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Newsletter - 16th July 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

This is the final newsletter for this year and I can't quite believe how quickly the time has gone, especially this term. It has been another eventful year with us all coping with managing the challenges the pandemic has thrown at us. The children have done amazingly well to work with all of the changes they have faced with being in school and then having to learn from home. I and all of the members of staff are super proud of all of the children who have once again been young superheroes.

The restrictions have meant we have not been on any trips or invited parents into school for events. Wherever possible we have held live events via Zoom and invited educational visitors in to enrich our curriculum.

Thank you for all of the support you have given your children and the school. Following the change in restrictions announced last week we are pleased we will be returning in September to operate as a whole school community. We are looking forward to welcoming you back into school.

Finally, I would like to say a fond farewell to all of the children who are leaving us this term, especially our Y2 children. We are sure that they will enjoy their new schools and their new challenges. We know that they will all do incredibly well next year and in the future. 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 your smiling faces every day!

Staffing Update

As you will know we are also saying a fond farewell to Mrs Mander this year. She will be greatly missed here at Haddenham Community Infant School and we wish her the very best for her future, continuing to teach at her other school in Aylesbury.

Term Dates

Please see our website for next year's [term dates](#). Buckinghamshire Council have advised schools there will be an additional bank holiday to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee next year. We will confirm to parents the date of this additional day next term.

Sports Day— Mini Olympics

We are sorry that the guidelines did not allow us to hold our usual Sports Day for the whole school once again this year. However, it did not stop us holding bubbled Sports Days that were similar to a mini Olympics Day. Mr Clarke and the teaching staff ran the events for each class. All of the children enjoyed participating in each sporting activity and we are very proud with the energy that they all put into their races.

As we could not invite parents to spectate this year we would like to share our [photos](#) with you.

Jake Parker Award 2021 / Annabel Wassall Award 2021

Each year we present these awards to two children in Year 2. These awards were set up in memory children who came to our school.

This year the **Jake Parker Award** was presented to Jacob Allen. Jacob excels at sport but is an all round good sport person in supporting his fellow class mates. Jacob is always enthusiastic and keen to get involved in any sport.

News of the Annabel Wassall Award 2021 will be shared with you following the Leavers' Assembly when it will be presented.



News, Views and Celebrations

Science Dome

The children had a great time in the Science Dome this week. The topic for Reception was Pirates to match their fantastic dress up day and for Y1/Y2 was Under the sea. Here are some [photos](#) from our website.

WILD WORLD HEROES Summer Reading Challenge 2021

It is to be called Wild World Heroes and will be a celebration of reading, nature and action for the environment. Developed in partnership with WWF, the world's leading independent conservation organisation, Wild World Heroes will inspire children to stand up for the future of our planet.

Our Challenge is set in the fictional place Wilder Ville, where six young residents have started to notice environmental problems in their area. At first it feels like they can do nothing to help, but when they work together, they discover that united they have the power to make Wilderville a place for people and nature to thrive.

Wild World Heroes is brought to life with bespoke artwork from top children's illustrator, Heath McKenzie

The challenge runs from Saturday 10 July - Saturday 4th September in all Buckinghamshire libraries.

Children are being asked to read 6 books to help the Wilderville children make a difference to the environment. As they read library books, they will collect stickers for their folder. After reading 6 books they earn their certificate and medal.

Children can read any library book of their choice; fiction, non-fiction, picture books or books they share with parents and carers - they all count. The under threes are not forgotten with a special version of Wild World Heroes just for them.

The Summer Reading Challenge is delivered by libraries and produced by The Reading Agency. It is open to all children, free of charge.

Keep up to date with this year's Summer Reading Challenge by following us on Facebook and Twitter.

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Best wishes for a happy and well earned Summer break.

Lucy McNeil