



The John Hampden School Wendover



NEWSLETTER

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1. MESSAGE FROM MRS BARNES

Welcome back to the Summer Term. I hope you had an enjoyable Easter holiday and managed to enjoy the beautiful sunshine over the Bank Holiday weekend. Fortunately the weather made it possible for completion of the final snagging items from our building project. We are pleased to be able to make full use of the School Garden again and this week we have opened up the Adventure Trail once more—this has been re-positioned from outside the Year One classes to an area adjacent to the top playground. As the weather gets warmer we are looking forward to spending more and more time learning outside the classroom. Your fundraising has meant we can start phase one of our project to further develop the area outside the Year One classes. In mid-May a large new wooden gazebo is due to be erected which will form a perfect space for collaborative group sessions and there will be a new astro turf path from the classrooms to reach the new resource. We hope to start phase two very soon afterwards which will give storage and further useful resources for children to utilise outside.

On Tuesday 23rd April, teachers were involved in shared training with members of staff from our Liaison Group Schools—Halton, Weston Turville, Stoke Mandeville and Aston Clinton. Half the day was spent learning how to make the most of outside learning opportunities with a specific focus on plants and trees. The other half of the day was spent focusing on ways to challenge pupils in mathematics and identifying ways to develop their ability and confidence to reason and justify their thinking in this subject.

Shared training with external providers, is just one of the ways that we are trying to work more collaboratively with others for our mutual benefit.

During the holiday we received a firm indication of numbers for our Foundation Stage classes in September 2019. It would appear we will be full with 90 places being offered. Once again we will remain at three forms of entry and we will delay any move to four form entry until we have a clear indication that numbers will make this financially viable. Places have been offered for our Nursery class which will open in the Autumn term for the first time, in September 2019. If you are still looking for an Early Years provider please contact the school office for more information.

It has become a tradition for the pupils and staff at John Hampden to celebrate May Day each year and this year is no exception. The timeline for producing the newsletter means that you will see the photos and the detail of this years celebration in the next edition, although I hope to put some photos on the website for you to enjoy before then. At 9.30am on Wednesday 1st May we are inviting Year 2 parents/carers to attend and it is always lovely to see the enjoyment on their faces as the children perform their songs and dances.

As outlined in the last newsletter children are invited to come to school wearing summer clothes suitable to dance in on this day.

2. GOVERNOR SECTION

As parents, we are invited into school from time to time to see our children in a performance of one kind or another. This gives us a snapshot into what our children are learning, and most of us enjoy the opportunity to see our children performing. One of the best perks of being a Governor has to be the invitation to attend any of the various school performances. It's part of the job – and fits nicely with one of my roles, that of Music Subject Link Governor.

In the first week after the February half term break the children were involved in Arts Week. The theme was 'Oceans' and each class completed a range of activities linked to this topic which included; stories, poems, music, art work and the environment. The grand finale of the week was a whole school assembly where every class shared one aspect of the work they had covered, and I was very happy to go along to see it. The assembly included some classes sharing their art work, others reciting a poem that they had learned, and others playing a piece of ocean themed music using instruments which they had made, among other things.

As well as each child having the opportunity to perform with their classmates, all the children were the audience for the other classes, meaning that they were demonstrating our school values by respecting each other and displaying good manners while it was the chance for others to share their work.

What always strikes me when I see any performance put on by our pupils is how enthusiastic and keen they are – they seem to love to share their work with parents and with each other – but also the enormous sense of pride they have in their achievements. Lots of careers require us, as adults, to address groups of people from time to time and for some of us this requires us to step out of our comfort zone, and perhaps these school performances are the first step towards this. It's so fantastic to see the pupils already learning that they need to listen to each other, and to see the levels of respect which they afford to each other.

Some of the songs or poems are old favourites which end up being used year after year because they just work, and most of us parents will know some of them... 'Big Red Combine Harvester', anybody? I especially liked the whole school song 'Slippery Fish' from the Arts Week assembly too – an earworm forever more!

Needless to say, I am very much looking forward to attending the May Day celebrations... I know that the children have been working very hard to produce a fabulous display for the Year 2 parents.

Angie Daly
Parent Governor



The Governing Board is 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 them 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.

3. IMPORTANT MESSAGES

POLITE REQUEST

Please could we ask that parents/carers collecting children from the Early Years and Foundation Stage classes do not let any of their children play on the outside learning equipment at the start and end of the school day. We have noticed an increasing number of children using the equipment or taking resources from their storage areas. As we do not have staff supervising the areas at these times we would ask that you refrain from using them for safety reasons. Having highlighted the issue in the newsletter and reinforced the message with the children in the Early Years and Foundation Stage classes we would really appreciate your support with this. Our staff work hard to encourage our pupils to respect a specific set of rules regarding the use of the outside equipment during the school day and this is sometimes undermined if parents allow something different when they are in charge!

REMINDER

This is a further reminder that all school uniform must be named. As we reach the Summer Term more children are taking off their coats, cardigans and jumpers and if they are not named there is the real possibility that they may find their way into the lost property box where it is very difficult to match it with the real owner.

WATER BOTTLES & SUN CREAM

We have enjoyed some lovely warm weather recently and at these times it is particularly important that children in Years 1 and 2 bring a **named** water bottle to school. Children are given water at break time but it is good for them to have their own bottle in the classroom so they can stay hydrated. Early Years and Foundation Stage classes have access to water all day long.

We advise parents to apply sun cream to their children before they come to school. It is possible to buy cream that only needs to be applied once and this avoids children having to bring their own bottles to school. If you believe your child needs sun cream applied more often, please let the class teacher know and they can organise times for this to happen. Children should be taught to apply their own cream -thank you.

THE LIONEL ABEL-SMITH TRUST

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded a further £2,263.40 from the Lionel Abel-Smith Trust to purchase secure external storage for outside learning equipment. Thanks to Mrs Parkinson for organising the application and also to Mr Edley, Chair of Governors, for supporting it.

We were also very pleased to receive a further grant of £1,000 from the Trust to purchase more books. We are very grateful for this financial support.

SIGNING HOME/SCHOOL DIARIES

Please can we remind parents that we encourage you to hear your child read for a short amount of time each day. 'Little and often' is the best way and we would ask that you sign your child's diary when you have heard them and indicate which pages you have listened to. Thank you

JAM JARS

As the May Fayre approaches you are being asked by the Friends of John Hampden to fill jam jars with 'goodies' which will be sold to the children on the day. We have lots of spare empty jam jars in school and we will put a tray out in the entrance hall which you can help yourself to if needed.

COLLECTING FROM SCHOOL

Please remember that if there is a different arrangement for collection of your child after school you must let the staff know. We will not let a child go with someone that we are not expecting to pick them up.

4. CURRICULUM

In recent times much has been written about the need for schools to promote British values and, as a staff, we have spent time discussing what this means for our school and our pupils.

DfE definition (2014)



Schools should promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs'

At The John Hampden School Wendover we ensure that through our school vision, ethos, agreed values, curriculum and teaching we promote respect and tolerance for all cultures, faiths and lifestyles. As educators we have a duty to prepare our children for life in modern Britain and to keep them safe.

The promotion of British values and democracy is clearly evident within our school through:

- Whole school and class assemblies where we discuss and celebrate school values including respect and collaboration and focus on the ability to make the right choices
- R.E lessons which teach the children about similarities and differences between different faiths and cultures
- Our curriculum which shows the many influences that have helped to shape the modern Britain of today and the values of our society
- Our Values education and pastoral care
- The high priority that is given to P4C (Philosophy for Children)
- Opportunities which provide all pupils with a clearly heard 'voice'
- Our Vision Statement and the values which guide behaviour, thinking and learning
- Enrichment weeks including Health & Safety Weeks, Arts Week, Discovery Week and World Weeks
- Close links with our community
- Our support of numerous charities



5. PUPIL'S SECTION

The School Council met just before we broke up for the Easter holiday. Here are the minutes of their meeting.

[The John Hampden School Council Minutes](#)

Meeting held: Tuesday 2nd April 2019 at 10.15am

Present: Class Representatives from FS, Years 1 & 2

Welcome - Chair welcomed all Representatives to the School Council meeting

The School Council read the school Constitution & Aims

Chair read through the minutes from the last meeting and they were agreed by all.

- The music provided by Mrs Collins to sing to when we leave the hall & the Thinking Mat are working well during assemblies
- Mrs Spencer talked about the results from the recent Class Council Circle Time about Safety - the issue that was raised about the difference between unkindness & bullying will be discussed by teachers & the Leadership Team soon
- Chair asked the School Council some questions to talk about:

Question 1 asked of the School Council - How do we improve behaviour on the MUGA, the flat grassy area & on the ramp?

More staff to watch the ramp to check for behaviour

More to play with in all of these areas e.g. small people for ramp, giant games for the flat grassy area

The School Council suggested that we have a rota of equipment for the MUGA during playtimes because it works well during lunchtimes

A card to decide the game for the week (like at OOSC), at lunchtimes on the playground, could be pulled out of a hat during Monday assembly

To make new kindness posters for the playground as they worked well last time but they are getting tatty

Agreed proposals for staff to discuss:

Supervision of the ramp area during playtimes by staff

Rotation of equipment for the MUGA during playtimes

Art Club to make good behaviour signs

More equipment for ramp & flat grassy area

A card to decide the game for the week at lunchtimes on the playground, can be pulled out of a hat during Monday assembly

Kindness posters to be made as homework and one from each class will be voted for

Question 2 asked of the School Council - How do you know that behaviour around the school is good?

Behaviour is mainly good

Children walk around the school during lesson times

Most children play nicely

Most children share

Children follow the Golden Rules and are kind and helpful to adults and to each other

Assembly behaviour is better, SC like it when they sing as they leave the hall

Behaviour is good in clubs

More children get Golden Time than not

Children are proud of themselves and of others

Future Discussion

Homework will be discussed at the next meeting after a Class Council Circle Time about it.

6. THE FRIENDS OF JOHN HAMPDEN



Raffle - The raffle pulls in the most amount of money for the school - we already have prizes on offer from some fantastic local businesses – keep an eye on FB for the latest announcements!

Do you know anyone who would like to **donate a prize** - please could you ask the company that you work for / businesses that you deal with to get involved? We will publish a list of businesses that have donated on Facebook .

If you are able to obtain a prize, please drop the donation into reception for the attention of Rebecca Sackman. If you require any more information please do not hesitate to contact Rebecca@sackman.co.uk

Saturday May 18th 12-3pm

We have a selection of great entertainment and stalls lined up for the afternoon, including crafts, face painting, Diddy Ponies – come and groom, and play with the tiny ponies, raffle, plant sale, tombola, refreshments and beer tent! There will be plenty to do and lots of fun to be had – we are hoping we will have a fire engine too!! Please see the letter in book bags TONIGHT detailing help and donations that we are so grateful for.

The May Pole dance demonstration will be done by Yrs 1 &2 for those that were unable to see the school performance and ‘Mr Marvel’ will be keeping us entertained throughout most of the afternoon.

Don’t panic if you haven’t got a **jam jar** – plenty are available from the school office reception area – remember wrapped sweets only and no notes. Please also avoid any curry/vinegary jars as they have to be thrown away

Teddy Tombola – our teddy tombola is incredibly popular look out for details of our teddy amnesty – Friday 5th May



Last years’ sale of pre-loved uniform was very popular – we will be having a stall at the May Fayre – plenty of stock will be available at very low cost! If you have any old uniform in EXCELLENT condition – no stains or rips or holes – please contact Lula on lulagkirby@hotmail.com – please note **NO** socks, tights or hair ties!

Save the Dates

May Fayre	Saturday 18 May
Bag to School	TBC
Fruity Friday	Fridays after school after half term

Summer BBQ	Friday 5 th July
End of term picnic	Wednesday 24 th July

Fruity Fridays - We will be selling ice lollies – Delmonte and Innocent Smoothie after school every Friday after half term (and for Crickets at 12pm) – can you help? Please contact Emma D thedutches@live.co.uk – if you can help make or sell...we need you!



We now have 197 supporters – **does that include you – we've had 1 new supporter this month** If you've not signed up yet, please click on to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fjhwendover/> before you start booking your summer holidays – it's so simple and **costs you nothing!**



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**Support Aylesbury Vale
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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.

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You can buy individual tickets whenever you like, or set up a Direct Debit for 1 (or more) ticket(s) per week and not worry about forgetting!

Draws are every Saturday night. Buy tickets here - www.valelottery.co.uk/support/friends-of-john-hampden-school

Most importantly - FJH receives 50p from every ticket bought in support of the school

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 made progress linked to the actions outlined below:

GOAL A: LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT	GOAL B: TEACHING, LEARNING & ASSESSMENT
<p>The educational landscape is continually evolving and changing and, with the demise of the Bucks Learning Trust and limited resources within the Local Authority, there is a need for schools to look at how they can work more closely and profitably with others. Last year, to this end, senior representatives from our school met regularly with leaders and governors from the Liaison Group of schools to develop projects which are currently running and which involve regular meetings, one led by governors and one led by the Head Teachers of the schools. We have historically worked well as a Liaison Group of schools and we are now in a better position to evaluate the success of these shared projects.. We are also about to initiate discussions about the potential of formalising our current working relationships.</p> 	 <p>Improving marking, feedback and presentation has been a focus of our school plan. Consistent marking symbols were introduced and work scrutiny shows that these are now embedded. Our next step was to provide pupils with the opportunity and time to respond to the comments of the teacher and to offer advice and support to their peers. There is clear evidence that this is now happening regularly. This development is allowing our pupils the chance to reflect on their learning and to really understand their next steps. We are starting to see pupils adding their own comments in response to the comments of the teachers they really seem to be engaging in the learning process. Presentation has also improved considerably as a result of the increased focus on correct letter formation, sizing and layout.</p>
GOAL C: PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, BEHAVIOUR & WELFARE	GOAL D: PUPIL OUTCOMES
<p>Each term we analyse the incidents of negative behaviour resulting in children losing some of their Golden Time. Last term, not listening, not being gentle and not looking after property were the three most common reasons for children losing Golden Time. Children who have lost Golden Time spend time in Mrs Barnes' office rather than enjoying the whole Golden Time experience. For Golden Time we provide nine exciting activities each Friday afternoon so, at the beginning of the week, children choose the one that they are aiming for. We hope this is an incentive to behave well and the current organisation means there are children from each class in the school enjoying the activities together. Last year our School Council were involved in discussions with the leadership team about what we should do for the very small number of children who lose Golden Time regularly. They decided that any child who loses Golden Time more than six times should then lose another privilege.</p> <p>Exactly one year ago we introduced a new way of monitoring how well the children line up at the end of lunchtime play. Our Midday Supervisors award a token (a ball) every time their class lines up beautifully. The balls are visible in class jars in the dining room and last term we twice celebrated the fact that every class gained all five balls for the week. One year ago only two classes got all five balls in the first week so there is evidence of positive improvement.</p>  <p>BEHAVIOUR</p>	<p>Year 2 children are about to be assessed as part of the end of Key Stage statutory assessment procedures. The assessments (tests) for 2019 take place throughout the month of May but our teacher assessments are on-going. Y2 Parents and carers were invited to a meeting yesterday to hear about the format of these tests. If you were unable to attend the presentation it has been included under the 'Parents' section of the school website. We will be informed in May if our school will be externally moderated this year but, regardless of this, our Year 2 staff will be attending moderation sessions which aim to ensure consistent judgements across the local schools. Mrs McNally has, once again, successfully completed moderator training with Bucks Learning Trust and she is now qualified to moderate the judgements of staff in other schools. This means we now have an EYFS moderator and a KS1 moderator within the staff at John Hampden which helps to ensure the accuracy of the judgements we make. Our Foundation Stage assessments are not being externally moderated this year but, as usual, Mrs Parkinson will lead the team to ensure their judgements are accurate and reliable.</p> 

8. MISCELLANEOUS

Cleaning Operatives Vacancies

We have vacancies for cleaning operatives to join the team at John Hampden School. The hours of work are from 3.00—7.00 pm.

Training in all aspects of the role will be given, so you do not need to have any previous experience, just a willingness to learn and achieve the high standards that we like to present at the school.

The rate of pay is £9.00 per hour, this is paid monthly direct to your bank account. You must have the right to work in the UK and we will also need to complete an enhanced DBS check.

Please contact our local manager, Doug Bain on 07971 224059 for further details. Some school holiday work may be required.

Out of School Care Playworker vacancy

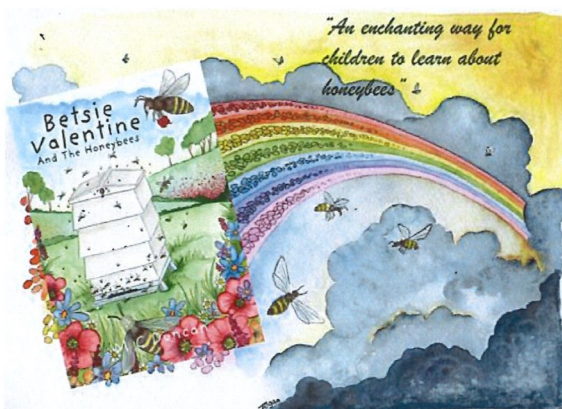
We have a maternity cover vacancy for a Playworker at our Breakfast Club from 7.30 am to 8.45 am for four mornings per week and at our After School Club from 3.00 pm to 6.15 pm four afternoons per week term time only. The applicant would preferably have some experience of working with children and a relevant Level 2 qualification, however this is not essential.

The salary will be within Bucks Pay Range 1A (currently £15,107 per annum pro rata) and the closing date for applications is Friday 10th May 2019.

If you are interested in this post and would like more information, please call the John Hampden School office on 01296 622629 or email

office@jhampden.bucks.sch.uk or contact the OOSC on 07506 195699 or email oosc@jhampden.bucks.sch.uk

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