

Wendover Church of England Junior School

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Collective Worship

We have begun this half term thinking about the courage we might need to make changes and start new things. As we look forward to the start of Lent next week, children have been introduced to the 40 Acts. Instead of given something up this Easter, we are challenging everyone in our community to complete 40 small tasks. Some of these may be easy and some more challenging, but all of them will encourage us to reflect. Children will be completing a task a day in school and families are encouraged to join in – particularly during the Easter holiday. Click here to access the family wall chart that contains all 40 challenges: <https://40acts.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/40-Family-Wallchart-2019.pdf>

Safeguarding – MOMO Challenge

You may already be aware of the MOMO Challenge – a disturbing online character that encourages children to perform a series of dangerous tasks. Whilst it appears that this was a hoax, it serves as a reminder for us all to closely monitor our young people's use of devices and to encourage them to talk about any concerns they have. We have reminded children about online safety in assembly this week.

Campus Barrier

We are delighted to let you know that repair works to the campus barrier have now been completed and it will be back in action from Monday, making the site a much safer place for our children. Thank you to those parents who have continued to follow the school rules by not taking advantage of the barrier being out of action – your support is much appreciated by the whole school community.

World Book Day – Friday 8 March

As usual we will be celebrating World Book Day in liaison with John Hampden School and will be taking part in lots of joint activities on Friday 8 March. Your child is invited to come to school that day dressed as a character from their favourite book. We are also running our photo competition again – email us a picture of your child reading somewhere (or with something) unusual and/or interesting. Finally, just a reminder that the deadline for BBC Radio 2's '500 Words' competition is fast approaching – entries must be submitted by Friday 8 March.

Y6 Spanish Link School Project

As part of Y6's current Spanish unit, we have forged a link with a school in Spain and the children are writing letters to their peers to help with vocabulary practice. The letters will include their first name, the school's address, family, pets and favourite school subjects, as well as a photo of themselves. If you do **NOT** wish your child's letter to include their photo, please let us know by Friday 8 March.

Y3 Whipsnade/Y4 River & Rowing Museum

Thank you to all parents who have volunteered their services to help with these trips. We will be in touch over the next week to confirm whether or not you are needed on this occasion.

Parent/Teacher Consultations

This term's parent/teacher meetings are being held on Tuesday 26 and Thursday 28 March from 4-7pm and appointments can now be booked online at <https://wcejs.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>. Please contact the school office if you encounter any problems. (NB Street dance club and cheerleading club will still run on these dates in two of our spare classrooms.)

After School Clubs

Please remember that children who are signed up to an activity should always attend unless parents contact the school office to inform us otherwise, in which case the register will then be updated accordingly.

School Garden

We would like to say a huge thank you to Danny Nelson, dad to Freddie and Molly, who has been working very hard this week developing the garden outside the school bungalow. Following on from the ambitious plans he produced for us, the works will transform this area and given our children important opportunities to grow produce and learn more about science.

Lost Property

Once again our lost property boxes are bulging with unnamed items – please ensure all your child's belongings are clearly marked with their name so that misplaced items can be returned to their owner.

Odd Socks Day

On 21 March we will be supporting World Down's Syndrome Day and the children are invited to wear odd socks to school and donate £1 to the Down's Syndrome Association.

Governing Body

Have you ever thought about becoming a school governor? We have a vacancy and would love to hear from you. You don't need a background in education and you may well have important skills that the school would benefit from. Please see the attached advert for further details or speak to one of our current governors who will be available at our forthcoming parent consultation evenings.

Letters Sent Home Since the Last Newsletter

Parent/teacher consultations (whole school)

Whipsnade Zoo trip (Y3)

River & Rowing Museum trip (Y4)

Reminders

Y4 residential trip – deposit payment now overdue, please visit ParentPay to book your child's place

Y5 Holdenby House trip – payment/consent due by today via ParentPay

Y6 residential trip – final balances due via ParentPay **by Friday 5 April LATEST**

Diary Dates

6 March	4J/4S multi-skills festival, John Colet
6 March	Echoes 8 choir rehearsal, Wycombe Swan
7 March	4J class assembly, 9am
8 March	World Book Day celebrations
12 March	Y6 to RAF Halton (Trenchard Museum/WW1 trenches)
12 & 13 March	Echoes 8 choir rehearsals, Stoke Mandeville Stadium
14 March	4S class assembly
14 March	Y5 to Holdenby House
14 March	Dance showcase, Grange School, 6.30pm (street dance club)
15 March	PTA race night (adults only), 7pm
w/b 18 March	Last week for teacher-led after school clubs (XC, baseball, football, netball)
18 March	Echoes 8 choir final rehearsal and performance, Royal Albert Hall
21 March	Odd socks day
22 March	National skipping day
23 March	District cross country championships, Waddesdon Manor
w/b 25 March	Last week for external clubs (before and after school)
26 & 28 March	Parent/teacher consultation evening, 4-7pm (inc Scholastic book fair)
27 March	3W to multi skills festival, John Colet
29 March	Y3 to Whipsnade Zoo
1 April	4W/4C to River & Rowing Museum
2 April	4J/4S to River & Rowing Museum
5 April	Easter services at St Mary's Church, 10am (Y3/4) and 11am (Y5/6)
5 April	School closes for Easter holidays, 1.15pm
23 April	INSET day
24 April	School re-opens at 8.40am

PTA NEWS

Race Night - Adult Fundraiser

Unfortunately we've had to cancel this event due to lack of ticket sales. Thank you to those that purchased a ticket – all money will be reimbursed via ParentPay.



Children's Easter Crafts - Thursday 4 April, 3.30–5pm

Due to the success of the Christmas Crafts event, we are planning an Easter Crafts session. Please look out for the flyer in the next couple of weeks. Children will work on 5 different crafts and receive an Easter Egg and snack for an all-inclusive ticket price of £8. Numbers will be limited to 100 (WJS children). Please email the office (admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk) if you are able to support by helping to run a craft table.


Save the Date

Saturday 29 June – Strawberry Fayre

Easyfundraising

When booking your holidays please use Easyfundraising. It costs you nothing but raises the money for the school. Since our last update our cause has raised **£25.00** and gained **1 new supporter**. Our target is £2,000 and 200 supporters (half the families and staff). Sign up for **free** - go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wendoverpta/>



	Your cause has raised... £640.45	No. supporters 78
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Could you be a School Governor?

Why did you choose Wendover C. of E. Junior School for your child? Was it because you had heard it is a loving and caring school where each child is inspired to reach their full potential? The school governors hope so and they would like you to think about joining them as a Parent Governor.

School governors exist to oversee all aspects of school life: they monitor and evaluate the progress the school is making; they question, challenge and support the school's leadership team; they advise and help set the strategic direction of the school; they agree staffing levels and the school budget; they strive to ensure that our children have the best possible education.

Parent Governors play vital role on the governing body as they hold a parental viewpoint of the school. Through the children they have a first-hand experience of the curriculum and how it is perceived from the "consumers" point of view.

Governors do not need any professional background in Education. There is a full Induction process and plenty of training on offer, both face to face and online as well as ongoing support from dedicated support staff at Bucks County Council. Typically, Governors attend two meetings every half term, and then spend time in school talking to staff and pupils where they can. This works out at roughly two hours a week on average. There is no pay, little recognition, and a lot of responsibility, so why bother? The time you invest as a School Governor will help to shape the future of local children and allow them the best chance to reach their potential. It doesn't get more satisfying than that!

For more details, please contact the school office: admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk



9th March at 2:30

Wendover Community

Come and meet local teenage author A. S. Neil—who'll be talking about her first book the thriller—



A. S. NEIL

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Quiz 'n Chips

Fundraiser



£12 each



£12 each

Saturday 27th April

7 o'clock start

Teams of 8. Includes Fish and chip supper.

Tickets available from the library



Bring Your Own Drinks, glasses and cutlery if required.
Hot drinks and condiments will be included



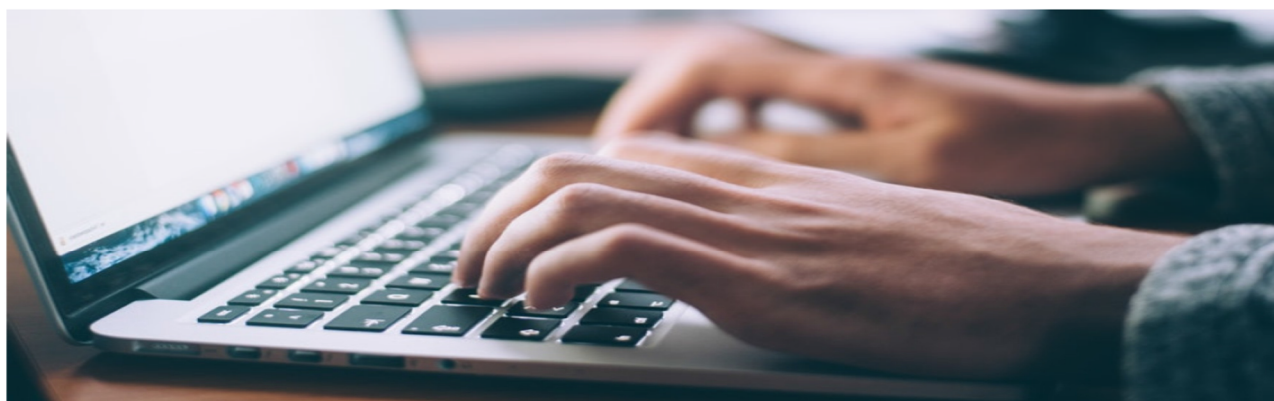
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AUG 2018



Are you an experienced marketing or social media professional looking for a flexible, part-time role in Wendover?

St Mary's Wendover is looking to recruit a part-time (6-8 hours per week) **Marketing & Publicity Officer** to help us to manage and consolidate our external communications with the Wendover community (including our relationship with Wendover News, our communication through local schools and community groups and our social media presence).

£19,500 pa (pro rata) reviewable with experience.

6-8 hours per week with full flexibility.

Initial six-month contract, extendable by mutual agreement.

To find out more and obtain a copy of the job description, please contact the St Mary's office at info@stmaryswendover.org.uk or 01296 623123.

Applications (comprising a covering letter and current CV) to St Mary's office at info@stmaryswendover.org.uk by March 15th 2019.

Current Year 6 Families

Your child should have brought home a leaflet regarding a Y6 party that is being organised for the children by the parents. If you have not received any information, or have any queries, please contact

wendoverclassof2019@gmail.com

Andrea McEvoy, Sue Duff, Rae Merchant, Annie Rainbow

Sphere **SCIENCE** Show

A fun and dynamic show, use the evidence of your eyes
to work out how it all happens

Saturday 9 March



At the Temperance Hall,
Tring HP23 4EE

45 minute shows
throughout the day

Show for all ages
particularly primary
children

Children must be
accompanied by
an adult

Tickets £5 for adults,
£5 for children, under 3s free

Book tickets at Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sphere-science-show-tickets-5428857434>

Contact spheresarah@gmail.com

