



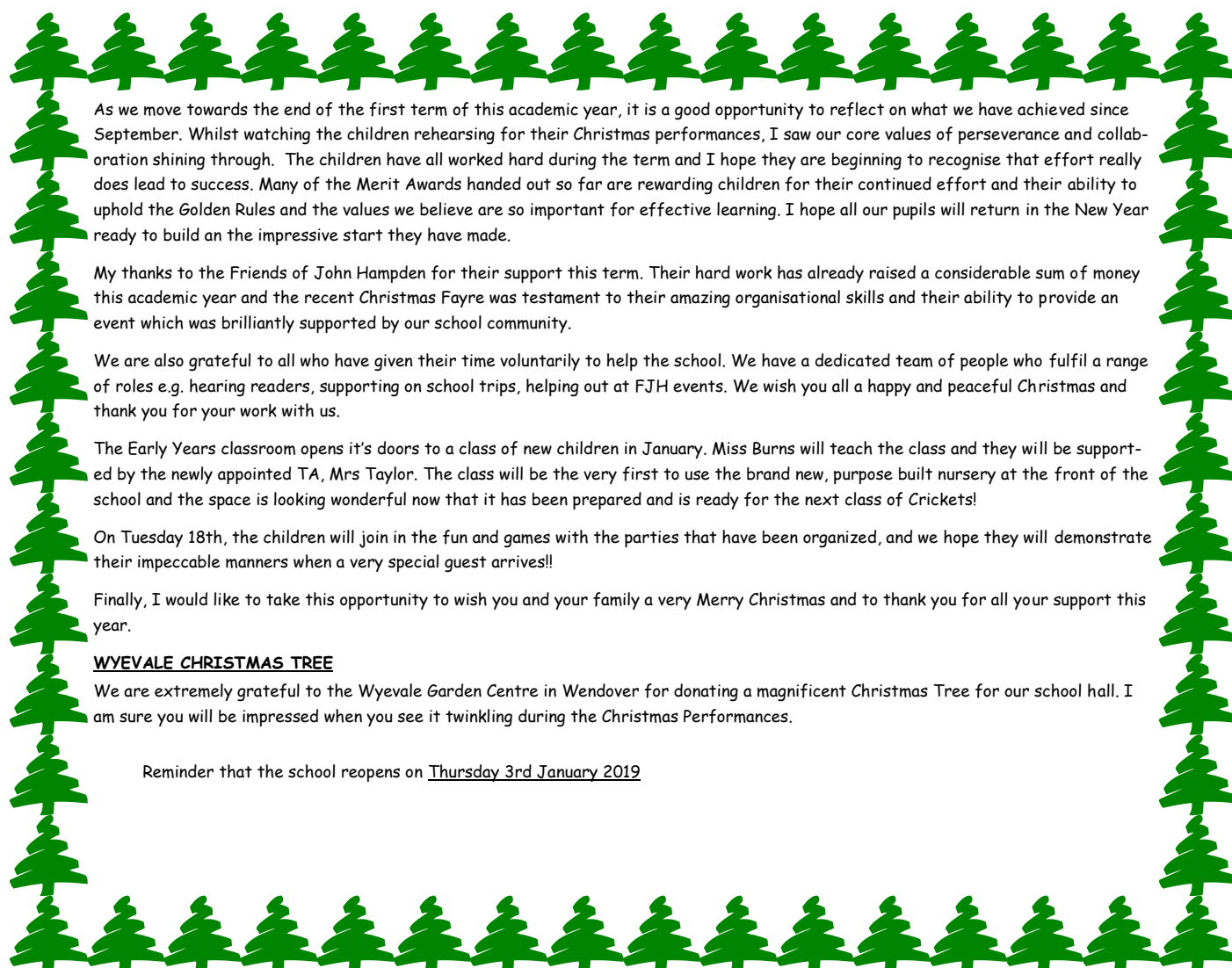
The John Hampden School Wendover



NEWSLETTER

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1. MESSAGE FROM MRS BARNES



As we move towards the end of the first term of this academic year, it is a good opportunity to reflect on what we have achieved since September. Whilst watching the children rehearsing for their Christmas performances, I saw our core values of perseverance and collaboration shining through. The children have all worked hard during the term and I hope they are beginning to recognise that effort really does lead to success. Many of the Merit Awards handed out so far are rewarding children for their continued effort and their ability to uphold the Golden Rules and the values we believe are so important for effective learning. I hope all our pupils will return in the New Year ready to build on the impressive start they have made.

My thanks to the Friends of John Hampden for their support this term. Their hard work has already raised a considerable sum of money this academic year and the recent Christmas Fayre was testament to their amazing organisational skills and their ability to provide an event which was brilliantly supported by our school community.

We are also grateful to all who have given their time voluntarily to help the school. We have a dedicated team of people who fulfil a range of roles e.g. hearing readers, supporting on school trips, helping out at FJH events. We wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and thank you for your work with us.

The Early Years classroom opens its doors to a class of new children in January. Miss Burns will teach the class and they will be supported by the newly appointed TA, Mrs Taylor. The class will be the very first to use the brand new, purpose built nursery at the front of the school and the space is looking wonderful now that it has been prepared and is ready for the next class of Crickets!

On Tuesday 18th, the children will join in the fun and games with the parties that have been organized, and we hope they will demonstrate their impeccable manners when a very special guest arrives!!

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and to thank you for all your support this year.

WYEVALE CHRISTMAS TREE

We are extremely grateful to the Wyevale Garden Centre in Wendover for donating a magnificent Christmas Tree for our school hall. I am sure you will be impressed when you see it twinkling during the Christmas Performances.

Reminder that the school reopens on Thursday 3rd January 2019

2. GOVERNOR SECTION

Dear Parents,

WOW! What a success the Christmas Fayre was this year. The weather may have been miserable, but the turnout was great and everyone had lots of fun. Looking round all I could see was happy colourful painted faces, more often than not with mouths full of sausage-in-a-bun, yummy chilli nachos, penny chews or sparkly cake. If you were there you don't need me to tell you all about it, and if you weren't all you need to know is – don't miss the May Fayre!

However, on behalf of everyone who did attend I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who was involved in the pre-event organisation and then helped out on the day itself. The PTA continue to do an amazing job, year-in-year-out. A special thank you goes out to the Christmas Fayre sub-committee: Danielle G, Lisa E, Emma C and D, Lucy, Sarah S, Chrissie E, Sophie H, and not forgetting Rachael and grotto team: Sarah G, Anne-Marie F and Michelle A. Thank you also to all the teachers and my fellow governors who gave up a day of their precious weekend and attended to help out, and finally.... all of you (the parents) for supporting the event with donations of cake, teddies, jam jars full of sweets and bottles full of wine (or strawberry liquor). Good work everybody.

Whilst the Christmas Fayre offers the children a fantastic day of fun, it also provides the school with much needed funds to purchase items that we would not otherwise be able to afford. I won't steal the PTA's glory by giving away how much the Fayre raised this year, but it was a fantastic achievement.

Over the course of the term there have been many opportunities, in addition to the Christmas Fayre, for parents and other friends of the school to get involved and donate time or money to the school. We have had the introduction of our great new termly Fundraising Focus update, the immensely successful Rocket Fund for IT equipment, and your on-going regular donations through MyDonate and Easyfundraising.com. ALL of the money that is raised through these platforms now goes directly towards the termly project.

We are mindful that you have many calls on your hard earned income and many of you will have other charity commitments. For this reason the school is ever appreciative of ALL of your donations. Large or small. Keep up the good work and if you are reviewing your charity donations over the festive period – don't forget about us. Most of the well known on-line shopping outlets are part of the Easyfundraising scheme, and you can make a one off, or even a regular, donation at the schools MyDonate page: mydonate.bt.com/charities/thejohnhampdenwendoverlearningtrust.

Exciting news about what the school is going to spending your donations on will be revealed in next terms Fundraising Focus. However, I have been permitted to tell you that the teachers are currently finalising details of a big project that is going to *transform* our KS1 outdoor learning environment.



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 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, 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. IMPORTANT MESSAGES

Admission to Junior School

All Year 2 parents applying for a junior school place for September 2019 must note that Bucks County Council (BCC) will not be issuing paper copies of the 'Guide for Parents - Admission to Buckinghamshire Primary Schools'. Instead electronic booklets and information regarding junior transfer are available to download from the BCC website: www.buckscc.gov.uk

Please note that the closing date for online applications for junior school places is **3pm on 15th January 2019**

Admission to Foundation Stage at John Hampden

This is a reminder that parents of children due to start school for the first time in September 2019 need to apply for a school place for their child. Parents must make an application by **3pm on 15th January 2019**. You can apply online at www.buckscc.gov.uk

Applying online is quick, easy to use, safe and secure. All parents need is an email address and access to a computer, tablet or smart phone.

Once parents have completed their online application and submitted it they will receive an email to let them know it has been received.

On **16th April 2019** (National Allocation Day) parents will receive an email to let them know which school their child has been offered. Parents will then be able to log back into their application and accept the place offered. Parents who are not able to apply online can have a paper application sent to them.

If parents are late making an application for their child it can seriously impact on their chances of getting a place at any of their preferred schools.

P.E. AT SCHOOL

As P.E. bags come home in the Christmas break to be washed please check that your child's P.E. kit is all clearly named and correctly fitting. Please note that children must have a pair of tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt to wear for outside P.E. sessions, which continue throughout the winter months. Children with long hair must have it tied back for P.E. lessons and no earrings should be worn for health and safety reasons.

Home School Diaries

Your child will receive a new Home School Diary at the beginning of the Spring Term. Please would you make sure you sign the diaries every time you hear your child read and encourage them to draw the faces each day so we can gauge how they are feeling at school.

Each year group's diaries are different and an asterix indicates which days the children can change their reading books.

Important Reminder

For the KS1 Christmas Performances, please note that you will be entering the hall up steps via a side route so please do not even attempt to bring pushchairs into the school. Our pupils and staff work very hard to put on these performances and we would ask you, on this occasion, to make alternative arrangements for all younger siblings as they can find it difficult to sit still and quietly and can spoil the enjoyment for others. Your co-operation would be greatly appreciated.

Christmas Parties

These are planned for **Tuesday 18th December**. We invite the children to come to school wearing party clothes and suitable footwear on that day (the children will be going outside at playtimes so clothing needs to be appropriate for colder weather). We have already asked if you would like to provide your child with their own Christmas party lunch and, as this is a special occasion, we are happy for them to have any food which you consider to be appropriate e.g. sweets, chocolate etc.

Each year we are amazed by the wonderful lunches that are provided. Lunchboxes are often specially decorated, or other Christmassy items. **The FJH will be providing each child with a Christmas cracker at the party.**

4. CURRICULUM



The Jewish Festival of Chanukah is celebrated from 3rd to 10th December this year, and we were very lucky to have Mrs Spyer (Leo's mum in Badger's Class) come to our school on Monday, to tell the children all about this very special Festival.

The children learnt that the Festival of Lights, is a very special Jewish holiday that celebrates a miracle that happened 2,100 years ago in Israel, 100 years before Jesus was even born.

They learnt about the Greek King Antiochus (the Baddie) and Judah the Maccabee (the Goodie). They also learnt about the special spinning tops, dreidels and how each letter was really 'code' for a special prayer. As they spun the spinning tops the Jewish people would then say the prayer of the letter it landed on. The children learnt of the miracle that happened on Chanukah in the Temple, and why there are nine candles on the Chanukkiah (or Menorah). The children got the opportunity to carefully light the Menorah, listen to some Jewish music and take home their very own dreidel each.

We can not thank Mrs Spyer enough for her lovely assembly to both EYFS and KS1 and not forgetting Leo, her trusty helper!

We are also very much looking forward to our Christmas visit from Rev. Sally Moring just before we break up for Christmas.

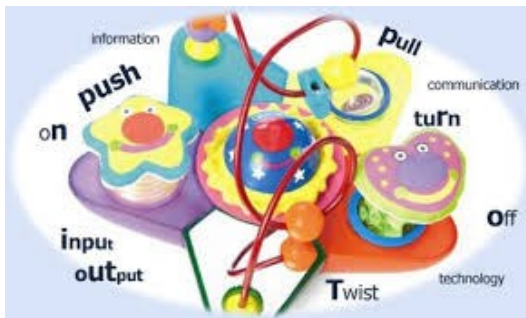


Mrs Grimsdell
R E Coordinator



5. PUPIL'S SECTION

This time of the year provides us with a perfect opportunity to develop and enhance performance skills. Tweaks to the timing for the FS and KS1 performances have helped us to ensure that every child in the school, from the youngest to the oldest, is given a moment to shine on the stage. It is clear that some children have real strengths in terms of their ability to speak, sing or perform a dance in front of an audience but every child is given the opportunity to collaborate and take part. It has been wonderful to watch the rehearsals going on and to see the progress that is made as well as the enjoyment and commitment that so many children demonstrate as they prepare for the performances.



E-Safety

In the last newsletter we highlighted the safeguards we have in place to allow children to have controlled access to the internet whilst at school. We have effective web filtering in place and we closely monitor how children are using the ICT in school to keep them as safe as possible whilst they work.

However, we recognise that even our very youngest pupils are increasingly using a range of different, internet-connected technology at home. As the Christmas shopping season begins, many parents will be considering buying this type of gift for their children.

To support you, we thought it may be helpful to highlight some potential risks attached to items on the list for Santa. Some of the toys/devices you are thinking of buying will have cameras and microphones recording the environment and the child's play. The Information Commissioner recently published an article looking at the risks of using smart toys and it is well-worth taking note of the 12 steps they advocate:

1. Research the security of a product before buying

Doing your homework before buying a connected device should allow you to recognise those with poor security. Research online reviews and manufacturers' websites for information on privacy notices and policies. You should also look to see how a product will be updated in the future if a security issue is identified.

2. Take care when shopping online

At this time of year, when online shopping is nearing its peak, scammers may be more likely to try to access your personal information such as bank account or credit card details. Only use secure sites when shopping online – secure sites usually carry the padlock symbol. [Get Safe Online](#) has advice on how to protect yourself.

3. Take your time

Don't wait until Christmas Day, when excited children will want to just turn on a new toy or device and skip as much of the set-up process as they can. Take the time beforehand to read the manual and familiarise yourself with the security and privacy options available to you.

4. Change passwords and usernames from default

Default passwords and usernames for many devices are freely available on the web. You should always change the defaults immediately and choose a [suitably strong password](#). Use a different password for each account and device. If a device doesn't allow you to change the default password, you should strongly consider whether it is worth keeping it.

5. Is your router secure?

Your router is the first line of defence on the perimeter of your home network. If you have devices connected to your network, the default settings of your router might be exposing them to the internet and therefore everyone else. Create a strong password and look out for and install security updates.

6. If there's a two-step identification option – use it

Two-factor authentication offers you an additional layer of security when logging in to an online service. While few devices will offer this capability, the website you use to view its data might.

7. Be camera aware – you never know who's watching

Some toys and devices are fitted with web cameras. The ability to view footage remotely is both their biggest selling point and, if not set up correctly, potentially their biggest weakness, as the baby monitor hacking issue of a few years ago demonstrated. If you have no intention of viewing footage over the internet, then turn the remote viewing option off in the device's settings, or else use strong, non-default passwords.

8. Location, location, location

One of the main selling points of children's smart watches is the ability for parents to know where their children are at all times. However, if this isn't done securely, then others might have access to this data as well. Immediately get rid of default location tracking and GPS settings and set strong, unique passwords.

9. Bluetooth ache

It is not just potentially insecure web connections that can put children's online safety at risk. Some toys and devices have been found to have unencrypted WiFi connections or unsecured Bluetooth connections which can be easily accessed by strangers. If there is no option to secure these in the device's settings, consider whether using the device is worth the risk. If there is an option to protect them with either a password or a PIN ensure you choose a strong one.

10. Children have information rights too

Have age-appropriate conversations with children about their online safety, and model the correct way to do this. Children's information and privacy rights are a key area of concern and new legislation coming next year will also strengthen children's legal rights.

11. If in doubt, don't splash out

If you aren't convinced a smart toy or connected device will keep your children's personal information safe, then don't buy it. If consumers reject products that don't protect them, then developers and retailers should soon get the message. If you've purchased a device that you've since discovered is insecure, complain to the manufacturer or retailer and see if you can return it.

12. Have a secure Christmas

By taking some time and care beforehand and following our advice, you can still see a child's face light up when they open their new, web-connected Christmas present, safe in the knowledge that you are keeping them secure as well as happy.

6. THE FRIENDS OF JOHN HAMPDEN

Christmas Cards

We hope all have now received their cards, stationery and extra bits safely – please let me know of any issues by Monday 10th December on [Christina edley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Christina_edley@yahoo.co.uk) Many thanks.



Christmas Fayre

We hope you enjoyed the fayre as much as we did. Thank you to everyone who donated, bought, played, visited, ate, drank, helped, wrapped, organised, hoovered, guessed, negotiated, made and had fun – we couldn't do it without you.

A special thanks to Chrissie and her team - Emma C, Emma D, Lucy, Danielle, Sophie and Lisa as well as the grotto team Rachael, Michelle, Anne-Marie and Sarah and a huge thanks to Sarah S who organised the raffle (which raised over £1100). The total profit has been confirmed in the region of £3980 – which we will put towards the development of the outdoor learning and play space!

Children's Christmas Parties – Tuesday 18th December

This is a lovely event for the children which is held during school time – it's not a fundraiser.



Dates for your Diary



We hope you found your slip (given out in bookbags last week) outlining all the PTA event dates to come this school year – pin it on the fridge – see the next few below! Please take note our first **PTA meeting in 2019 is Tuesday 8th January** – back room of the Shoulder of Mutton – all welcome!!

Watch out for **mailings** regarding the **Children's New Year Disco** – coming soon - payment via Parentpay!

Easyfundraising

Thank you – for all your support with Easyfundraising this Christmas – we really do appreciate you using that extra 'click' with all your online shopping! If you haven't signed up to it yet please check out <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> before you start your Christmas shopping – if you activate the donation reminder 'cookie' it will remind you with each website you visit – it's simple and **costs you nothing.**



<u>Save the Dates</u>	
Bag to School	TBC in January
Next PTA Meeting	Tuesday 8 th January
Children's New Year Disco	Friday 18 th January
Bingo and Curry night	Friday 8 th February
Ice Cream day	Friday 15 th February
So from the PTA @ JHS - we wish you all a very merry and relaxing Christmas and we look forward to your ongoing support in 2019!	

7. MISCELLANEOUS

JOB VACANCY AT THE JOHN HAMPDEN SCHOOL WENDOVER

MID DAY MEALS SUPERVISOR

We have two vacancies for a mid day meals supervisor. This is a permanent position, ideally for five days per week but we will consider a job-share for the right candidates.

There are two vacancies—the first is from 11.30 am to 1.00 pm and the second is from 12.00 pm to 1.30 pm

If you are interested please contact the school office on 01296 622629 or email us at office@jhampden.bucks.sch.uk

Closing date: 10th December 2018

CARDBOARD TUBES

Our Foundation Stage classes would be very grateful for any donations of kitchen towel roll tubes and/or wrapping paper tubes so they can make some Christmas crackers.

TIGHTS AND TROUSERS

We would be very grateful for any donations of boys trousers and/or girls tights from age 6 upwards please.

Music and Piano Teacher

Experienced school music teacher and piano teacher living in Wendover has a few vacancies for children of all ages and levels from complete beginner to post Grade 8.

The emphasis is on making learning fun in a relaxed atmosphere.

If you are interested, please phone or text me, Denise Erlandsen

on 07767 372049

or email me at derlandsen@yahoo.co.uk.





Wendover Tennis Club, Everyball Tennis

John Hampden School Outreach Program Spring Term 2019

Wendover Tennis Club and Everyball Tennis are delighted to be working in partnership with John Hampden School to provide an exciting lunchtime tennis club for the Spring Term held on Tuesdays for Reception and Thursdays for Years 1 and 2.

TERM BEGINNING W/B 08/01 EXCLUDING HALF TERM (W/B 18/02)

CODE	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PLACES	DAY	TIME	DATES	Weeks in Term	COST
JHS2	Reception	18	Tuesday	12.15pm- 12.45pm	08/01-02/04 (excl 19/02)	12 weeks	£45.00
JHS3	Year 2	18	Thursday	12.15pm - 12.45pm	10/01-04/04 (excl 21/02)	12 weeks	£45.00
JHS4	Year 1	18	Thursday	12.45pm - 1.15pm	10/01-04/04 (excl 21/02)	12 weeks	£45.00

Application form and payment options

1. PAYPAL – complete your application form online and pay via PAYPAL at
<http://everyball.uk/club-venues/aspire-reach-wendover>

2. Cheque – Send the form to us and make cheques payable to Everyball Tennis, c/o Halton Tennis Centre, Chestnut End, Halton Village, Bucks; HP22 5PD.

To guarantee your place on the course and to enable us to plan appropriately, payment is required two weeks before commencement

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COURSE CODE(S)		
TOTAL DUE :		
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PRIMARY PHONE		
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PRIVACY: YOUR DETAILS WILL BE STORED AND USED FOR ADMINISTRATION, AND EVERYBALL TENNIS COMMUNICATION. IT WILL NOT BE SHARED OR SOLD TO ANY OTHER ORGANISATION OR ENTITY.

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T: 01296 623453 E: info@everyball.net
www.haltontennis.co.uk



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How to enter!

1. Pop into the Clock Tower & ask for a form which you can complete & either hand it back to us or drop it into the post box when you are ready.
2. If the Clock Tower is closed or you prefer to go the no paper route, you can scan the QR code below & fill in the form online.

How to scan a QR code:



Hover your smart phone camera over the QR code. Move it around slowly until the camera focuses on the QR code. Once the camera has recognized & scanned the QR code, our web page will pop up on your phone. It might come through as a notification, which you will need to click on to open the webpage.

GOOD LUCK!



Tel: 01296 623 056
www.wendover-pc.gov.uk



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How many Santa's can you find?!

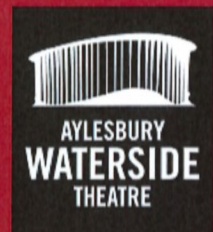
Find and count how many Santa's are in the window display at the Clock Tower!

Submit your answer at the Clock Tower, on our website or scan the QR code with your smart phone camera in the window display.

Correct entries will be pulled from a hat on 2nd January 2019.



**WIN a family ticket to
The Cat in the Hat
on 31st January 2019,
17:30 @ Aylesbury
Waterside Theatre.**



Hi! I am a QR code. Scan me with your smart phone camera to be redirected to the online **How Many Santa's** competition page.



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How many Santa's did you find?!

Name: _____

Email: _____

Tel: _____

Answer: _____

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