



# The John Hampden School Wendover



## NEWSLETTER

### UPCOMING EVENTS

27th May—Wendover Celebrates Event

4th June—INSET Day—no pupils in school

5th June—school starts

5th—15th June—World Weeks

June 5th - Crickets & FS, 6th —Y1, 7th —Y2 School photos and 8th—Siblings in school photos

11th June—FJH Summer Bake Sale

12th June — After school club open evening 6.30—8.00pm

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### 1. MESSAGE FROM MRS BARNES

I wanted to start this newsletter by thanking those of you who were able to attend the recent FJH May Fayre. Your support was tremendous and we managed to raise a huge sum which will be put to very good use. My thanks to the FJH Committee for organizing this very successful event and to the governors and volunteers who supported the various stalls—it was a wonderful afternoon and despite some rain towards the end we managed to keep going by bringing some of the stalls inside!

At least once a term we try to provide enrichment weeks where the normal timetable is replaced by a week or two of something a little bit different. In the Autumn Term we spent two weeks focussing on Health and Safety. In the Spring Term we had Arts Week, Discovery Week and Enterprise Week. When the children return after half term, we have planned 'World Weeks'. These weeks have always been very enjoyable and popular with the pupils and we will put out all the work for parents/carers to come and share at the Open Evening in July.

Weather permitting, on Friday 22nd June, FS and KS1 Sports Day is planned. This is our own sporting competition in which we hope the competitors will demonstrate the core sporting values of:

**respect** - fair play; knowing one's own limits; and taking care of one's health and the environment

**excellence** - how to give the best of oneself, on the field of play or in life; taking part; and progressing according to one's own objectives

**friendship** - how, through sport, to understand each other despite any differences

Further details will be sent out via a letter in your child's book bag nearer the time but rough timings are as follows:

Year One: 9.15—10.15 am, Foundation Stage: 10.15—11.15am, Year Two: 11.15—12.15pm.

I hope you enjoy the half term break with your children and we look forward to seeing them back at school on **Tuesday 5th June**.

## 2. GOVERNOR SECTION

### **Data Protection**

I usually try and make these newsletter articles a bit more interesting and relevant to you as parents so that you don't stop reading after the first sentence. However, for this topic it is probably too much of a challenge and you may have switched off after reading the title. I will therefore endeavour to keep this short and sweet.

As you are probably all too painfully aware, from Friday 25th May there is a new version of the Data Protection Act 1998 coming into force called the EU General Data Protection Regulation, or GDPR as all the cool kids are calling it. This new regulation is being introduced because things have changed since 1998 (flying cars, hoverboards, robot teachers etc.).

The main focus of the new regulations is to question who holds our data, why they hold our data, what they do with our data and ultimately how they look after our data.

The main areas of change for GDPR are:

- \* Applies to all organisations who hold data for any EU citizens
- \* Covers a wider range of what is considered personal data
- \* Explicit consent is required for any data which needs consent to be held
- \* Data can only be held for as long as it is necessary
- \* Privacy of data must be designed in to all systems
- \* Every organisation handling personal data must appoint a Data Protection Officer
- \* Data processing must be risk and impact assessed to minimize the risk of any data breaches

The John Hampden School places a very high value on all data we hold and we are fully compliant with the Data Protection Act across all areas of the school from I.T. systems to paper based records. In order to ensure we are compliant with the new elements of data protection being introduced for GDPR, we are partnering with our existing IT provider, JSL Services Group. We have an appointed Data Protection Officer and we are ensuring that all pupil, parent and staff data being held and processed by the school, is covered in accordance with the legislation. Any specific changes concerning the school's use of data arising from GDPR will be communicated to you over the coming weeks, but in the meantime if you have any queries on this subject please contact the Chair of Governors using the email address given below.



David Wheeler  
ICT Governor, GDPR Governor.

The Governing Board are 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, [jedley@johnhampdenwendover.co.uk](mailto: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

#### **END OF TERM DATES**

In line with the other local pre-schools, the last day of term for children in Crickets Class will be **Friday 20th July**. The rest of the school will finish at 1.30pm on **Tuesday 24th July**.

#### **ANNUAL QUESTIONNAIRE**

As an important stakeholder in the school your contribution is welcomed and valued so today I am sending home a questionnaire to gauge your views and opinions. I will aim to collate your responses during the summer holiday and I will provide feedback to you when we return in September. The questionnaire has a traditional format where you are asked to give your opinion regarding a number of statements about the school. If you disagree or strongly disagree with any of the statements it would be very useful if you could provide a written comment in the box provided. You are equally welcome to comment about positive attributes of the school!

You may wish to provide your name and your child's class name but if you would rather your responses were anonymous that is fine. Your views and comments will be fed into the school improvement process and we will try to address your concerns appropriately.

Thank you—Sue Barnes

#### **WATER BOTTLES**

Reminder that we do encourage children to bring a bottle of water to school each day to keep on their desks—this is in addition to the drink you may provide in a lunch box. In this warmer weather many children are glad of the chance to keep a drink close by.

#### **LOST PROPERTY**

Please check that your child's school uniform is correctly named. There are a huge number of jumpers and cardigans in lost property that are not named so cannot be returned to their owners.

#### **PARKING**

We try really hard to encourage parents to support our walking to school initiative because the issue of cars in and around the campus is one that should concern us all. The safety of those using the campus is our top priority and we are disappointed when cases of dangerous parking are brought to our attention.

#### **MEASLES**

Public Health England have confirmed 440 cases of measles across England so far this year with 250 reported across London and the South East. Please make sure your child has received 2 doses of the MMR vaccine especially if you are travelling abroad this summer. Please contact either your GP Surgery or call the Bucks Immunisation Team on 01296 566063 to arrange a catch up appointment.

#### **SCROLL OF HONOUR**

Please can all scroll of honour badges be returned to the school office as soon as possible please.

## 4. PUPIL'S SECTION

### Badgers Class— Fantastic School Link Project 2017 - 2018



Badgers Class had an amazing day on Tuesday 15th May when our link school, 'Waterside' from Chesham, visited to share games and team building activities based on the book 'Old Bear' by Jane Hissey. The children were all very excited to meet again.

Badgers Class and Waterside met for the first time last November when they worked together using their problem solving skills to find ways to get 'Old Bear' out of the attic. The children had been so successful and had enjoyed their learning so much that we continued the theme but this time they had to work together to decide where they would take 'Old Bear' on holiday. The children shared their own experiences and ideas then got into groups to plan, design and build their holiday destination.



Wow what super ideas they came up with!

The children have definitely grown in confidence, enjoyed collaborating with each other and have made lots of new friends!

Well done Badgers. We are so proud of you all and thank you to everyone for your help and support, collecting boxes and providing pack lunches.



Mrs Brannan

Here are some comments from the class about their special day as part of the Linking Schools Project:

I enjoyed playing duck, duck, goose with them—Betsy

It was really good. You didn't know many of them to start with and then you could make loads more friends—Chloe

They played with me again and I had fun—Eleni

It was fun talking with everyone and working together on the project building the place where 'Old Bear' would go on holiday—George

It was good making our holiday houses with Waterside School because we talked about where we had been on holiday. I learnt some new games when we played together at playtime—Harley

I remember when Waterside said they were nervous but I was a bit excited because I was going to make some new friends and we played together at playtime—Abigail

## 5. FRIENDS OF JOHN HAMPDEN

Our thanks go to the amazing team of FJH Committee members and willing volunteers for making the May Fayre such a success. Grateful thanks also go to the team who, once again, are organising another popular ice cream day today.

### May Fair - Saturday 12th May - 12 noon - 3pm

A big thank you to everyone who contributed towards the May Fayre being such a wonderful day. To every single volunteer, to each family who walked through the door and to the school staff and governors - we couldn't do it without you - thank you!

Our joint efforts managed to raise an amazing sum of £3209.71

An update of how our PTA money is being spent this year will be sent out in the coming weeks.

### Summer Bake Sale

You gave us the feedback and we listened! On June 11th we will hold our Summer Bake Sale. This will be on a Monday, after a few parents suggested that it would be easier for the children to help with the baking on a Sunday! Makes perfect sense so we'll trial it and see!

More info to follow via bookbags and JHS Parents Facebook page.

### We Need You!



Our next FJH meeting will be held on **TUESDAY JUNE 5th, 8pm** in the back room at the Shoulder of Mutton, Wendover. We have a number of Year 2 volunteers stepping down as their children leave the school - so if you've got a new fundraising idea, we would love to hear it! If you have any feedback on our events we'd also love to hear that. Or if you just want to come along, grab a glass of wine, meet other parents and find out a bit more about what the FJH do, you would be more than welcome! Hope to see you there!

### Wendover Celebrates

Unfortunately the PTA were unable to host a stall at the upcoming village event - we were unable to get enough volunteers in the short time frame between the May Fayre and the event ( the May Fayre had so many great volunteers, it was a lot to ask!) and lots of people being on holiday - we hope the school float is well supported instead!

### World Week

Hopefully you should all have seen the letter in bookbags by now - we are working alongside the school in their study of 'World Week' - but we are asking for you to collect up any spare random **foreign** cash - coins or notes - and put in the envelope provided - well decorated in order to win our competition!! Please return all envelopes by 5<sup>th</sup> June. We will cash it with all proceeds to the school.

### Summer BBQ Friday 6th July 6.30 – 8.30 pm

Save the date for the summer family BBQ – letters will be in book bags after half term. Payment for food will be via **Parentpay** but don't forget to send back your orange volunteer slips – we really need some helpers to keep you supplied with beer and sausages without the queues!!! For those of you who haven't been before; there aren't as many stalls as the May Fair, it's more of a social event. A bar for the parents and Simon says Magic for the children. Of course there will be a few things for the children to spend their pocket money on; sweets, ice-creams; tattoos; pocket money stall etc. This year we will also get the footballs and sports equipment out for the children to play with – fingers crossed for sunshine.



### Fruity Fridays – every Friday after half term until the end of term

The PTA have kicked off the production line and are raring to go in preparation for our 'Fruity Fridays' starting after half term. Over time we have stuck to Innocent smoothies, although they may be slightly more expensive, parents get to know the ingredients so helps with children with allergies. All lollies are £1 and we sell in the sunshine and the grey skies....



### 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

We have 178 members and have recruited **1 new supporter this month**. If you've not signed up yet, please click on to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fjhwendover/> Don't forget to click the link in your browser before updating your summer wardrobe, booking your hire car or simply doing your weekly grocery shop – it's simple and costs you nothing.



Your cause has raised

**£2,384.24**

£133.58 in the last 30 days

#### Save the Dates

Summer Cake sale	Monday June 11th
Summer BBQ	Friday 6th July
End of term Picnic	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July (after school closes)



## 6. CURRICULUM

### Foundation Stage

On Friday, 18th May, Foundation stage children visited St Mary's Church in Wendover to learn about traditional weddings as part of our wedding topic in celebration of the Royal Wedding.

The children came to school dressed in their finest clothes and after a walk in the glorious sunshine to the church we met the Vicar of St Mary's, Sally, who conducted a fantastic 'pretend' wedding complete with wedding bouquet, personalised 'child-friendly' vows, haribo wedding rings and a wonderful rendition of All things bright and beautiful by the children. To complete the morning we all had wedding photos out on the church lawn.

The bridal party was chosen at random with a girl and a boy from each class. The bride and bridesmaids looked beautiful, the groom looked suitably nervous and the best man joked. The father of the bride also did a wonderful job walking the bride down the aisle.

Thank you to all the parent helpers who made the visit possible and also everyone who shared their own wedding photos and stories with the classes during the week. The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about different types of wedding traditions, venues, clothes and occasions.



## Year 2 Eco Garden visit

Year 2 children have been learning about life processes and have been investigating what plants need to grow by planting bean seeds and keeping some from the light or water to use as comparisons. They have also been learning about the parts and functions of a plant, the process of pollination to make seeds or fruits for reproduction and how seeds are dispersed.

Last week to reinforce their learning, Year 2 walked to an eco-garden in Wendover to see first-hand how someone can organise a garden that is kind to the environment. They had a wonderful time spotting the mini beasts in the pond and working out which vegetables were growing in the allotment. They learnt how the solar panels and wind turbines generated electricity and controlled the windows opening on the greenhouse. They saw how seeds dispersed in the garden and were delighted at learning how worm wee and nettles were used as compost to help the plants grow. All in all it was a very successful afternoon and the sun shone throughout!

Sam Grimsdell  
Year 2 teacher





## 7. SCHOOL TRAVEL

### School Travel

Our school travel plan has been working well this year thanks to all the support from the pupils, parents and carers of our school. It has been very pleasing to see so many children making sustainable journeys to and from school each day. The scooter and bike storage is always full!

Our WOW walk to school travel tracker has been well received by each class and so many pupils are receiving their badges each month.

Earlier in the year I ran a competition to design a badge for the new academic year. The theme was 'Walk the Seasons' and many children in the school entered the competition.

Four pictures were chosen to be entered into the national competition. From many hundreds of entries across the country I am pleased to announce that Bonamy Bowman's picture of a snowman was chosen. His picture will be made into January's WOW badge, so look out for his fantastic design.



I am also very pleased to see so many Year 2 children are taking part in our summer cycle training. The training includes: simple bike checks, signalling and manoeuvring, emergency stops and the very popular 'Slow Race' giving the children the opportunity to show off their skills of balance and control. I am very impressed with the children's behaviour and perseverance during the training sessions.

On Friday we invited the children to come to school in their 'Happy Shoes'. A fun way to show their support for our walk to school initiative. I saw lots of lovely colourful shoes and trainers. Well done everyone who took part.

I would like to say a **big thank you** to everyone who supports our School Travel Plan to make the children's journeys to and from school healthier and safer for all our pupils.

Heather Beattie

School Travel Co-ordinator.

## 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

- **This week we have had the new Year 1 block officially handed over to us. Over the half term break the fencing will be going up all around our new MUGA and the builders will start to make good the rest of the playground which has been affected by the building project.**



- This week the Head Teachers from all the local schools have met together to discuss a number of issues that are affecting us all at the moment.



This shared working is proving to be useful and helpful to us all.

### GOAL B: QUALITY OF TEACHING & LEARNING

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We are now aware that our KS1 assessment judgements will be moderated by the Local Authority this year. In early June we are expecting a visit from 3 moderators who will spend a morning in the school checking and confirming our teacher assessments.

This year we have been working hard to make sure teaching staff are modelling writing in front of the children to ensure they are seeing how things should look and to recognise the things to focus on whilst writing. Snapshot lesson observations over the last few weeks have confirmed that this technique is in regular use in the classrooms and is having an impact on the quality of writing.

MAKE YOUR WRITING

**BLOW**  
PEOPLE  
**AWAY**

### GOAL C: PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, BEHAVIOUR & WELFARE

Staff well-being is important to us, so each year we conduct a well-being survey with every member of our team so we can compare findings from previous years and identify areas for improvement. The survey is completed at this time each year.

We are delighted to have been a part of the Schools Linking Project this year. Badgers class had a very successful visit with our link school last week and detail of the visit is included in this newsletter.



### GOAL D: PUPIL OUTCOMES

The month of May sees our Year 2 pupils taking part in the statutory assessment procedures for the end of Key Stage 1. The tests were administered with great care and sensitivity by our Year 2 teachers and we now need to wait for national standardised scores to be published in order to see whether our pupils have been judged to be working at age related expectations within the National Curriculum. Staff from the school will also attend moderation sessions with Year 3 teachers from Wendover Junior School.



## 9. MISCELLANEOUS



### **World Weeks Foreign Currency Collection Challenge**

This May half term the children are invited to take part in a fundraising challenge for the Friends of John Hampden School.

To fit in with the 'World Weeks' topics at the beginning of June we are running a campaign to collect foreign currency which will then be converted into cash for the schools fundraising.

Here's what your child can do to take part:

- ✓ Decorate their envelope (attached to this letter) with a 'World' theme
- ✓ Collect foreign currency in their envelope (this can be coins or notes in any currency)
- ✓ Return the envelope to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June

We will be issuing prizes for 'Best decorated envelope' in each class!

Many thanks,

Friends of John Hampden School PTA





**Sunday 27 May  
2018**

**An entire day of fun for all the family**

**Village Parade - Two stages featuring non-stop music -  
Entertainment from Colonel Custard - Vintage Cars -  
Have a go with the local Football, Netball, Cricket Tennis &  
Squash clubs - Take part in artistic & sporting workshops  
Show your strength in the tug of war - show off your musical  
talents at one of the "busk stops" - enter your four-legged  
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**or in person from**

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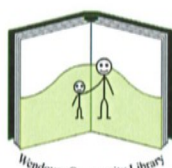
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## 26th May at 10.30

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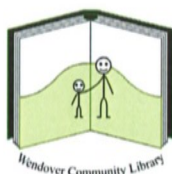
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**Paul Kidby: Discworld and Beyond**  
**Exhibition continues until 30 June**

Terry Pratchett's Discworld novels are brought to life through the brilliant illustrations of Paul Kidby. £4 adults, under 18s by donation.

**Join the Roman Army**

**28 May 11am, 1pm & 2.30pm**

Meet our resident Roman soldier ready for action! Families will have the chance to enlist as recruits & be taught drill, tactics & battle moves. £2 per person.

**Fabulous Ceramic Painting**

**29 May 10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm**

Design your very own cup, mug, bowl or mini-planter. We will supply paints for you to design & decorate your own creation. From £4 per item. Drop in.

**Medieval Family Puppet Show: Beowulf**

**30 & 31 May 11.30am & 3.30pm**

**Medieval Family Puppet Show: Viking Tales**

**30 & 31 May 1.30pm**

Full of daft humour, live music, eccentric puppets & audience participation. Rattlebox Theatre Company perform the classic story of the warrior Beowulf & Viking Tales which bring magic & laughter to all ages. £5 per person.

**Meet the Curator**

**1 June, 11am-12pm & 1pm-2pm**

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