



The John Hampden School Wendover



NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

24th July—Y2 Leavers Assembly 11.15am
24th July—School closes for the summer <u>1.30pm</u>
24th July—NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
4th Sept—School reopens 8.55am
17th—19th July FS Performances at 2.30 pm :
17th—Ladybirds
18th—Honeybees
19th—Caterpillars

1. MESSAGE FROM MRS BARNES

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

We have now completed our school development plan for 2018-2019 and I am proud that we have managed to maintain our high academic standards whilst continuing to enhance and improve the quality of teaching and assessment, leadership & management and the quality of personal development, behaviour and welfare we offer.

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

I hope you all have a very happy, safe Summer Holiday and I look forward to seeing our new Early Years, Foundation Stage, Year One and Year Two children back in school between 8.45am and 8.55am on **Wednesday 4th September**.

On the first morning of the new school year staff and signs will be positioned near the entrances the children should use on the first morning. You are, of course, welcome to bring your children in for the first few days but we would ask you to let them come in independently as soon as they are ready.

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

Have a wonderful holiday with your children.

2. GOVERNOR SECTION

Dear All,

For many, the school term draws to an end with mixed feelings: jubilation that the school holidays have arrived, bringing a chance to re-charge batteries; sadness about saying goodbye to school friends; and perhaps trepidation about the new school year, when it arrives, with new teachers and classmates.

On this last point, a lot of effort is put in by the school to prepare your child for transition to their next class or transfer to their new school. In addition to the formal County 'move-up' days, pupils have additional visits to their new classrooms and lessons or 'circle time' with their new teachers; class Ambassadors from each class visit the year below for an informal question and answer session; and teachers work hard to pass on important information so that each and every child is able to feel confident in their new environment and progress to the best of their abilities right from the start of the new term. We really hope that your child feels very well prepared for the next stage in their education. However, if you or your child has any concerns about next year there is still time to act to ensure transition is as smooth as possible. As always the best place to start is by speaking with your class teacher.

Whilst it's easy to feel a little sadness that another year has passed and your little boy or girl is growing up all too fast, we shouldn't forget what a great year it has been at John Hampden. Academically, we have seen some great results in SATs and phonics checks and not forgetting the school's renewed 'Good' rating from the Ofsted inspection in the Autumn term. [If you have not done so already I would recommend you take 5 minutes to read the inspection report, it has some great things to say about the school.]

Whilst these are obviously important to the school, of equal importance, given our 'Loving to Learn' mantra, is that your child has enjoyed their year. There have been so many amazing events, school trips, visitors to the school and much more. Personally, notable mentions have to go to the school fun run (with bikers!), the Christmas Nativity and other performances (pass the tissues please...), World Book Day (great costumes folks!) and Sports Day (crikey some of those kids are fast!).

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the John Hampden PTA. Yet again they have worked tirelessly over the course of the year to hold a number of immensely successful events. The most recent, the Summer BBQ, was a lovely evening. We were blessed with a beautiful summer evening and all I could see was smiles all round. The event raised almost £2k, which is an amazing achievement. Special mentions go to the dads on the BBQ, the bar team, those manning the stalls and the behind the scene event organisers. Great job everyone. It takes a lot of effort to organise and ensure all these events are so well attended, run smoothly and raise such an amazing amount of money for the school. Information on upcoming events and how you could get involved are included in the School Newsletter. This also contains details on where the school has spent your donations and what impact it has had on your child's education. Before I wrap up, just a little housekeeping for the Governing Body. After 23 years (yes, 23!) of service as a Governor, Elna Joseph is sadly stepping down. We offer a huge thank you to Elna for all her hard work and efforts over the years. Her experience, dedication and insightful contributions to the Governing Body will be sorely missed. Elna was a Co-opted Governor, rather than a Parent Governor, so we will be looking to recruit from the wider community to fill the vacant position. If you know of anyone who might be interested, ask them to get in touch with myself or one of the other Governors over the summer holidays, and we'd be happy to discuss the role.

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

James Edley

Chair and Parent Governor



James Edley
Chair of Governors

The Governing Board is always willing to listen to parental queries and to explain in more detail what the Governing Board does. They do realise, however, that it may not always be appropriate to speak to us at the school gate so please feel free to email the Chair of Governors, James Edley, on jedley@johnhampdenwendover.co.uk if you would like to raise a matter for discussion

3. IMPORTANT MESSAGES

AGE RESTRICTIONS

Observations of some of our children suggest that they are being influenced in their play, their comments and their concerns by DVDs and games which are given guidance ratings that make them unsuitable for infant aged children. We would ask you to be vigilant in terms of what your young children have access to. There is a reason why some of this content is deemed unsuitable and we would ask you as responsible parents/carers to consider whether the content they may be being exposed to may upset younger or more sensitive children or whether it may impact negatively on the language they use or the behaviour they exhibit at school or with their peers.

WARM WEATHER

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

YEAR 2 LEAVER'S ASSEMBLY

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

Finally, just a reminder that for everyone else term ends at **1.30pm on Wednesday 24th July** and there is **no After School Club** on this day.

MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

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

LOST PROPERTY

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

SCROLL OF HONOUR

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

4. CURRICULUM

Yesterday Year 2 pupils took part in a Sports Festival at Mandeville School.

The sports festival was a great success! the children enjoyed participating in a wide range of activities led by students from the Mandeville school. They enjoyed chatting to Year 2's from other schools during the rest breaks.

A great morning had by all.



5. PUPIL'S SECTION

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

I liked playing Numicon City in Hedgehogs—we don't have that in Ladybirds. I liked looking at the book corner too—Harry S (Ladybirds)

I liked being in my classroom because I practiced writing my numbers on the white boards to show Mrs King. I liked doing the puzzles too! - Tunmishe (Ladybirds)

I am looking forward to learning how to do even bigger numbers! - Eva (Honeybees)

I am looking forward to learning more words and sounds in phonics—Harry (Honeybees)

I loved having snack and I'm looking forward to the big playground—Katherine (Caterpillars)

I enjoyed playing in the big playground. I am looking forward to playing outside—Noah (Caterpillars)

I have enjoyed doing the dream jars and I am looking forward to going on the school trips—Rosie (Squirrels)

I have enjoyed meeting my new friends and I am looking forward to Year 2 because the teachers are really nice—Michael (Squirrels)

I am looking forward to doing English because we will be doing stories. I enjoyed doing the quiz about the things in the classroom—going into Firecrests—Kit (Badgers)

I enjoyed making the dream jars because it was lots of fun. I am looking forward to making the Northern Lights with the pastels—Lauren (Badgers)

I liked doing the treasure hunt and looking for things around the classroom. I'm looking forward to learning in Year 2 because I like reading and writing—Austin (Hedgehogs)

I liked how we get to know everyone's names because I don't know them all yet. I'm looking forward to learning but it's going to be even harder in Year 2—Ruby (Hedgehogs)

I enjoyed playtime as I could meet up with my big brother, as he is at the Junior School. I could talk to him about the Juniors—Charlie C (Hérons)

I really enjoyed meeting Mrs Simpson my class teacher again and seeing my new classroom. It looks fun—Ella (Hérons)

I enjoyed writing all about The Room on the Broom! - Ava (Firecrests)

I enjoyed designing and making our superhero! - Maisie (Firecrests)

It was really useful to go up to the Junior School to spend time with our new teacher in the classroom. It has helped us to get ready for Year 3—Evie (Red Kites)

The Ambassadors from the Junior School came to speak to all of Year 2 about life in Year 3. I learnt that some things are not that different and they do lots of exciting things—Huw (Red Kites)

6. FRIENDS OF JOHN HAMPDEN

Message from the Chair...

Thank you to everyone who attended the Summer BBQ last Friday, it was a great success and we were very lucky to have such amazing weather. A big thank you to the volunteers who organised the event and the army of parents who stayed behind to move tables, collect rubbish and tidy-up. All of these events are organised by the parents and wouldn't happen without you. Please continue to support the PTA into next year, we really, really do need you! I am really pleased to say that we made **£1,700** profit from the BBQ – great work everyone!!!

My daughter Sophie leaves the school at the end of term, to attend Wendover Junior School, so I will no longer be able to be Chair. I will be passing the reins over to Sophie Hughes from September, who will work closely with Laura and the team with new fund-raising ideas for 2019-20. I want to say a huge thank you to the PTA and parents for supporting me in my year as Chair and another huge thank you to the staff at the school for supporting all our events and ideas too. I'll miss everyone.

Emma Child, Chair of the PTA

The Friends of John Hampden School would like to say a huge thank you to Emma for her continued hard work over the past years both as the Chair and as a member of the PTA. The time she has dedicated is hugely appreciated and plays a huge part in ensuring the success in our fundraising.

Thank you Emma!!

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 PTA will be hosting a Pizza & Prosecco (and beer!) evening on Thursday 19th September, this is a great opportunity to welcome new parents to the school and a chance for the PTA to show their appreciation for all the help and support provided by parents.

The first PTA meeting of the term will be Wednesday 11th September @ 8pm. More details to follow in the new term...

Please feel free to email Laura Croker, Secretary if you have any questions laura-croker1981@hotmail.co.uk.



Fruity Friday

Friday 19th July will be the last Fruity Friday of term, come along and grab a lolly!

Ice Cream Day

Monday 22nd July will be the last ice cream day. We have decided not to run this next term, we hope to replace it with something fun....watch this space!

End of Term Picnic

Join us to celebrate the end of term on Wednesday 24th July from 1.30pm onwards at Hampden Meadow (next to the park). Bring your own picnic, games and hopefully the sunshine!!

Easyfundraising

So far we have raised a fantastic **£3,262.24** 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

Ice Cream Day, Monday 22nd 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@buckscollegroup.ac.uk.

7. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

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

GOAL A: LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT

- We received our overdue Ofsted visit in October 2018— this one day inspection confirmed that the school remains at least good.
- The majority of the building project was completed in December 2018 however, we are not now expanding to four forms of entry in September 2019.
- The budget situation remains a concern but internal fundraising activities have been successful and other prudent financial decisions are impacting positively on the deficit situation.
- Collaboration with our liaison group of schools has gone from strength to strength and we have also benefited from establishing close working relationships with other educational professionals over the year too.
- The 30 hour funded places in our newly built Nursery Class have been a tremendous success and the Crickets Class have really thrived this year. We are ready to open the class for three terms for the first time in Autumn 2019.



GOAL B: QUALITY OF TEACHING, LEARNING & ASSESSMENT



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

GOAL C: PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, BEHAVIOUR & WELFARE

- Courses for parents and opportunities for parents to learn how to support pupil learning and behaviour at home have impacted positively.
- Reinforcement of the importance of a Growth Mindset has been at the heart of teaching and learning.
- Nurture support has been improved and is now available to more pupils.
- Opportunities have been provided for older pupils to nurture younger pupils at lunchtimes.
- Lunch Club has been introduced as an alternative to time on the playground.
- Staff Well-being has been monitored and training and development opportunities have been provided.

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than you
were
yesterday

GOAL D: PUPIL OUTCOMES

OUTCOMES



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

8. MISCELLANEOUS

Out of School Care Playworker vacancy

We have a vacancy from September 2019 for a Playworker at our Breakfast Club from 7.30 am to 8.45 am and at our After School Club from 3.00 pm to 6.15 pm 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 £15,870 per annum pro rata)

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



SUMMER HOLIDAY

SWIMMING COURSES

The Wendover Pool, HP22 6HF



DATES AND TIMES

Mon 29th July	9.45 to 11.15 am
Tues 30th July	9.45 to 11.15 am
Wed 31st July	9.45 to 11.15 am
Thurs 1st Aug	9.45 to 11.15 am
Fri 2nd Aug	9.45 to 11.15 am



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