

HCJS Newsletter

Aiming High, Celebrating Success



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School Travel Plan

From as long ago as 2003, HCJS has been actively involved in promoting sustainable and safe travel to school. This work has been organised and led by the School Travel Plan 'team' although in recent years that 'team' has in reality just been the fantastic Angela Matthews. Angela is one of our school governors and has single-handedly kept the travel plan work alive at our school, although I know that in recent years she has successfully worked in partnership with Emma Lister at HCIS and Rebecca Richardson at HSM. Angela has been threatening to stand down for a little while now, but as her time as a school governor comes to an end, she feels now is the time to pass on the baton.

The aims of our School Travel Plan (STP) are to:

1. Significantly reduce the number of cars used on journeys to and from school.
2. Remove the barriers, both perceived and actual, to walking, cycling and using public transport for school journeys
3. Increase the number of young people and adults choosing 'active travel' options over that of the car
4. Increase understanding in our school community of the travel options that are available
5. Provide information for all involved with HCJS to understand the benefits of active, sustainable transport
6. To provide fun activities for the children to encourage sustainable travel to school.

I have been in discussions with the Parent Council, and I am hoping that some of its members may be able to take a role with the STP, but we really do need someone to take a leadership role. If you have a keen interest in walking or cycling, or simply have a few hours a month that you feel you could give to help us, please get in touch and we can have a no obligation chat.



Year 3 Fossil Day

In October, Year 3 had a fantastic fossil day! Here is a recount of it, written by Mia 3C

"This morning we were visited by a palaeontologist called Jules Howard. We saw a fossil of animal poo and lots of other fossils like star fish footprints, ammonites, a whales ear bone, a crocodile spine and shark teeth. We saw the oldest fossil in the world which is a slime fossil.

Next we looked at bones. We saw a bear skull and the skeleton of a bat, rat and rabbit.

After that we saw lots of fossilised sea creatures because millions and millions of years ago where we live was a tropical ocean.

Finally, we looked at tree sap which is also known as amber. Each table had a pot of little bits of sap. We looked at sap under a microscope and saw spiders, wasps, ants, daddy long legs and flies stuck in the sap. It was amazing!"

Fossil day set year 3 up perfectly for our Stone Age Day - the reading den has already been converted into a cave, complete with cave 'Art'. A report and photos of that 'Wow Day' next time.



News, notices & reminders

Hot meals

We just wanted to remind you of the procedure for ordering hot meals. Hot meals can be ordered each half term and are provided by an outside caterer. The menus and order details are sent out with a strict deadline for payment. If you do not meet the deadline, I am afraid that your child will not be able to have a hot meal that half term. Please note that meals have to be ordered each half term; We will not assume that your child will be having them if they have previously been ordered. We would also ask that you inform us of any food allergies each time you order.

The kitchen will only send enough food for the children who have ordered a meal. We cannot provide a hot lunch for children who have forgotten their lunchboxes, so please ensure that your child always has their packed lunch in school. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Get into Teaching Event

The above event takes place on 10th November, from 11-3 at the Holiday Inn in High Wycombe. Organised by Bucks CC, there are 10 exhibitors including all the main local SCITTS . (School Centred Initial Teacher Training) The event is aimed at individuals who are looking to explore a career as a teacher. If this interests you - why not go along and take a look!

Buckinghamshire Family Information Service

You may remember that we recently shared a leaflet from this useful local service with you:

The Bucks Family information Service offers free, impartial information to families with children aged 0 to 19 years (or up to 25 years with a special educational need or disability), young people and professionals.

For example you can...

- Search an Ofsted-registered online directory for childminders, nurseries, holiday, breakfast and after-school clubs. Find your nearest Children's Centre and search for sessions and activities.
- View accessible SEND information including education, school policies, health, social care, activities, preparing for adulthood and support services. This information is co-produced with parents, carers, young people and professionals.
- Discover things to do in Bucks, from family days out, sports, clubs and groups to school holiday activities. Search by age group, activity type, SEND inclusivity, location, town and free/low cost

The BFIS is accessible by website, social media, email, phone and in person via outreach.

Website: www.bucksfamilyinfo.org Email: familyinfo@buckscc.gov.uk Telephone: 01296 383065 (9am to 5pm Mon to Fri)

Social Media: Follow them on [Facebook](#) (BFIS), [Facebook \(Local Offer for SEND\)](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#)

Your School Lottery—Raise money for the PTA

Our PTA are starting a new fundraising initiative "My School Lottery". Some of you with children at the Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School may already be aware of this lottery. For those of you who aren't, let me explain how it works.

For every ticket sold (costing £1 each) 40p comes direct to our school. Each week there is a draw, which is where this lottery becomes quite unique. They guarantee that a member from our school will win each week! It's a win—win in my eyes. Let's say that 200 parents bought one ticket each week; that's a huge £80 a week coming into OUR school for OUR children. Work that out for the year and we'd have an income of over £4,000! Sounds too good an idea to miss.

Our launch day is Saturday 24th November and to qualify we have to have at least 50 tickets in our pot. Please, please, please follow the link below and see if we can make a huge difference for our children.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/haddenham-community-junior-school>

Many thanks

Julie Coombs, PTA Chair

Learners of the week



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Key Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 7th November	Year 6 Showcase 'Dig for Victory'
Friday 9th November	Dress up as an Edwardian for the day to celebrate 100 years since the end of WW1
Friday 16th November	Children in Need. Mufti Day. Wear something bright for £1. We will also be selling Children in Need Merchandise at Break / Lunchtime
Tuesday 20th November	Parent Consultation Meetings 3.30—8pm
Wednesday 21st November	Year 5 / 6 Young Shakespeare Company visit Parent Consultation Meetings 3.30—8pm
Wednesday 5th December	Year 5 Shakespeare Showcase
Friday 7th December	PTA Jolly Jumper Day PTA Festive Fayre 6—8pm
Tuesday 11th 1.45—2.45pm & Wednesday 12th December 6.30—7.30 pm	Year 3 Music & Mince Pies Concert
Wednesday 19th December	Pantomime trip & last day of term