



The John Hampden School Wendover

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1. MESSAGE FROM MRS BARNES

Ensuring safety in and around the school is of paramount importance. This obviously involves making sure the school building and the school grounds are well maintained and secure but it also means making sure the people in the school are working and behaving safely towards one another.

In terms of building and site security we conduct termly Health, Safety and Accessibility Inspections. The Local Authority also conduct a Health and Safety Audit every three years—ours happened on 5th May 2016. Last week we had an independent fire risk assessment carried out which will provide us with a list of recommendations—fortunately nothing too serious was identified. A playground inspection is planned for the Easter holiday and, now it is a year since building work was completed, the builders will be back in the next few weeks to complete any snagging. The findings of all these inspections and audits are fed back to the Premises, Health & Safety Committee of the Governing Board and, in this way, we are able to ensure that the school remains as safe as possible. This does not mean that accidents will not happen but it does mean we are taking all appropriate measures to ensure the risk of accidents is minimized.

We are currently reviewing security with regards to visitors to the school. We have recently purchased new badges for all staff members to wear and new lanyards which will be issued to all visitors and contractors. After signing in, anyone entering the school will now be asked to use one of the new lanyards rather than the old badges. This new procedure has been explained to the children in assembly and they have been encouraged to look out to see that the adults in the school are following the new arrangements. Once the school gates are locked in the morning no-one will be able to enter the building without being issued with a lanyard. Children who arrive late, after the gates have been shut, will be directed to their classrooms by office staff.

This week we had another 'Keeping Safe' assembly to keep the anti-bullying message at the forefront of the children's minds. We discussed the importance of saying, 'No' if someone asks you to do something that makes you feel scared or uncomfortable and reinforced the message that true friends do not put you in difficult positions.

This week I have also conducted Behaviour and Safety interviews with representatives from each class. The findings will be used to direct the focus of the next Class Council Circle Time and this will be followed up by the new School Council who will aim to identify possible improvements they would like to see.

Health and Safety is everyone's responsibility and we are hoping that by engaging our pupils we will consider things from their perspective too.

As the end of term approaches we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible during our Enterprise Week activities, planned for the final week of term. This year each class has chosen their own fundraising idea and you will shortly be receiving an invitation to attend an event which has been planned by the children especially for you. We hope that our timings will allow parents with siblings in the school to spend some time with both classes.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

24th March—Comic Relief
(red nose) day

27th March—Enterprise week

31st March—School closes at
1.30 pm

17th April—Bank Holiday

18th April—School opens

20th April—SATs meeting at
2.30 pm for Y2 parents

21st April—St. George's Day

23rd April—FJH Fun Run

2. GOVERNOR SECTION

The Governing Body 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, Paul Phillips, on p.phillips@johncolet.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

LEARNING REVIEW MEETINGS

Thank you for your feedback following the learning review meetings in early March. This information has been analysed and fed back to class teachers. At the end of this newsletter you can see the overall feedback percentages from all those who completed a questionnaire following their meeting. We are obviously very pleased with these findings but have also taken on board the verbal and written feedback that was provided. Keeping to time is clearly the biggest challenge for staff because if everyone has just one minute longer than their allotted time there will inevitably be a consequence for people with later appointments. We apologise if you had to wait beyond your appointment time.

MEDICINES

This is a polite reminder that if your child requires prescribed medicine three times a day, this should be administered at home in the morning, after school and again in the evening. We are only expected to administer prescribed medicine that is due four times a day or if there are exceptional circumstances. Thank you for your co-operation.

P.E KITS

During the Easter Holiday we would be grateful if you would check that your child has a complete P.E. kit including tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt for use outside when necessary. Your child also needs to have a correctly fitting pair of P.E. shoes (preferably not laces unless they can tie them themselves!) **All kit must be named.** Children with long hair should have it tied back and anyone with earrings should have them removed at home or be provided with tape to cover them during P.E. sessions.



BACK PACKS

This is a polite request that, wherever possible, children should not bring back packs to school. Our cloak-rooms are not large and back packs tend to take up a lot of space meaning the space available is reduced and coats end up on the floor. Children are only required to bring a book bag to school and a lunchbox, if necessary.



COATS

Even though we do appear to be enjoying some slightly warmer weather at the moment we do still need children to bring a coat to school each day. Thank you for your co-operation.

Reminder – coats must be named please.



SCROLL OF HONOUR BADGES

This is a polite request — please can we have any scroll of honour badges back please.

COMIC RELIEF FUNDRAISING DAY

Just a reminder that next Friday, 24th March it is Red Nose Day. The children can come to school in their own clothes to participate in Comic Relief fundraising. We are not giving a specific theme but if the children would like to wear red or wear an appropriate costume (as long as it is suitable to wear outside at playtime) we are happy for them to do so.



Friday
24 March

4. PUPIL'S SECTION

Year One recently went on a trip to The Chiltern Open Air Museum. We thought you might like to read about what they did on their exciting day out.

The visit linked to their work in science and history. During the day the children enthusiastically explored many of the old buildings around the site, ranging from a World War 2 prefab to an iron age roundhouse. They made comparisons to life in the past to the modern day. It was a fantastic way to bring our learning to life.

Each class had an informative and practical workshop. Squirrels had fun learning about and making bricks, Hedgehogs found out about how rugs were made in the past and enjoyed making their own rag rugs and Badgers learnt about lighting in the past followed by making their own beeswax candles.

Despite it being a very cold day the children had a fantastic time and all gained new skills and knowledge from the visit. Below are some comments from the children :-

I loved finding out how they used to make butter in the old days—Brooke (Hedgehogs)

I really enjoyed making the rag rugs out of old clothes—Theo (Hedgehogs)

I liked making the bricks, we built a wall—Bethany (Squirrels)

I liked going inside the houses. We saw lots of animals too—Logan (Squirrels)

The lady told us that a long time ago people found reeds in ponds and dipped them in meat fat to make candles—Holly (Badgers)

I discovered that if you put a glass of water in front of a candle it reflects light everywhere—Joey (Badgers)

Year 2 went to a tennis festival at Halton on Wednesday. They had a wonderful afternoon and the weather was just perfect. Here are just a few comments from the children about the day:-

It was so amazing I loved it. It was one of the best trips—Nell (Hérons)

I thought it was brilliant and I liked being a ball boy. It was also good getting to do four activities—Jamie (Hérons)

It was good and I got to demonstrate hitting a ball with the Coach—Freya (Red Kites)

It was brilliant because we learnt lots of moves in tennis— Samuel (Red Kites)

I really enjoyed doing the fun activities. The tennis people were very kind—Molly (Firecrests)

It was really fun, especially when we catapulted the tennis balls in the air—Toby (Firecrests)

Tennis was such fun because we learnt different skills from lots of activities—Alastair (Eagles)

I learnt that tennis was not just about a racket and a ball but also other skills—Sophie (Eagles)



5. CURRICULUM

IRISH DANCING

Each year we aim to celebrate the Saints Days associated with Great Britain. Yesterday we started to celebrate St Patrick's Day a day early by giving the children the chance to learn some Irish Dancing and today they have been learning more about him in the classrooms. The dancing workshops were provided by The Education Group and appeared to be enjoyed by all. The cost of the workshops was £500 and this was funded by the voluntary contributions for the Spring Term.



WORLD BOOK DAY

Costumes for characters from favourite books was the theme we gave you for costumes on World Book Day and the children looked fantastic. The staff did too!



The main feature of the day was a book sharing experience with pupils from Wendover Junior School. Year 2 pupils visited Wendover Junior School to share their reading, while pupils from WJS came down to share books with FS and Y1 pupils. The older children clearly loved helping with sounding out words and reading with our pupils. It seemed to be a very enjoyable experience for all.

More photographs are available under the news section of the school website.



SCIENCE INVESTIGATION DAY

On Thursday 9th March all the children in Years 1 and 2 had an exciting time being Investigative Scientists.

Year 1 had a problem to solve. A teddy was sad and wet as his roof was leaking. They had to make him a new roof. This involved testing a variety of different materials to see which ones were waterproof. The children had to carefully plan and carry out their own tests. They decided which materials to test, how to test them and made decisions about what equipment they would need.

The card was not a good roof. When we tipped the water on the cardboard, water sucked into it. The cardboard got soggy—Bailey-Jack (Badgers)

I enjoyed pouring the water onto the cups because we could see if we were right or wrong about the materials—Francesca (Badgers)

I really liked observing the different materials to see if they were waterproof or not—Evie (Hedgehogs)

I learned that sometimes scientists need to allow extra time to check if the test has worked or not—Rosie (Hedgehogs)

I learned that some materials are waterproof and some are not. It was fun—Annie (Squirrels)

I enjoyed testing different materials to see if Teddy would get wet—Caelan (Squirrels)



Year 2 children investigated which materials would be the most effective to make a flying rocket or javelin from. The children had a selection of different materials such as wood, straws and card. They had to decide which to use for their flying creation and how to build it. They then tested their rockets and javelins to see if they were effective. They then tested them to see how far they could fly.

I enjoyed building my rocket—Jayden (Firecrests)

I loved all the different parts of the science day; planning, making and throwing the rockets—Torin (Firecrests)

I liked the challenge. Everyone had to fly the rocket with accurate speed and we had to find out whose went the furthest—Hannah (Firecrests)

It was tremendous and everyone worked hard to make a rocket with lots of science skills—James (Red Kites)

I liked watching which rocket went the furthest because it was exciting—Freya (Eagles)

I learnt different materials made the nose of my javelin stronger or weaker—Toby (Eagles)

I liked science because I loved seeing everybody's amazing creations—Hugo (Hérons)

It was really fascinating to see which could shoot the furthest. It was really tricky because you didn't know if it was good enough to manage to go further than the rest and Kali's won—Freya (Hérons)

Foundation Stage will become scientists this week. We look forward to hearing about their discoveries soon.

6. FRIENDS OF JOHN HAMPDEN

Fantastic news

As a school community, we have raised enough money to replace all the interactive whiteboards. At £2,400 each, that is something that we should be proud of. The children love learning using the technology and without your generosity the school would not be able to afford such luxuries. With the school budget under even more pressure, the school's wish list will continue to grow.

Cake Sale

Thank you for all your wonderful donations, I'm sure there will be a lot of happy faces by the school gate this afternoon! Thank you to Anna M & Caroline P for co-ordinating.

Spring Run - Sunday 23 April

Who needs the London Marathon when you have the JHS Fun Run!?! Please Save the Date for Sunday, 23 April - the 5km and 10km scenic trail races through Wendover Woods start at 9.30am and the Kids Fun Run starts at 11am. Please look out for entry and sponsorship forms in book bags soon. All proceeds raised go to JHS.

Refreshments will be on sale.

If you're able to help out on the day, please email

lulagkirby@hotmail.com. Thanks!



May Fayre - Saturday 20 May

We are beginning to plan for the May Fayre (our 2nd largest fund raiser of the year). The raffle pulls in the most amount of money but it is such a large ask to get someone to pull together all the prizes. We are reluctant to ask parents to donate yet another item for the fair so we are hoping that you could help us out.



Please could you ask the company that you work for / businesses that you deal with to **donate a prize**? We will publish a list of businesses that have donated.

If you are able to obtain a prize, please drop the donation into reception for the attention of Helen Hill. If you require any more information please do not hesitate to contact me on helenwood30@hotmail.com

Treasurer

Thank you to Rach Jacob for her amazing work as treasurer over the last three years. We are looking for a replacement to take over in July. Please drop Rach a line if you would like to find out more about what the role entails Rachel.higley@challenershigh.com

Easyfundraising

Thank you to our 77 supporters (5 joined in the last fortnight) - we've raised **£943** for the school. If you've not signed up yet, please click on to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> before you start booking your summer holidays - it's simple and **costs you nothing**.



Your cause has raised...

£942.87

No. supporters

77

Save the Dates

Spring Run	Sunday 23 April
May Fayre	Saturday 20 May
Bag to School	Wednesday 14 June
Summer BBQ	Friday 7 July

7. 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

Each teacher in the school takes responsibility for a specific curriculum area. During the term governors may come into school to observe a specific event linked to their subject area or they meet with the teacher to discuss how the subject is being taught, assessed or developed. At the end of each term subject leaders are required to review the actions they have taken during the term and the impact these actions have had. The governor section of the newsletter often provides an example of this in practice and it is clear that this type of liaison is mutually beneficial and also helps to maintain standards in the school.

Last week we received a visit from two members of the Early Years Team at Bucks Learning Trust. The Early Years Class was the focus of their visit and they spent the whole morning speaking to Mrs Parkinson (Deputy Head Teacher and EYFS Leader) and observing Mrs Griffiths, Mrs Redman and the children in the class. Initial feedback was extremely positive and we look forward to receiving their full report in due course.

GOAL B: TEACHING, LEARNING & ASSESSMENT

It has been really encouraging to see how well our pupils are responding to the different themes and topics that have been introduced during the year. We have worked hard to try to cover numerous curriculum areas within a topic and the quality of learning appears to have improved considerably as a result. We are very aware that the teaching and learning environment contributes enormously to effective learning and we are working hard to ensure our outside learning areas reflect a similar high quality to that provided indoors. The EYFS curriculum and the National Curriculum guide the content of the taught curriculum but the spiritual, moral, social and cultural aspects of learning also feature strongly in the curriculum to reinforce the ethos of our school.

GOAL C: PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, BEHAVIOUR & WELFARE

Mrs Spencer line manages the Midday Meals Supervisors at the school. Each half term she meets with them to discuss issues arising and to provide them with the necessary information and training they require to fulfil their roles. Last week they completed a questionnaire about the current lunchtime arrangements. This was a follow up to the new arrangements for hot meals that were introduced in January. We are delighted that their feedback has been, on the whole, very positive and we shall take on board some of their suggestions for further improvements.

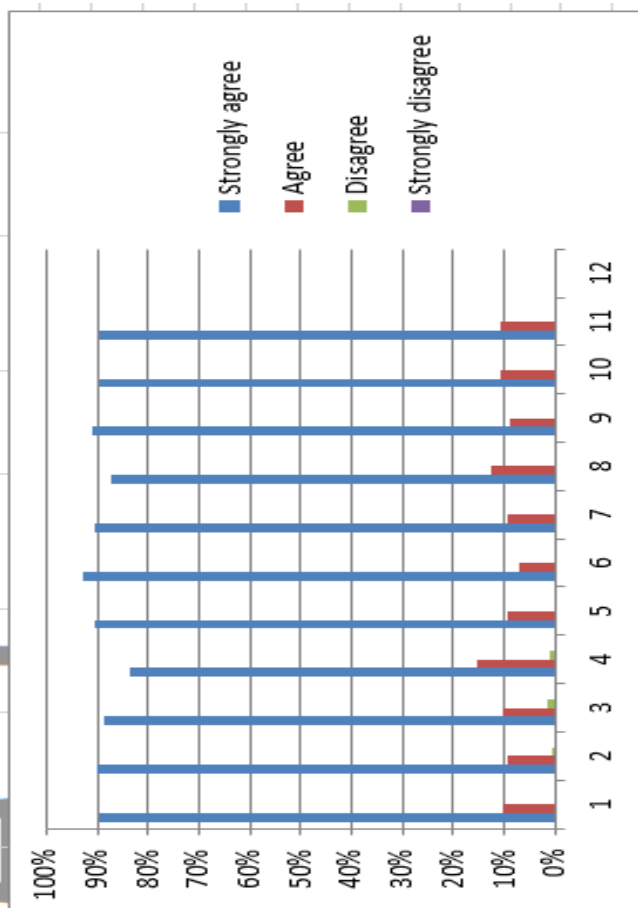
GOAL D: PUPIL OUTCOMES

This week we have confirmed arrangements for Assessment Point 4 which concludes at the end of the Spring Term. Tracking pupil progress is a necessary part of monitoring in the school. Each term, following Assessment Weeks, staff give a summative assessment level for each pupil in reading, writing and mathematics. This information is used to track progress from one term to the next. It is then possible for us to identify those children who are making below, expected or above expected progress. For any child that has not made expected progress, teachers are required to identify actions they will take to address any concerns. This careful tracking of pupil progress helps us to maintain the high standards of achievement we have come to expect at John Hampden.

Feedback from Learning Review Meetings March 2017

Whole school Learning Review Meetings - Spring Term 2017											
		Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree			
		Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage		
1	I was sufficiently aware of the dates for the Learning Review Meetings	219	90%	25	10%	0	0%	0	0%		
2	I had enough notice of my appointment time	220	90%	23	9%	1	0%	0	0%		
3	My appointment matched with my choice of day and time	215	88%	25	10%	3	1%	0	0%		
4	There was a satisfactory match between my appointment time and the time I actually saw the teacher	205	84%	38	16%	2	1%	0	0%		
5	I received a useful amount of information in 10 minutes	222	91%	23	9%	0	0%	0	0%		
6	I found out about my child's strengths and areas for development	226	93%	17	7%	0	0%	0	0%		
7	I found out about my child's behaviour and attitude to learning	221	91%	23	9%	0	0%	0	0%		
8	I am satisfied with the progress that my child is making academically	214	87%	31	13%	0	0%	0	0%		
9	I was provided with helpful handouts about how to support my child at home	222	91%	22	9%	0	0%	0	0%		
10	The school has set my child realistic targets	218	89%	26	11%	0	0%	0	0%		
11	The school is challenging my child appropriately	218	89%	26	11%	0	0%	0	0%		

Comments



DADDY COOL



DADDY COOL

A session aimed at Dads, Grandads and male carers with children aged 0-5!

A chance for dads to meet and share their experiences with other male carers.

Join us for sessions on the following Saturdays, 9:30-11am
*Saturday March 25th, Saturday April 22nd,
Saturday May 27th, Saturday June 24th, Saturday July 22nd*

£2 per family - snacks provided for all participants!

Wendover Childrens Centre, Wharf Road, Wendover HP22 6HF

Contact wendover.cc@actionforchildren.org.uk for more information!

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| WORKS

8. MISCELLANEOUS

Easter Holiday Camps



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Where



SCHOOL BASED HOLIDAY CAMPS

Princes Risborough Primary School (PR)
Manor Farm Junior School, Hazlemere (MF)
Bishop Wood Junior School, Tring (BW)
Great Kingshill Combined School (GK)

Times & Prices

8am - 5:30pm £17.00
9am - 3:30pm £14.00
9am - 1.00pm* £9.00
(suitable for 4 year olds)

Activities

Football Archery Arts & Crafts
Basketball Fencing Athletics
Gymnastics Golf Dodgeball
Street Dance Rounders Cycling/
Scooters
Nerf n Strike

Where



PREMIER SPORT HQ

Wendover Youth Centre (WYC)
We will also visit -
Wendover Pool, Wendover Woods
& John Colet Sports Hall

Times & Prices

8am - 6:00pm £25.00
9am - 3:30pm £20.00
9am - 1.00pm* £12.00
(suitable for 4 year olds)

Activities

Swimming Street Dance Rounders
Football Archery Arts & Crafts
Basketball Fencing Golf
Gymnastics Pizza Making Athletics
Adventure Toast Dodgeball
Walks* Breakfast
Cheerleading* Hockey Table Tennis
Dance Drama Nerf n Strike

Sibling & Early Bird Discount

Receive 15% off by booking two weeks in advance of the course start date or by booking a sibling at the same time

Plan Ahead...

All 2017 holiday camp dates are now online at premiersport.org

Childcare Vouchers

If you would like to book using childcare vouchers we accept these at our Wendover Youth Centre Venue. To book please email akempton@premiersport.org with the dates required and your childcare voucher provider company name.

What Do You Need To Bring...

- Packed Lunch
- Water Bottle
- Weather appropriate clothing
- Trainers

When

Easter holidays	Manor Farm	Great Kingshill	Bishop Wood	Wendover Youth Centre	Princes Risborough
Mon 3rd Apr	✓			✓	✓
Tues 4th Apr	✓			✓	✓
Weds 5th Apr		✓	✓	✓	
Thurs 6th Apr		✓	✓	✓	
Fri 7th Apr		✓	✓	✓	
Mon 10th Apr	✓			✓	✓
Tues 11th Apr	✓			✓	✓
Weds 12th Apr		✓	✓	✓	
Thurs 13th Apr		✓	✓	✓	
May Half Term					
Tues 30th May	✓			✓	✓
Weds 31st May	✓			✓	✓
Thurs 1st Jun		✓	✓	✓	
Fri 2nd Jun		✓	✓	✓	

*Please note children attending the offsite Adventure Walks need to be 8 years old and over. Swimming is not included as this takes place in the afternoon. We operate a no Nut policy on all of our venues For full terms and conditions visit premiersport.org.



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Easter Holiday Activities at Bucks County Museum and Roald Dahl Children's Gallery

**Drop in throughout the
Easter holidays**

**Two weeks of crafty fun for
all the family**

Inspired by our Spirit of Legends exhibition...

Tuesday 4th April: Olympic torch & snowboarders

Wednesday 5th April: Olympic Mini Canvas paint

Thursday 6th April : Build your own superhero!

Saturday 8th April: Free storytelling in the exhibition
gallery at 10.45am and 11.30am

Tuesday 11th April: Easter Bonnets

Wednesday 12th April: Cone puppets

Thursday 13th April: Easter Egg & Eggcups

Saturday 15th April: Free storytelling in the exhibition
gallery at 10.45am and 11.30am

Also...

The Great Museum Easter Egg Hunt! Follow a trail of egg
clues, build a phrase and claim your prize! Just £1 to take part, running all
day during Museum hours from **1st April-17th April**.
Visit buckscountymuseum.org for more details!

All craft activities are **£3 per child - No need to book.**

Adults not making anything are **FREE!**

Drop in between 10am and 12 noon or 1pm and 3pm.

All children must be accompanied by an adult for all activities

Bucks County Museum & Roald Dahl Children's Gallery

Church Street, Aylesbury, HP20 2QP

Tel: 01296 331441

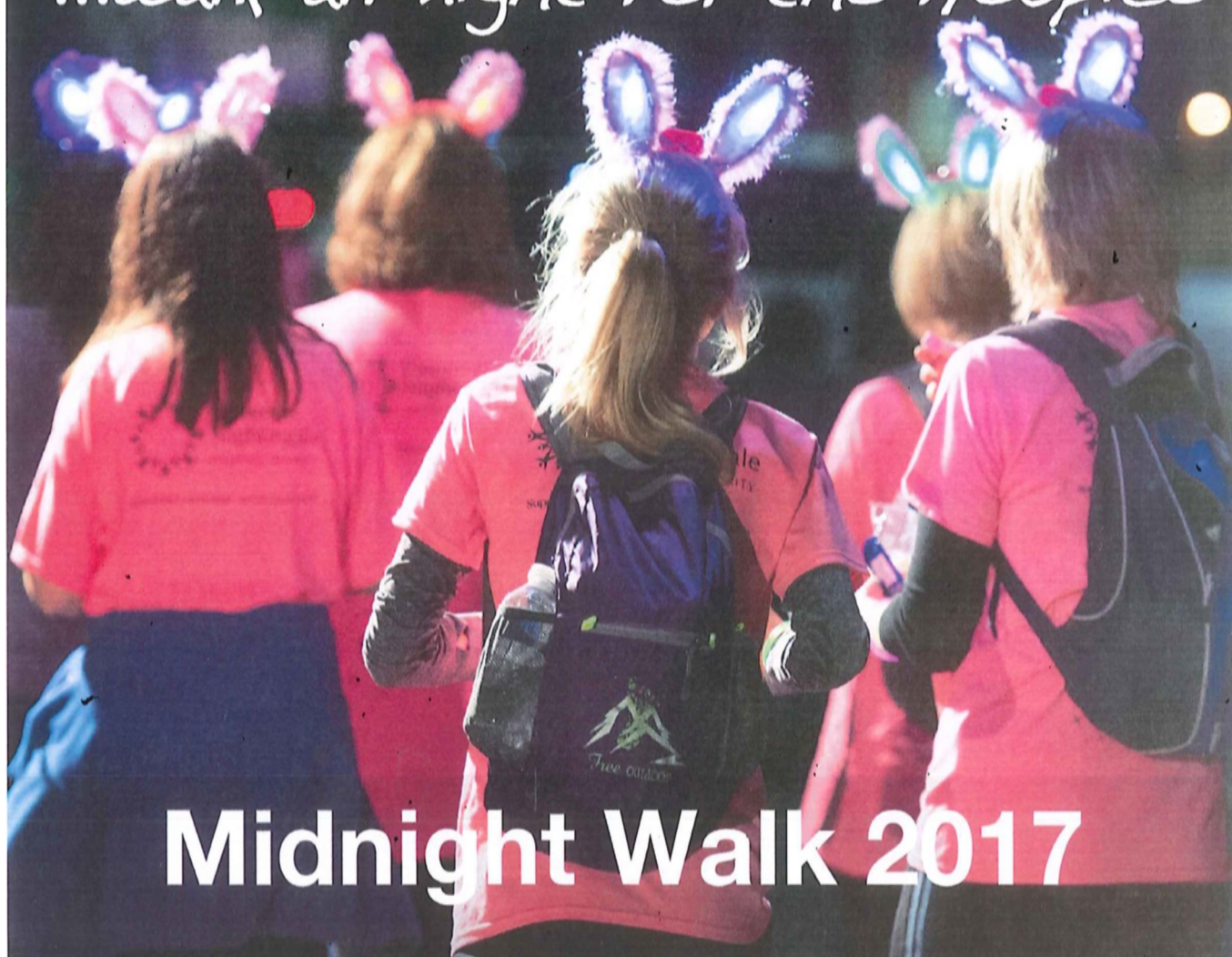
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Saturday 24 June

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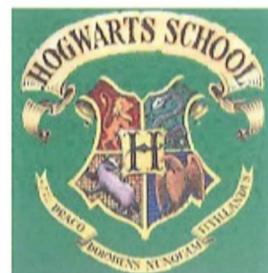
Harry Potter Night

On Platform 9 $\frac{3}{4}$

At Wendover Library



Harry Potter



Friday 24th March 5 - 6.30pm

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Saturday 29th April to Monday 1st May 2017
at St Mary's Church, Wendover

Exhibition of paintings by local artist, John Hull

Displays of flowers

Songs of Praise + Local schools' choirs

✓ Children's activities + Tombola + Raffle + Plant Sale

BBQ + Lunches + Teas & Cake

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St Mary's Church
At the heart of the community





Churches Together in Wendover invite you to our

Mothers' Day Craft Morning

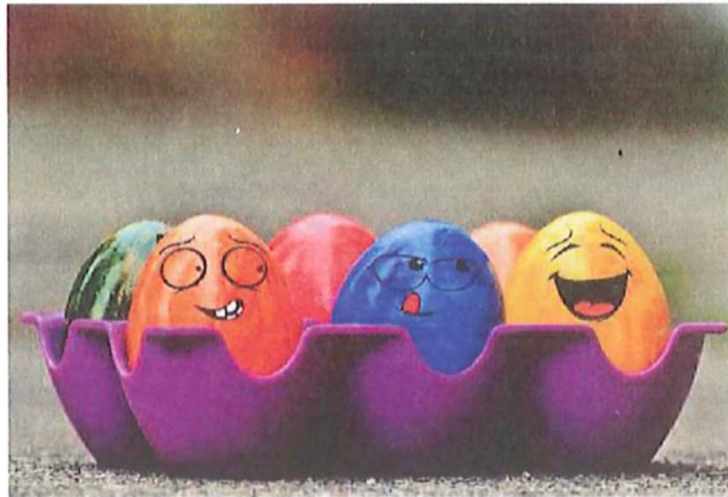
Wendover Christian Centre, Aylesbury Road

On Saturday March 25th 10am - 12 noon

Children of all ages will be able to make a range of beautiful and delicious gifts to give to their mums on Mothering Sunday.

Bacon rolls, tea, coffee and cake will be available while your little ones create.





Churches Together in Wendover invite you to a

Good Friday Craft Morning

Wendover Christian Centre, Aylesbury Road

On Friday 14th April 10am - 12 noon

Come and make some Easter themed crafts, decorate biscuits and paint eggs.

Refreshments will be available and we will finish the session with the Easter story.

