



The John Hampden School Wendover



NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

21st July—Y2 Leavers Assembly—to be held on the M.U.G.A - one adult per child to attend and outside route to be taken to the performance area.

Red Kites—9.15am-9.30am

Hérons—9.45am- 10.00am

Firecrests—10.15am-10.30am

21st July—School closes for the summer @ 1.30pm

21st July—NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

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.

It has been another year which has been full of challenges for all of us and further lockdowns obviously meant that for a second year, the in-school education for our pupils has been impacted.

However, as I reflect on the year and the progress that has been made by every single pupil in the school despite the challenging circumstances, I believe we should 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 both at school and in the evidence that you provided during the period of lockdown following the Christmas holiday. 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 in our pupils.

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 21st 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 look forward to seeing our new Early Years, Foundation Stage classes between 9.30am and 11.30am on 2nd & 3rd September. Year One and Year Two children need to be back in school between 8.45am and 8.55am from **Thursday 2nd September**. My experience tells me it would be foolish to try and predict how things will be in September but, if all goes to plan, (the current plan at least!) bubbles will be a thing of the past and staggered start and finish times will also be scrapped. I will send you all a letter on 1st September informing you of the definite arrangements for the start of the Autumn Term but, rest assured, 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.

School finishing time will be 3.15pm and parents should collect their children from the same door that they use in the morning. Children will not be allowed to leave the teacher until they can be matched with the person who is collecting them.

Have a wonderful, healthy, safe and happy holiday with your children.

2. GOVERNOR SECTION

Dear Parents

As we draw to an end of what has been *another* challenging year, the Governors would like to express their gratitude for all the hard work that school leaders, teachers and all our wonderful support staff have given to the school. Hopefully you will agree that their continued efforts have maintained the schools ethos of 'Loving to Learn'.

We'd like to join Mrs Barnes in offering our thanks to those members of staff who are leaving the school and will be sorely missed (Miss Webb, Mrs Grimsdell and Miss Maddison) and wish Mrs Shrimpton well in her new role (and are delighted not to be losing her altogether).

Farewell also to two of our fellow governors, Angie Daly and Suzanne Pim, whose terms have come to an end and are moving on (figuratively and geographically) to pastures new. Thank you for all your hard work, it has been a pleasure to work with you, and we wish you well for the future. This also means we have two vacancies. So, if anyone would like to know more about how they could become more involved with their child's education and make a positive impact on the school, please contact myself or Mrs Barnes.

We are sorry that so many of the school's core events have been cancelled or curtailed this year and appreciate the pupils patience and resilience in steadfastly dealing with all the added complications this year has thrown at them. If you get a quiet 5 minutes over the summer, take a moment to reflect how amazingly well your child or children have coped throughout the last 18 months.

For many, the end of the school year brings mixed emotions: excitement at the prospect of the school holidays, sadness about saying goodbye to school friends, and perhaps trepidation about the new school year. We can reassure you that a lot of consideration and hard work has gone into ensuring that, within the restrictions still in place, our pupils have had the best opportunity to see their new classrooms and teachers, which should promote a successful transition in September.

Finally, all the governors hope you have a wonderful summer break. We look forward to seeing those of you who are returning to the school in September, and good luck and a cheery wave to those who are moving onwards and upwards on their learning journey.

Happy Holidays



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

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. All children 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.

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.

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.

4. 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.

William in Crickets is looking forward to making new friends and Jessica in Crickets is looking forward to going to Ladybirds class in September and the puppet show.

Elliot in Honeybees said he is really looking forward to being able to play on the big playground when he goes into Year 1 and Isla said she liked that they will still be able to do lots of playing and learning like they do in Foundation Stage.

Ivy-Lyla in Caterpillars said she liked going to her new class and playing with the toys with her friends and Riley said he liked playing outside with the giant feet.

Sophie in Ladybirds liked meeting her new teacher, Mrs Shyvers. She's very pretty and Miaa really liked the big classroom and the activities in it.

Reggie in Hedgehogs said it was awesome because it's a bigger classroom and it has a goldfish called Bob! He was happy to be a Red Kite because he likes red kite birds. Mrs Spencer was very nice and made him feel welcome. He's not at all worried. Sylvie in Hedgehogs liked seeing the new classroom and the new things. She really liked the goldfish. She doesn't feel worried because her friends are with her. She's looking forward to playing and learning in Year 2. She thinks it will be fun.

Dulcie in Badgers said it was fun going to Herons class because she liked all the activities. There was lots of creative things to do and Finlay is looking forward to staying for the whole day in September because then he can have lunch there.

Roya in Squirrels felt kind of nervous to start with but she then saw that she still has all her friends around her. She also has really nice teachers and she loves her new Firecrests classroom. Noah felt so nervous to start with but when he heard that there were lots of amazing science to learn he then felt excited so is really looking forward to Year 2.

Ella in Firecrests said she liked the circle time on the carpet and getting to know each other and Jack liked looking around the school and looking at the power point.

Sam in Herons liked meeting his new teacher as she was really kind and enjoyed drawing a picture of what came next in the story and Minnie in Herons liked the way Mrs West asked them lots of questions about them, she was interested in getting to know them better. Ellie in Herons was excited to meet and name the class dragon in September!

Rajan in Red Kites said it was exciting to meet his new teacher and to spend a whole morning with her and Eloise said that seeing ambassadors from Wendover Junior School that afternoon will help them to find out more about the school and they got to ask lots of questions.

5. FRIENDS OF JOHN HAMPDEN



Dear Parents

The Friends of John Hampden School would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has raised money or supported the school this year, despite us not being able to organise our usual activities. We sincerely hope normal service can resume next term and we will be able to hold our new parents and Year 1 drinks event, Christmas fayre and other family friendly fundraising activities.

Despite the obvious challenges, this year we have still managed to raise a whopping **£8,074.38** through parent donations, Easyfundraising, Vale lottery, Halloween trail, photo calendar competition, Christmas cards, non-uniform days, second hand uniform sales and Fruity Fridays. Plus, we created an Amazon Wish List to provide each class with resources for their classrooms, put on a free magic show courtesy of Simon Says Magic, and enjoyed a wonderful Easter trail co-ordinated by Sarah Short. As a result, we have been able to support the school with payments totalling over £11,000 towards playground improvements, new class laminators, books and Christmas party crackers.

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

thank you!

Sophie Hughes
FJH Chair

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!)

Our next meeting is on Friday 10th September @ 8pm at the Bel and The Dragon, come along for a glass of something and a chat about what's going on.

*We are looking for parents to take on the **Chairperson and Secretary** roles next term. If you would like to find out more about these roles please email Sophie on FJHVolunteers@gmail.com*

School Sponsor

Did you know FJH has an official sponsor?

Christopher Pallet Residential Sales and Letting Agents kindly donate £1000 each year to the Friends, as well as supporting us with prizes, advertising and ad hoc donations throughout the year. In addition, for every house belonging to a John Hampden School parent that they sell, they donate a further £100 to us. Last year this equated to £600 in additional income for our charity, so please do get in touch with Ross Final or one of his team if you are considering selling your home on 01296 625000 / wendover@christopherpallet.com.



Fruity Fridays

We are holding one last Fruity Friday on **Friday 16th July from 3pm**. All lollies are made from Innocent Smoothies and cost £1. So far sales of lollies have raised over £400!



Second hand uniform sale

The Friends of John Hampden are holding a second hand uniform sale on Monday 19th July.

The stall will be outside the school before drop off and again before pick up.

CASH ONLY

Thank you

Scarecrow Trail 2021 – 15th to 31st August

JHSW will be exhibiting our own scarecrow this year and we need to decide what to create! The theme is Children's Literature, and the school is one of the beneficiaries again. If you'd like to get involved, please contact Sophie before the end of term and we can create a subcommittee to help make this year's entry. Further details of how you can get involved at home are included later in the newsletter.

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 (raising us £500+ this year). 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

Easyfundraising

We have raised £160 through Easyfundraising cashback this year. 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/>

Scarecrow Trail 2021

Sponsored by:



15th—31st August

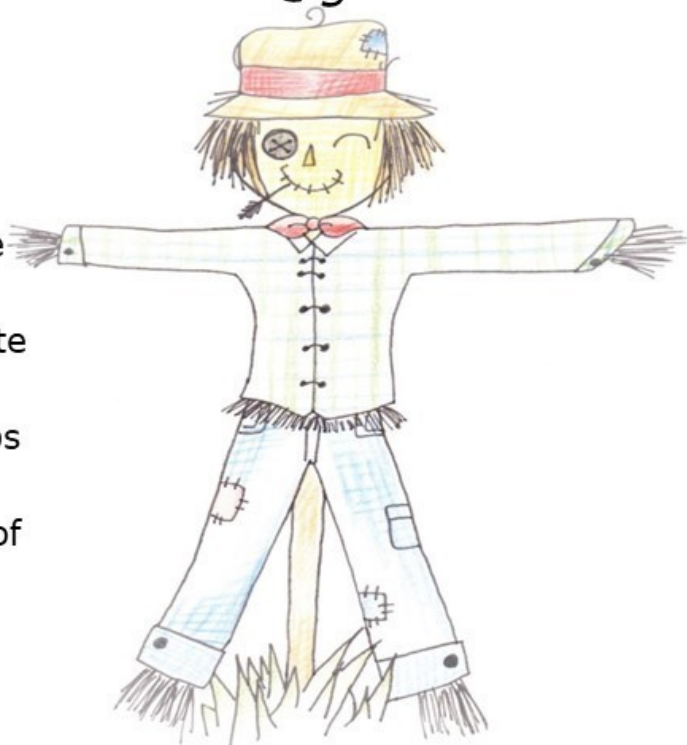
Theme: Children's Literature

If you would like to display a scarecrow,
please contact:

scarecrowtrailwendover@gmail.com

Prizes for:

- Judges favourite
- People's favourite
- Best use of props
- Innovative use of location
- Comedy value



6. MISCELLANEOUS

JOB VACANCY AT THE JOHN HAMPDEN SCHOOL WENDOVER

Mid day Meals Supervisor

We have a vacancy from September 2021 for a mid day meals supervisor for two days a week (Wednesdays and Thursdays) with a possibility of more days on an adhoc basis.

The salary will be within Bucks Pay Range 1A (currently £17,190 per annum pro rata) and the closing date for applications is Friday 2nd July 2021

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



**FREE
Event**

Play around the Parishes

2021

For children aged 1 -11, there's lots to explore,
with arts and crafts, fun activities and more.

So make a note of the dates and hope for some summer sun,
to enjoy a day full of family, friends and fun.

WENDOVER

Ashbrook Open Space, Aylesbury Road, Wendover

Friday 6 August - 10am to 12pm

Friday 20 August - 10am to 12pm

For more information visit
buckinghamshire.gov.uk/parishplaydays
or call 01296 585298



WENDOVER SCARECROW TRAIL 2021

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THE WENDOVER SCARECROW TRAIL IS BACK, THE THEME THIS YEAR IS CHILDREN'S LITERATURE.

THE EVENT WILL RUN FROM 8AM SUNDAY 15TH AUGUST – 8PM MONDAY 30TH AUGUST.

TO ENTER YOU MUST BE ABLE TO DISPLAY A SCARECROW FOR TWO WEEKS IN AUGUST, THE SCARECROW MUST BE ROBUST ENOUGH TO WITHSTAND ALL WEATHER, RAIN, WIND AND HOPEFULLY SUNSHINE. THE SCARECROW MUST BE DISPLAYED ALL THE TIME.

YOU MUST NOT REVEAL THE IDENTITY OF YOUR SCARECROW, YOU CAN HAVE PROPS, CLUES, AND COMEDY POSES THAT WILL HELP THE PARTICIPANTS BUT PLEASE DO NOT CONFIRM THE GUESSES.

YOU WILL BE JUDGED ON THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES –
PEOPLES FAVOURITE
JUDGE'S FAVOURITE
BEST USE OF PROPS
INNOVATIVE USE OF LOCATION
COMEDY VALUE

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ENTER A SCARECROW, PLEASE FILL OUT THE CONTACT DETAILS.



NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE NUMBER:

EMAIL:

SCARECROW IDENTITY:

AN ADMIN FEE OF £5 TO DISPLAY A SCARECROW. CASH OR CHEQUE (MISS A EDMONDS)

YOU CAN EMAIL ME THESE DETAILS – SCARECROWTRAILWENDOVER@GMAIL.COM

CONTACT ME THROUGH FACEBOOK – SUMMER SCARECROW TRAIL
OR YOU CAN POST THIS FORM BACK TO ME –

14 WOOLLERTON CRESCENT, WENDOVER, HP22 6HT

I CANNOT GUARANTEE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE YOUR FIRST CHOICE OF SCARECROW, I DID HAVE DUPLICATE REQUESTS LAST YEAR SO THE SOONER YOU APPLY THE BETTER.