

# HCJS Newsletter

*Aiming High, Celebrating Success*

No 13: Monday 20th March 2017



## Oh I do like to be beside the seaside!

Those of you with children at Haddenham St Mary's school will have received my colleague Mrs Collett's newsletter on Friday, and read that we Haddenham headteachers (myself and Mrs Mitchener & Mrs McNeil from HCIS) along with others from across the county were in Brighton at the Buckinghamshire headteacher's conference. My apologies for our delayed newsletter, unlike Mrs Collett I have waited until my return to write it as I was having too much fun enjoying the conference!

To be serious though, one of the main themes from the speakers at the conference and at meetings county wide in recent months has been the developing crisis in school funding. Not to put too fine a point on it - things in school are getting tougher and tougher financially and we are being required to do more and more with less. On Friday of this week you will receive a letter from me outlining in more detail some of the issues. All other Bucks headteachers are writing to their parent body at the same time in a co-ordinated effort to raise awareness of our concerns as school leaders over funding levels.

With this in mind, it is becoming even more important for us to think about how we can raise income in creative ways; this can be through the PTA or directly by us ourselves. You will see at the bottom of the next page a link to our *giving machine* page, there is also a link on our website. Please register and shop online via that page as often as you can. It can result in a sizable contribution to school funds!

Today, I also want to take the opportunity to announce a couple of sponsorship opportunities too. Our (very successful) girls football team have asked me for a new kit. I'm looking for a local business to help make that happen - for a donation of £500 we will be able to purchase that kit and have that company's logo put on the front for the world to see (well Buckinghamshire anyway). If you work for, (or own) a business that would be interested in helping please get in touch via the school office. To be honest a lot of our sports kit needs updating so we would be happy to take as much interest as is out there.

I'm also considering sponsorship/advertising space in this newsletter too - I'm particularly looking for a 'headline' sponsor. If that is something that you or your business might be interested in, please get in touch for details. If you're Haddenham based, all the better as this is a fairly *niche* newsletter with a very local audience!

## West Quad Garden project

We are making excellent progress in building our bottle greenhouse in the new West Quad garden. Click on the link below for up to date pictures and news on the project. As you can see we still need plenty of bottles so keep them coming please!

[https://haddenhamjunior.eschools.co.uk/website/march\\_2017/269134](https://haddenhamjunior.eschools.co.uk/website/march_2017/269134)



## The Lion King

There is a real frenzy of Lion King activity in school at the moment. Final rehearsals are taking place, costumes are being finalised, props and backdrops are being put together. The children and staff have worked so hard over the past few months and we are really looking forward to the big performances.

Please remember to order your tickets. Sadly, we cannot let anyone into the performances without one.

We would ask that young children are not brought to the evening performances. Our performers have worked so hard to learn their lines and have such quiet little voices so we hope you respect our reasons for this request. Sorry; no exceptions!

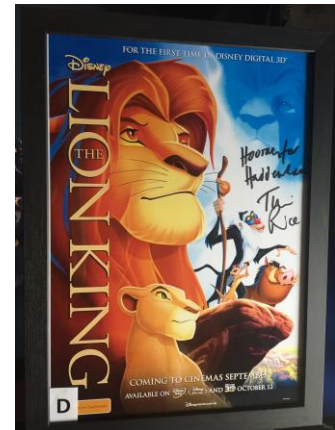
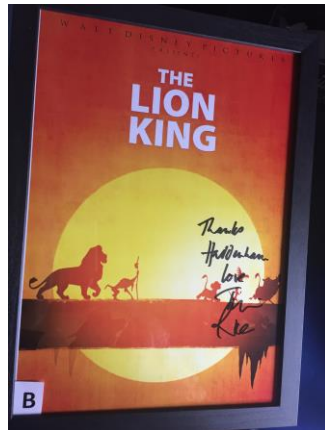
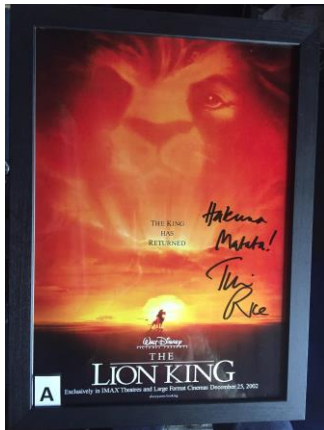
## The Lion King Auction

Please remember to put in your silent bid for one of the 4 beautiful framed prints signed by Tim Rice. Starting price is £25 per print. The people with the highest bids will get to keep these beautiful mementos.

All you need to do is pick your favourite print and send your silent bid to the School Office with your name, telephone number, the letter of the print you are bidding for and the amount you are prepared to pay.

All money raised will be put into drama funds towards our next fabulous production.

The prints will be on display during the productions and there will be envelopes available for you to make sealed bids on the night. The envelopes will then be opened at 10am on Friday 31st March and the lucky winners announced.



## Travel Plan Survey

To date we have had a poor response with our request to parents to complete the Travel Plan Survey. Please do fill it in, it only takes a couple of minutes and we really do appreciate the feedback. The link is <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/27KTZWP>

And finally, please remember to help us to raise money by joining [The Giving Machine](#). It makes such a difference!

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## Learners of the week



10<sup>th</sup> March 2017



17<sup>th</sup> March 2017



Chiltern - Winners of Spring Sports 2017

## Upcoming events

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March &  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**  
Parent Consultation Meetings

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March**  
Year 5 Bedford Faith Tour

### **The Lion King**

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> March @1.30pm Dress Rehearsal  
(School audience only)  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 1.30pm  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 7pm  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 7pm

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 1.30pm**  
End of term

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April**  
Summer term begins

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April**  
PTA Quiz night

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April**  
Stanley Baker Studios  
Class Photographs

**Week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> May**  
Year 6 SATS week

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**  
INSET day

**Week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> May**  
Half term break

**Week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> June**  
Year 6 to Wales - week 1

**Week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> June**  
Year 6 to Wales - week 2

**Week commencing 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017**  
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