



The John Hampden School Wendover



NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

3rd June—INSET Day—no pupils in school

4th June—school starts

4th—14th June—World Weeks

7th June—FJH fruity Fridays start today

5th-10th School photographs

10th June—FJH cake sale

21st June — FS & KS1 Sports Day

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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, staff and volunteers who supported the various stalls—it was a wonderful afternoon and despite a forecast of potential rain it actually stayed warm and dry throughout.

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 and Discovery 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 in the past 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 21st 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 in 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 4th June**.

2. GOVERNOR SECTION

On Saturday 18th May the sun shone (most of the time) and from 12 – 3pm the school welcomed pupils, family and friends, staff and governors to the annual, eagerly anticipated May Fayre. Months of behind-the-scenes preparation culminated in a great day for all. There were so many stalls and attractions in the dining hall, the main hall, in some of the classrooms and outside on the playground that everyone MUST have found something enjoyable and entertaining to do (AND spend their money on!)

As a governor I was helping to run the bottle tombola and raffle, along with many fellow governors. The sense of anticipation as tickets were drawn out of the drum or specially covered box was great and many people so successful that they came back time and time again for another go! Others who were not so successful also came back frequently to try their luck.

Throughout the time there was a steady throng of people of all ages who were able to sample the excellent catering, the many stalls, children's entertainer, or to pass the time with friends, whilst supporting the fundraising purpose of the May Fayre. There were amongst the stall holders representatives from the local community who look forward to coming to this event each year, as they know it is always so well supported.

I know that most people are unaware of all the work that has to go on before, during and after such an event to make it all run smoothly and to allow everyone to enjoy themselves. The hardworking band of volunteers deserves recognition and thanks. On behalf of the Governing Body of the school I would like to express our appreciation in all the work that went to raise a profit of £3,400 which will go to enhance the learning experiences of all pupils at the school. Well done and thank you!



Alison Duggan

Co-opted 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 if you would like to raise a matter for discussion or if you just have a query about the school.

3. FUNDRAISING UPDATE



JOHN HAMPDEN SCHOOL WENDOVER
Loving to Learn

FUNDRAISING FOCUS - SUMMER TERM 2018/19

We apologise for reporting a little late this term, but we were waiting to be able to share photos of the children enjoying some of the fabulous resources that you helped to buy for the school this year. Here they are enjoying the Blue-Bots and microphones funded by The Rocket Fund in the autumn term, which have been a real hit:



*"Wow, you can see the computer board and the wires inside it, that's so cool".
"They are amazing! I love it when we have to challenge ourselves to get the Blue-Bot round the obstacles."
I can't believe we can programme it without pressing the buttons!"*

Fundraising over spring and summer has focused on developing the outside learning areas. You may already have seen the wonderful new gazebo that has



just been installed in the Year 1 area. We have also purchased a giant Jenga and Connect 4 games for



the playground and lots of small world figures for the quieter areas of the playground, thanks to your wonderful support. The next phase of work will see the installation of a stage, storage shed, a story-telling chair and large free-standing whiteboards, all contributing to the transformation of the important outside learning spaces.

Nearly £2,000 was raised by the PTA's fundraising activities last term and the May Fayre has just raised an astonishing £3,400 towards this important work. We hope you will continue to support the transformation of the school's facilities throughout the rest of this year. With grateful thanks.

Upcoming events from
**THE FRIENDS OF
JOHN HAMPDEN SCHOOL**

Fruity Fridays – 7th, 21st, 28th June & 5th, 12th, 19th July
Cake Sale – 10th June
Summer BBQ – 5th July

EASYFUNDRAISING

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fjhwendover/

Take part in

THE AYLESBURY VALE LOTTERY

www.valelottery.co.uk/support/friends-of-john-hampden-school

For more information or to help with fundraising activities please contact Emma Child at echild@buckscollegelgroup.ac.uk

3. IMPORTANT MESSAGES

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

POLITE REQUEST

Over the last few weeks five members of staff at the school have had their car windscreens damaged by stones being thrown at them from beyond the school boundary. Having looked at how this could happen it is clear that there is a small space behind the Wendover Junior School bicycle storage area where there is a gap in the hedging and a direct view of the John Hampden staff car park. If you are waiting for older siblings at the end of the day please could you ensure your children are not left unsupervised in this area—we really don't want any further damage caused. Thank you in anticipation of your help.

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 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.

CHARGING SURVEY

Thank you for your responses to the charging survey we issued recently. These are being collated and your comments noted. We have a number of trips/visitors planned for the next half term so if you have forgotten and were intending to make a voluntary contribution we would be very happy to receive it!

PACKED LUNCHES

Just a reminder to provide your child with a packed lunch on the days when they have chosen not to have a hot school lunch. Thank you.

DOLLS PUSHCHAIRS

Do you have an unwanted dolls pushchair at home? If so, our breakfast and after school club would be very grateful for any that are no longer played with. Thank you.

4. PUPIL'S SECTION

Year 1 examples of good information writing:-

Tigers—Tigers have black and orange stripes and the sharpest teeth in the world. Tigers jump up on their front paws when they are angry. Did you know tigers eat meat?

Tigers duck in grass when they are trying to hunt other animals. Tigers can eat any animal in the world (Jack B—Squirrels)

Lions—The lions closest relatives are the tiger, the jaguar and the leopard. Prides can have as few as five lions in them or as many as forty. Lions are amazing. Why don't you go and see one for yourself? (Milo—Hedgehogs)

Hippos—What they look like—Hippos have big round eyes and quite small ears. They also have huge round tummies and big heads. Hippos have huge sharp teeth that stick out of their gums. What they eat—Hippos have a diet of mostly meat and a little veg which means they are omnivores. They have to hunt to find food. (Steven—Hedgehogs)

Elephants—Elephants tusks never stop growing. Did you know there are two types of elephants? Elephants trunk size can grow about two metres long. Elephants are interesting and now you know more about them. (Hen—Badgers)

Great White Shark—A great white shark has two rows of sharp teeth at the bottom part of the mouth. They have a creamy white streak on their big grey tummies. They are very big and have yellowish white teeth in their gigantic mouths. They have big pointy noses. A great white shark has fins on both sides of its big grey body. (Zoe—Badgers)

Lions—Male lions are so big it is difficult for them to hunt. Lions have sharp teeth. Lions live up to 15 years in the wild. (Ryder—Badgers)

6. CURRICULUM

On Friday 10th May the Foundation Stage children all went for a walk around Wendover, to look at similarities and differences in the local community. With support from several parent helpers the children thoroughly enjoyed the walk, walking past the Old windmill, along Dobbins Lane and down the High Street. The weather was fantastic and all the children behaved brilliantly and had a great time.

On returning to school our walk has inspired lots of fantastic recount writing and discussions about what they saw and know.



7. FRIENDS OF JOHN HAMPDEN

Join the Friends of John Hampden School...

As we approach the end of term, many of the FJH team will be leaving as their children move to Juniors. We would love to meet new parents who would like to find out more about how they can get involved (you can do as little or as much as you like!)

The next meeting is on Wednesday 5th June @ 8pm at The Shoulder of Mutton, come along for a glass of wine and a chat about what's going on.

Look forward to seeing you there. Please feel free to email Laura Croker if you have any questions lauracroker1981@hotmail.co.uk.



A Huge THANK YOU!!!

The Friends of John Hampden School would like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who organised, contributed, helped and attended the May Fayre. The weather held out and it was a really fun day. With your help we raised an incredible **£3,400** that will go directly towards buying vital resources for the school. Look out for a fundraising summary at the end of term.

As ever, we are hugely grateful for your continued support.

Fruity Friday Volunteers

Every Friday for the last half term we sell ice lollies (Delmonte and Innocent Smoothie) after school (and for Crickets at 12pm).

Could you make some lollies? It's really easy – we provide lolly sticks and bags, you just need to buy the juice or smoothie (we reimburse you for this), pop them in a mould and freeze. They can then be moved in their bags to the school freezer. We would also love some volunteers for running the stall each Friday (even if you can just do one week).

If you could help with either of the above please contact Emma D at thedutchess@live.co.uk.



Cake Sale

Keep your eyes peeled for details of the next Cake Sale on Monday 10th June. We would love donations (homemade or shop bought!) and there will be prizes by class for the best bakes.



Easyfundraising

So far we have raised a fantastic **£3,218.24** from Easyfundraising cashback!! It takes two minutes and can really make a difference, it's so simple and costs you nothing!

Click here to sign up and download the app <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fjhwendover/>

Vale Lottery

FJH has joined Vale Lottery as an official good cause. Lottery tickets can now be bought with HALF of the ticket price going to FJH. Each ticket costs just £1. Every ticket has a 1 in 50 chance of winning a prize every week, ranging from £25-£25,000.

Click here to buy your tickets www.valelottery.co.uk/support/friends-of-john-hampden-school



FJH Calendar - Save the Date

Fruity Friday Fridays, every Friday after school from Friday 7th June
Cake Sale, Monday 10th June
Summer BBQ, Friday 5th July
End of Term Picnic, Wednesday 24th July

If you would like to contact the Friends of John Hampden School, please email the Chair, Emma Child
echild@buckscollegegoup.ac.uk.

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

Mrs Parkinson and Mrs McNally have begun their annual moderator roles. This involves them visiting other schools in the County and moderating the assessments that have been completed in order to ensure consistency in judgements across Buckinghamshire. This role takes them out of our school for several days but it does ensure that we, at John Hampden, benefit from having trained and qualified moderators on the staff.



Each term a committee of the Governing Board meet to find out more about what goes on in school. The Teaching, Learning and Curriculum Committee try to ensure that members of staff with specific areas of expertise are invited along to share the work they are doing in school. Mrs Grimsdell recently gave a great presentation on the value of yoga within the curriculum.

GOAL B: QUALITY OF TEACHING & LEARNING

Outside learning is a valuable tool we can use to engage and motivate children. We have worked hard to provide a stimulating and well resourced outside learning space for our EYFS pupils and now we are embarking on developing a similar quality of provision for our KS1 pupils. A new gazebo – funded by FJH events – has been erected and is almost ready for the Year 1 classes to use. The teachers have been busy sourcing resources to make this new area an irresistible space to extend and develop learning.



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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.



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



LINDENGATE FAIR

SATURDAY 8 JUNE

12noon - 4.30pm



A fun day out for all the family!

Craft and Conservation Stalls • BBQ • Cakes

Hot and Cold Drinks • Raffle and Tombolas

Children's Activities • Archery • Donkeys

Free Bike Checks • Plant and Produce Stall • Mini Ponies

EVEN BETTER THAN LAST YEAR!

The Old Allotment Site, (Next to Wyevale Garden Centre), Aylesbury Road,
Wendover, HP22 6BD.

www.lindengate.org.uk

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How would you like to be in with the chance to

WIN a new bike?

*Well, just enter our fantastic
Aylesbury Garden Town competition!*

Becoming a Garden Town helps make sure that Aylesbury is a great place to live and has plenty of green space and parks to enjoy, with great things to do too. In a Garden Town, it's also very important to travel in ways that are healthy and good for the environment, so we're looking for great ideas on how to do this in Aylesbury Garden Town!

To enter our competition, all you have to do is design a picture showing how you think kids will get to school in 2050.

One winner will receive a new bike from Otec Bikes and three runners-up will receive £50 of cycling vouchers each. The four chosen pictures will also decorate the Aylesbury Garden Town Bicycle Bus in this year's WhizzFizzFest Parade!

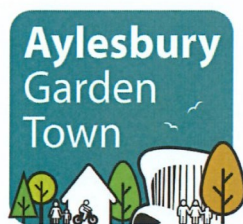


Aylesbury Garden Town's Bicycle Bus!

The competition is open to children age 16 and under. You can find all the details on how to enter at www.aylesburygardentown.co.uk/bikecompetition

Don't delay, the closing date is 5pm on Monday 10 June, 2019!

Terms and Conditions apply.



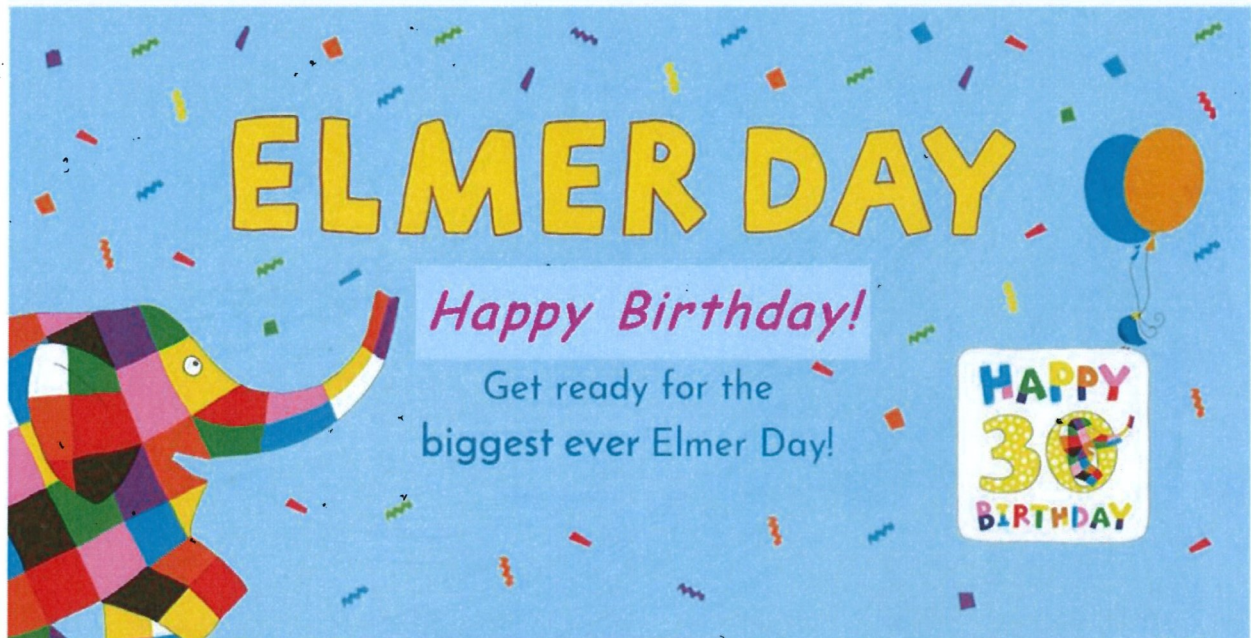
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work and visit*





Buckinghamshire Libraries—Wendover

28th May at 10.30



Half Term Craft

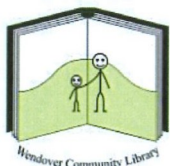
- Elmer milk bottle decoupage
- Dressing Up
- Picture Hunt
- Colouring
- Storytelling

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