



Newsletter No.11 - July 2022

Dear Parents, Carers and Children, [Diary Dates](#)

Wow! It certainly has been a hot start to the week with the extreme heat we have had. Thank you for your support regarding the decisions we have made regarding sports day and the options we gave parents for keeping your child at home for all or part of Tuesday.

The year has flown by and I find myself writing the last newsletter for this school year. It's been a great year in school where everything has returned to being much more like normal school life. The children have been amazing and I am proud of how well they have all done this year.

We have enjoyed two successful transition days this month and all of the children were excited to be in their new classes. Some were a little apprehensive to start with but they soon settled in extremely well. The teaching staff also had a great couple days in their new classes and are looking forward to welcoming the children in September.

As we say farewell to our Year 2 children we send them our very best wishes for their new classes. We know they will enjoy their new school and do incredibly well. Please do pop back to let us know how you're getting on as we would love to hear what you have been doing and will miss seeing you every day!

Staffing

As we come to the end of this year we say a fond farewell to Mr Williams and Mrs Waite, but as they are both moving to Haddenham St Mary's School we are sure that we will still be seeing them from time to time. We wish them every success in their new roles.

We welcome Ms Sharif who will be teaching our Year 2 children from September. The children met Mrs Sharif on both of their transition days and is looking forward to meeting parents next year.

Parent Questionnaire—June

The results of the questionnaire can be found via this [link](#) on the school website.

Jubilation Celebration Evening

Thank you to everyone who came to our celebration evening. The children's performance was perfect and we are very proud of them. They've had a fabulous year. It was such a fabulous evening and lovely to see so many parents there. We hope that you enjoyed it too. Thank you for all of support and lovely feedback about the event.

[Click here for photos](#)

Awards

We are delighted to announce that Teddy Mitchell has received the Jake Parker Award this year and India Bayliss was presented with the Annabel Wassall Award.



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Home Reading

Children are encouraged to read at home on a daily basis. We expect all children to read at home a minimum of **three** times a week. If a child has at least three entries in their reading record each week they will put their name on a cloakroom ticket to be entered into a draw at the end of each term to win a book voucher. This incentive is to encourage all children to read regularly.

The following children were drawn from the raffle and were presented with a book voucher:

Reuben, Cameron (YR)

Seb, Henry (Y1)

Griff, Berta (Y2)

Haddenham Library Jubilee Story Competition

The library held a story starter competition earlier this term to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Children were asked to write a story in class about the Jubilee for the competition. The Librarians judged the stories and awarded prizes to Flora (Y1) and Safia (Y2). Congratulations to these children.

Dangerous Parking

It has been brought to our attention that there have been cars parked around the perimeter of the school which caused a near miss when some children were crossing the road. Cars should not be parked across the yellow zig zag lines, and please ensure that cars are parked away from the school boundary. This is to ensure the safety of all pedestrians accessing the schools. Parking is permitted in the Woodways Playing field car park, the village hall and Banks Parade.

What We Have Been Learning

Year 1 and Year 2 Persuasive Writing

Year 1 and 2 have been doing work around the book Tin Forest. They needed to persuade Dragons Den to buy their solution to clean up the rubbish. The Year 2s were 'the dragons' and Year 1 wrote some brilliant persuasive letters and then bravely presented them to The Dragons. The Dragons voted on whether they were persuaded!

[Click here for photos](#)

Bucks Music.

Naomi Jacobs, Bucks Music Peripatetic Teacher, lead our young musicians in a demonstration of their chosen instrument and what they have learnt to play this year. [Click here for photos](#)

Bucks Music Trust are offering lessons that they can teach children directly from September. These lessons are taught by their instrumental and vocal teachers. Naomi Jacob has been visiting our school this year to teach children orchestral instruments.

Piano, Violin, Viola, and Cello lessons are all now available to book, to start learning at school in September. Or you may choose to sign up for lessons after school at your local Music Centre. Learning a musical instrument is fantastic training to boost your child's educational and social skills, whilst also being fun and rewarding. If any students would like to take lessons with an experienced, qualified, DBS certified Music Centre teacher, then please contact Naomi Jacob at nja@bucksmusic.org

Individual or small group lessons may be available.

For information, please go to <https://www.bucksmusic.org/> or to apply for any of the instrument lessons online go to <https://www.bucksmusic.org/book-lessons-2/>



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Evacuation Drill

Last Wednesday afternoon we did a practice evacuation and I was pleased with how well we exited the building. The time to exit took less time than our last practice and the children lined up nicely in the playground until we were ready to re-enter the school.

Footsteps Training

Year 1 have completed their Footsteps training this week and we would like to say thank you to Mrs Hilary Davies, footsteps trainer and David Moore who kindly came into school to complete the training with the children.

Haddenham Horticultural Society

The Society's Annual Show is on Saturday 3rd September 2022 and Spring Show is on Saturday 29th April 2023. They are encouraging children to enter the Child's Classes for each show which include Arts and Crafts, Plants and Photography. Further information is enclosed.

Wycombe Museum Summer Activities

Flyer attached and link to their website here: <https://wycombemuseum.org.uk/events-by-wycombe-museum>

Summer Food Support—Local Food Banks

Please find attached information about food banks in our local area that families can access during the Summer.

Best wishes,

Lucy McNeil