



The John Hampden School Wendover



NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

18.5.24 FJH May Fayre 12–3 pm	24.5.24 School closes for half term at 3.15pm
20.5.24 Assessment week	3.6.24 INSET DAY no pupils in school
	4.6.24 School re-opens

1. MESSAGE FROM MRS BARNES

With just two weeks to go until there is another short holiday it seems as though this half term has flown by. Nevertheless, at John Hampden, we appear to have fitted all that needs doing into the time available. Over the last fortnight I have been delighted to see the school values shining through as I have visited each classroom. Our pupils are collaborating with one another successfully, individuals are persevering with the activities being offered and reflecting on their learning. I have been especially impressed by the independence being demonstrated in all year groups when children are engaged in child-initiated learning. Of course much of this is facilitated by the carefully and thoughtfully planned curriculum and the creation of an enriching learning environment by staff.



On Wednesday 1st May we welcomed Year 2 parents into school to watch our traditional May Day celebration. This tradition has been a regular feature at the school for over 30 years and this year we were especially proud of our current cohort of KS1 pupils who put on such a fantastic show. Thanks to you, they all looked wonderful in their summer clothes and thanks to the teaching staff for their skill in introducing the children to a range of country dances, Maypole dances and Morris dancing. There was also some wonderful singing, under the direction of Mrs. Mannering. We held a good dress rehearsal the day before the performance, which our EYFS watched. However, it left us wondering whether the classes had peaked too soon but, as usual, they didn't let us down and they truly shone throughout the performance. Special thanks to the pupils who took on the roles of lucky sweep, May Queen, May King and their attendants—they performed their roles beautifully. There are some other photographs on the website to help you get a feel of the event but the staff were definitely left with a reminder of the value of these enriching activities which allow our school values of collaboration and perseverance to shine through.

So, the first half of the summer term is going well and we are excited by the prospect of further events planned for the rest of the academic year. We will keep you updated and confirm specific times but, this year, you can expect:

- FJH May Fair—Saturday 18th May between 12 noon and 3pm
- Sports Day on Friday 28th June
- Induction meeting for new EYFS parents on Monday 1st July
- Children to meet new class teachers/visit new schools on Tuesday 2nd July
- Leaving Foundation Stage—assemblies for the three classes 17th, 18th and 19th July
- Leavers' Assembly for Year 2 classes on Tuesday 23rd July

Thank you for your continued support.

2. GOVERNOR SECTION

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as a new Governor at The John Hampden School.

My name is Daisy and I joined the Governing Board in February as a parent Governor; my daughter is currently in Squirrels class.

I was a primary school teacher myself in St Albans, however took the decision at Easter to leave my post after 10 years, to focus on enjoying my family, and planning my own business venture for the future. I hope that in becoming a Governor, I can share my passion for education and experiences from the classroom, to help drive the school (even further!) forward.

There are a lot of areas where teaching and parenting overlap; patience, selflessness, commitment, nurture, not to mention that beautiful creation of a caring and supportive environment where our children feel safe, valued and loved. Now as parents, I am sure you will agree a sense of pride was spread among us after the publication of the school's latest Ofsted inspection. To quote:

'Pupils love to learn...'

'High expectations permeate every aspect of school life...'

'Pupils flourish both academically and socially...'

What more could we ask for? As you are aware, the inspection was an ungraded inspection, but had it been a graded inspection, outstanding may have been awarded. With this in mind, Ofsted will revisit the school within 1-2 years to hopefully acknowledge the outstanding elements of the JHSW. In the meantime, I am excited to be immersed into the JHSW life and learn of all their wonderful achievements, supporting them in moving forward and building on continued success.

I hope to see you during pick ups and drop offs - but to put a face to the name, I will be running the tombola stall at the May Fair alongside some of the other Governors. Please do come along and say hi!

One final note: If you are able to give a little time to sign up for slot at this year's May Fair, please follow this

link https://signup.com/mobileweb/2.0/vspot.html?groupkey=542040556035#group_page

Hope to see you there!

Daisy Berry
(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, Ben Gattlin, Chair@johnhampdenwendover.co.uk if you would like to raise a matter for discussion.

3. IMPORTANT MESSAGES

NURSERY PLACES—SEPTEMBER 2024

In September 2024 we will, once again, open the doors of our Early Years Class (Cricketts) for a whole new class of children. Our 26 place nursery class runs from a purpose built classroom at the front of the school and has its own outside area. Places for the Cricketts Class can be in demand and we only have capacity to take 26 children for the next academic year. Therefore if you have a child born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 and you are interested in the Early Years Class at John Hampden for September 2024, we would urge you to complete an application form as soon as possible.

If we fill all 26 places in September with eligible children (admission criteria apply) we are not planning to admit further children after Christmas or after Easter so you may only have one chance to secure a place.

BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB (OOSC)

The John Hampden School Wendover runs a high quality wrap-around-care provision for pupils at the school, as well as for siblings and Year 3 pupils at Wendover Junior School.

If you are looking for reliable, fun and professionally run childcare for your son or daughter, now or for the next academic year, do contact the OOSC Team:

Out of School Care contact number: 07506195699, out of School Care email oosc@jhampden.bucks.sch.uk

or visit the school website (OOSC tab) where you can find out more.

We currently charge £5.50 for Breakfast Club and £13.00 for After School Club. Breakfast and an after school snack is included in the price.

HELP!

Do you have any spare seedlings or plants for the plant stall at the May fair on Saturday 18th? Please contact the school office or Mrs Spencer if you have any you would be happy to donate—THANK YOU

ANNUAL QUESTIONNAIRES

Each year, at around this time we issue parents/carers with a questionnaire to gain your feedback about the school. A paper questionnaire has been put into your child's book bag today—we would love as much feedback as possible and the closing date for returning them to school is Friday 7th June.

REMINDER—SCHOOL UNIFORM

This is a further reminder that all school uniform must be named. With warmer weather, more children will be 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.

REMINDER—SCOOTERS AND BIKES ON CAMPUS

This is a reminder that children should not be riding their bikes or scooters on the school grounds—they should dismount at the beginning of the campus and walk them to the parking bays.

WATER BOTTLES & SUN CREAM

In anticipation of some lovely warm weather to come, 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.

COATS

Whilst the weather is hopefully warming up (and drying up) please be reminded that children must still bring in a coat every day as outdoor learning continues whatever the weather and as we are not adverse to a sudden rain shower children still take their coats outside during these lessons and at break times and lunchtimes.

THANK YOU

At JHSW, we would all like to say a huge thank you to the Lionel Abel-Smith Trust for awarding us a grant of £10,000 to help with the development of the area outside the Year 2 classes. We have not quite reached the fundraising target for this project so we will continue to apply for grants and we hope that fundraising from FJH events and initiatives will mean building can begin soon.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to Chiltern View nurseries for supplying compost and flowers to our Nursery.

4. CURRICULUM



Eco-matters

Just before the Easter break, the children from Year Two planted wild flower seeds in the meadow in order to improve the diversity of insects that frequent this space. The seeds were kindly donated by the Chiltern Society. Amanda and a group of volunteers from the Society led the planting session after spending some time preparing the ground. We look forward to seeing the meadow in full bloom during the summer!



Last week, Amanda and another group of wonderful volunteers from The Chiltern Society joined me in the school vegetable garden to weed, rake and prepare the soil ready for planting this term.

A huge thank you to all who helped – it looks amazing and the children are really going to enjoy using this space to plant.

Before.....

After!



HELP!

Recently, we received a generous donation of compost from Chiltern View. This is for the different classes to use as part of their Science project on plants but now we need more compost to top up the raised beds in the veggie garden – any donations will be gratefully received.

At the start of this term, Year Two enjoyed taking part in a worm workshop. As part of this, they learnt about the amazing world of earth worms and the benefits they provide to the planet. The children created their own mini-wormeries and investigated the progress of our own school wormery too.



Our school wormery has already produced a good amount of compost to top up the hanging baskets and the 'worm tea' will be used to fertilise the plants and vegetables that we are growing!

Each class will take their turn to feed the worms and take care of the wormery during the coming months.



Last week, Year One classes enjoyed taking part in a workshop about birds where they found out about how the shape of their beaks enable them to eat different types of food. They were curious to investigate food sources and this was followed by the opportunity to investigate useful materials for nest building.



Many thanks to Julie Lloyd Evans for leading all of the sessions and also, for the support from Wendover & Villages Community Board and Wendover (CLAW). – the children really enjoyed taking part and learnt many fascinating facts. See the pupil comments section to find out what they said.

5. PUPIL'S SECTION



Leo enjoyed jumping to do the worm dance to bring the worms to the top because they think it is raining!
Erin learnt that worms are covered in tiny hairs all over their bodies!
Shay reported that before sowing the wild flower seed, they learnt about the names of the different types of wild flowers.



Theo learnt that a wormery needs to have sand and soil and that worms are clever because they dig tunnels for the rain water to go into.
Ellie explained that she planted seeds in the meadow and that they will need some rain and a lot of sunshine to help them grow.
Edith said that she enjoyed scattering the seed and that this was done so that more flowers would grow across the whole meadow and not just in one place.
Rosie said that the bees, butterflies and insects will love to collect the nectar from the centre of the flowers.



Delilah found out that worms don't have a spine but they do have five hearts!
George learnt the fact that worms breathe through their bodies rather than through their noses!
Frankie enjoyed sowing the seeds and said that this is important so that we get more bees which help us to grow the food we eat.



Harry liked looking at all the different types of nests and finding out about the different birds that make them.
Leo said that it was really good because he got the chance to learn about how a heron builds its nest and about how it searches for food.



Heidi thought that their class session was so much fun because they got the chance to build their own nests.
Joshua liked using the different types of beaks (recreated) to try to pick up the bird food.
They found that the sieve was the best tool to use for picking up pond weed.



Freddie commented that the workshop was great because he got the chance to make a bird's nest.
Savannah said that it was super because she learnt about the kinds of birds who have sharp beaks and that they use them to catch worms to eat.

Join us for the John Hampden School

MAY FAIR

Saturday 18 May | 12-3pm

BBQ Dramarama
Jam Jars Ice lollies
Games Crafts
Wendover Beers Premier Sport
Tombolas Chair-o-plane
Refreshments Cakes
Plant Stall Raffle
Face Painting Stall holders
Pimms Book sale

and

May Day performances from the children!

Entry : donation on the door | Join us for lots of fun!



MAY FAIR - DONATIONS INFO

Firstly, we really can't make this lovely fundraiser happen without a huge team of helpers on the day so please if you can sign up for some time on a stall it would make all the difference. Thank you.

FRIDAY 10th MAY | DONATION FOR RAFFLE

A huge thank you for all the lovely donations received today for the May Fair raffle hampers.

FRIDAY 17th MAY DONATION DAY! | MUFTI DAY!

On Friday 17th May, children are welcome to wear their own clothes to school in exchange for all your wonderful donations:

JAM JARS- this is one of our most popular stalls and tends to sell out quickly. A guaranteed win! Children decorate a jam jar and fill it with sweets. Best decorated jam jars win a prize. Theme - Springtime!

WRAPPED SWEETS ONLY & NO NUTS PLEASE Feel free to enter more than one jar! Winners will be announced in assembly on Friday 17th May. Remember to label your jar.

TOY TOMBOLA - new or excellent condition toys, books, games, stationery, craft materials. Anything your child would love to win.

BOTTLE TOMBOLA - the Governors run our ever popular tombola. Please bring in a bottle of something delicious. All bottles gratefully received, from champagne to shampoo.

CAKE STALL - please bring your lovely bakes to the school office on Friday 17th May.

A huge thank you, in advance, for your generosity and enthusiasm in helping to make our fundraiser a success. From the FJH team x

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: QUALITY OF EDUCATION	GOAL B: BEHAVIOUR AND ATTITUDES
<p>Developing the ability to read widely and accurately in order to gain fluency and comprehension is a key part of early education and at JHSW there are numerous opportunities provided throughout the school day for children to practise and develop their reading skills. However, our best readers tend to be those who have a language rich environment at home along with regular opportunities to read there and be read to. Encouraging the 'little and often' approach to reading is one we advocate and we are pleased to see when reading diaries are signed regularly by a parent/carer. Last week we received a generous donation from the Lionel Abel-Smith Trust which will allow us to purchase more non-fiction texts to enhance teaching and learning. We are grateful to the Trustees for thinking of us.</p> 	<p>Our School Values link explicitly with Personal, Social and Health Education (P.S.H.E) teaching at the school. Each half term there is a particular focus on a Value and for the first half of the summer term the focus is on Respect. The related teaching is wide reaching and includes respect for property e.g. the equipment the children are provided with to use on the playground, as well as respect for other people.</p> <p>Assemblies will also feature this core school value prominently. Each KS1 class also has a (P.H.S.E) board in the classroom where the children help to generate a display to exemplify the value.</p> <h1 style="text-align: center;">Respect</h1>
GOAL C: PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT	GOAL D: LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT
<p>Over the past few weeks we have had the environment, and sustainability at the forefront of our minds. Mrs Spencer has worked closely with the Wendover Society to develop our school grounds to facilitate bio-diversity. Year One classes also enjoyed taking part in a workshop about birds.</p> <p>We are starting to reinstate our School Travel Plan which, unfortunately, lapsed during the Covid period. Meeting with a representative from the Local Authority has helped us to identify the first steps.</p> 	 <p>Although we are in the early stages of the new financial year, we are not due to submit our final budget to the Local Authority until 17th May. With well deserved but unfunded pay rises for support staff employed by Buckinghamshire Council, we need to work hard to ensure the in-year outturn by the end of the 2024-2025 financial year is balanced. The additional costs all need to be funded from the school budget so we continue to look at all our self-generated income streams to ensure we are maximising every opportunity to provide high quality education within a limited budget.</p>



UK Health
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Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.



Hampden Financial Services are proud to be offer Parents, Guardians and Staff of John Hampden School the opportunity to review their mortgage and also raise funds for John Hampden School.

For every mortgage completed via Hampden Financial Services, Hampden Financial Services will make a £50 donation to John Hampden School.

So whether you are looking to remortgage or move home please contact us via below and just mention John Hampden School when you make initial contact.

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