **A special thanks** to all our hardworking volunteers on the BBQ, bar and football and kids entertainment– we loved it!

Picnic in the Park Tuesday 24th July from 1.30

A lovely way to end the term – everyone is welcome. Bring your picnic down to the park (behind the high street, next to the cricket ground!) and celebrate the summer. This is **not a fundraiser**.



Fruity Fridays!

The final Fruity Friday of the term will be on Friday 20th. Thank you to all those who have made, bought, stored, sold and eaten!!



Events for next year – get them in the diary!

Family Fun Run and Cycle – Sunday 30th September

Quiz Night – Friday 12th October

AND if you have friends joining the school in September the New Parents evening in the Shoulder on Thurs 13th September

PTA coffee & cake morning

Come and join us on the morning of Friday September 14th straight from drop off - and find out a bit more about what we do! Bring your new ideas, feedback and questions, or just come along for a chat and meet some other parents and carers!

Enjoy a complimentary tea or coffee and sample a slice of our homemade cakes on sale.

We'll be in the classroom nearest Reception (currently Badgers class). Hope to see you there!



JHS Parents – Closed Facebook group

Did you know that there is a closed Facebook page where parents can post information / reminders / questions to other parents? It is administered by the Friends of John Hampden (PTA), designed to help parents support each other, socialise and remind each other of the million and one thing we need to do for the school and our children - like not forget non uniform days!

If you don't have access, search for '**JHS Parents**' and request to join and one of us will authorise you.



Easyfundraising

In the last 30 days we have recruited **4 new supporters**. If you've not signed up yet, please click on to [https://](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fjhwendover/)

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fjhwendover/ – it's simple and **costs you nothing**.

Some PTAs raise thousands through this website – imagine what we could raise if all the parents, grandparents and staff used the site.



Your cause has raised

£2,523.04

£91.35 in the last 30 days

7. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

We aim to ensure you are aware of our key achievements this year:

GOAL A: LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT

- To date we have not received our expected Ofsted visit—much work has taken place to ensure that when we are visited we are ready to impress!
- The building project is well underway and is due to be completed in October 2018. We are not now expanding to four forms of entry in September 2018.
- The budget situation remains a concern but internal fundraising activities have been successful and a new fundraising initiative is ready to be launched in September.
- Collaboration with our liaison group of schools has gone from strength to strength and we have also benefited from establishing close working relationships with other educational professionals over the year.
- The 30 hour funded places in our Nursery Class have been a tremendous success and the Crickets Class have really thrived this year.



GOAL B: QUALITY OF TEACHING, LEARNING & ASSESSMENT



- The quality of writing has improved as a result of teacher's modelling writing in front of the children more often.
- Liaison Group moderation sessions have helped to ensure consistency of assessments.
- Staff at John Hampden are now trained moderators for EYFS and KS1 assessments.
- The policies for Behaviour, Marking & Feedback and Presentation are now more consistently applied across the school.
- Adults are deployed in a more cost effective manner across the school.
- Growth Mindsets training has been completed by all stakeholders.

GOAL C: PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, BEHAVIOUR & WELFARE

- Mrs Spencer has led a highly successful reading mentors project with pupils in Year 2, Year 3 and Foundation Stage.
- Badgers class took part in a successful linking schools project with Waterside School, Chesham.
- Staff well-being scores improved since last year for all groups.
- Fewer children lost Golden Time for breaking the Golden Rules, 'Do be gentle' and 'Do be kind and helpful'.
- Transition arrangements into and out of the school continue to be improved and developed.
- Courses for parents and opportunities for parents to learn how to support pupil learning have impacted positively.

Be better
than you
were
yesterday

GOAL D: PUPIL OUTCOMES

OUTCOMES



- We have maintained, and in some cases improved, the high academic standards that have become synonymous with John Hampden.
- Targeted support initiatives for groups and individuals have been successful in improving progress and attainment results.
- More children achieved the expected standard in reading, writing, maths and science at the end of KS1.
- By completing pen profiles teachers have an even clearer understanding of the context, progress and achievement of individual pupils.

8. MISCELLANEOUS



John Hampden Infant School

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Tuesday, 10 July 2018

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Just a quick reminder in case you missed it - The Kidzone are once again running their Schools Summer promotion, offering a **two4one** entry to all visitors who present a copy of the voucher enclosed in the link below.

With the summer holidays fast approaching, you or a Parents Group may be interested in participating in this simple affiliation opportunity, which could help generate some extra income for **John Hampden Infant School**

If you are able to include the promotional voucher in one of your forthcoming Newsletters or emails to parents, we will donate a raffle prize, which can be used in conjunction with a fund raising event; the voucher awards are as follows:

- 15 x Vouchers will win **4 x Free Entries** to The Kidzone –Value £33.00
- 25 x Vouchers will win **8 x Free Entries** to The Kidzone – Value £66.00
- 35 x Vouchers will win **12 x Free Entries** to The Kidzone – Value £99.00
- 50 x Vouchers will win a **Party Voucher for 10** children – Value £140.00

Any parents or friends of **John Hampden Infant School** are free to reproduce an unlimited number of these vouchers. Increased circulation will improve the level of donation we are able to make.

We will retain all the two4one vouchers received and during September we will contact you again to arrange delivery of any Free Entries or Party Vouchers that are due to you.

This scheme has grown over the last 11 years and has proved very popular with many local schools and children's groups. We hope you feel it will be beneficial to promote our offer again this year and please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or would like to receive more information about The Kidzone Summer Offer.

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