



The John Hampden School Wendover



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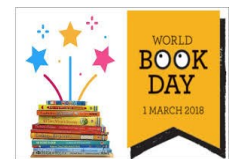
NEWSLETTER

1. MESSAGE FROM MRS BARNES

This newsletter comes to you a day late due to the snow closure on Friday. Adverse weather conditions causing school closure are thankfully quite rare and decisions about whether to close or not are made collectively between the leadership teams of the schools on the campus. These decisions are based on monitoring of future weather forecasts, assessments of safety around the campus and consideration for staff and families having to make long journeys to work and school.

The school closure prevented a number of events taking place but it does not mean these things have been cancelled. They will now take place on **Friday 9th March**.

Animals from stories continues to be the theme for costumes for World Book Day and I will save the detail and the photos from the celebration next Friday for the next newsletter on 16th March.



Despite the bad weather we managed to fulfil most of the Learning Review Meeting appointments. Any that were missed will be rearranged for you. For those who were able to come I hope you found the meetings that have taken place useful and informative. At the end of the meeting you were asked to complete a questionnaire to gauge your opinions of the information you were given and the organisation of the event. If you did not complete and return your questionnaire at the time, please bring it into school as soon as possible in order for your thoughts to be included. I will collate the data we have received and feedback to you if we need to make any changes for the future. We will also rearrange the work sharing event for this Friday—I know the children love to show you what they have been doing at school. They have thoroughly enjoyed reading the lovely comments you left for them following your meetings with the class teachers. The feedback has been inspiring and motivating for many.

In two weeks time we will, once again, be asking the children to come to school in their own clothes to participate in Sport Relief fundraising.

SPORT RELIEF

On Friday 16th March, in return for a £1 donation, we are inviting the children to come into school wearing clothes linked to their favourite sport e.g. football/rugby kit. Please note that their costume must be suitable and warm enough for them to wear outside at playtime. The morning will start with a whole school keep fit session led by Mrs Nelson.

Thank you for your continued support.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

9th March World Book Day
Work Sharing @ 2.45pm

12th & 14th March—SEN reviews

15th March—Drumming workshop FS & KS1

16th March—Sport Relief Day, and FJH cake sale day

22nd March—Phonics meeting for Year 1 parents at 2.30 pm

26th March—Enterprise week

29th March—School closes at 1.30 pm for Easter holidays

16th April—School re-opens

2. GOVERNOR SECTION

Hello! We are Angie and Robyn, the new Parent Governors. We joined the Governing Body in September 2017. Between us, we have children in Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2.

We both made the decision to join the Governing Body in order to be more involved in the school community and to try to have a positive influence in the running of the school. In the months that we have been Governors, we have been involved in lots of different activities and have learned a lot about how governing a school works.

We were able to have an induction and tour of the school with Mrs Barnes in the Autumn Term, and for the first time were really able to witness how school is on a day to day basis for the children and staff. We have attended twice termly Full Governing Body Meetings, and have been to each of the three Committee meetings. These committees focus on specific areas, which are; Finance & Buildings, Personnel & Pay Review, and Teaching & Learning. This gives you an idea of the main areas which the Governors are involved in overseeing. Governors are also required to undertake training to ensure that they have the relevant skills and understanding to do this effectively, and we have both completed a number of courses since September. The most eye opening thing has been how much work the Governing Body actually does.

We have both been allocated our own subject leads; Angie is Music and Robyn is Safeguarding, Learning Outside the Classroom, Eco Schools, and School Travel. We have met with the relevant lead teachers for these areas to get an understanding of how they are delivered, and have done class visits. Robyn also attended the WOW Launch in her capacity as the lead governor for school travel – how exciting that the press were there too!

As Parent Governors, we have been lucky enough to attend a number of events which the staff have organised to watch the children perform. This has included Harvest Festival, the Foundation Stage Nativity, the Christmas Play and this week's Art Week. Angie even came in and dressed some of the teachers up as firefighters during safety week, while teaching the children some essential fire safety information! It was lovely to witness the children demonstrating the school values so clearly at these events.

We look forward to facing the forthcoming challenges that our role will present us with. Do feel free to approach either of us if you have something you would like to discuss with the Governing Body.

Angie Daly and Robyn Asprey
Parent Governors



Angie Daly
Parent Governor

Robyn Asprey
Parent Governor

The Governing Board is always willing to listen to parental queries and to explain in more detail what the Governing Body does. They do realise, however, that it may not always be appropriate to speak to us at the school gate so please feel free to email the Chair of Governors, James Edley, on jedley@johnhampdenwendover.co.uk if you would like to raise a matter for discussion or if you just have a query about the school.

3. IMPORTANT MESSAGES

School Uniform

We ask all parents who send their children to our school for their support of the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork (including a named P.E. kit). Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

The Uniform Policy and an order form is available on our school website and gives clear guidance about appropriate clothing for school. Many items can be purchased from the school office.

We wish to discourage parents from allowing their children to wear 'jean' type trousers and we prefer children to wear school type shoes or boots in black, grey or navy.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the head teacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the head teacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

School websites are an important way of finding out about a school. There is a great deal of statutory information that should be included on a school site but we continue to work hard to try and ensure that ours also gives a true flavour of what the school is really like. Our website is constantly being developed and I would urge you to take a regular look as new information/detail is often added. We would be pleased to hear your feedback or to receive suggestions as to what you would like to see on the website so we can make it as useful as possible. The website address is www.johnhampdenwendover.co.uk or you can find us by googling John Hampden School Wendover.

WORLD BOOK DAY TOKENS

World Book day tokens have been put in your child's book bags today so please have a look for them. They are valid for use until 25th March 2018.

4. FRIENDS OF JOHN HAMPDEN

Parentpay and the PTA

To make your lives easier and to reduce some of the PTA counting labour we have set up a Parentpay account linked to your normal Parentpay account. You use the same login and it will be fully administrated by the school (not the PTA).

Tesco Blue Counters Collection

A huge thanks to all of you who have supported this cause when shopping at Tesco Broadfields, Tring Road or the Express in Wendover ...can we hit the jackpot £4000 – we will let you know asap when we hear the outcome

School Cake Sale – Friday 16th March

Get your aprons on and your mixers at the ready! Jamie Oliver and Mary Berry stand back – the annual school Cake sale is imminent. Prizes will be offered and all baked goods will be available to buy after school by the scooter park – all proceeds to JHS – More details to follow.

Neon Nights (formerly the Guilty Pleasures Disco – adults only disco) in conjunction with WJS - FRIDAY APRIL 27th

Get the date in your diary and your babysitters booked for FRIDAY APRIL 27th – **WENDOVER MEMORIAL HALL.** – Look out on JHS FB – you have been warned!! Previous years have involved much dancing, a lot of fun and laughter and a very busy bar – all enjoying the music provided by local (and parent) DJ Neil Johnston This year it is in conjunction with the WJS PTA to make an even bigger and better event. Tickets will be available to purchase on Parentpay. £10 to include a free drink. Look out for letter in book bags shortly with instructions on how to buy tickets.

May Fayre – New date SATURDAY 12th May

To avoid any clashes with royalty or the FA Cup final we thought it wise to change the date – please note this in your diaries. More information will be coming out shortly – please think if you are able to spare even 30mins to volunteer on a stall – making it a bigger and better event than ever!

Bag 2 School

Thank you for all your donations & to Hollie for co-ordinating the event – we raised £45 from all your unwanted clothes and donations.

Ice-Cream Day

Thanks to Anna and her team for serving the ice-cream treats to 300 children in less than 30mins – there were a lot of happy, messy faces!

Easyfundraising

We have had 2 new supporters this month and we've continued to raise hugely needed funds. Don't forget to click on the link before you make any internet purchase – every 10p counts

If you've not signed up yet, please click on to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> before you start booking your summer holidays – it's simple and **costs you nothing.**



NEXT PTA MEETING TUESDAY 6th MARCH 8pm in the Shoulder of Mutton (– back room)

Please come and say hello whether you have new ideas to share and develop or just want to get involved – as much or as little as you want to. For more information or if you have any questions please email Caroline Benson (Chair) on caroline.benson2@gmail.com

Save the Dates

Spring Cake Sale	Friday 16th March
Neon Nights (Adult Disco)	Friday 27 th April
May Fayre	Saturday 12th May
Fun Run	Sunday 17 th June
Summer BBQ	Friday 6 July

5. PUPIL'S SECTION

We believe that involving pupils in real issues through class councils helps them to develop important life-skills that promote positive mental health and social welfare; emotional literacy, critical and moral reasoning, self esteem, self awareness, communication skills, relationship skills and assertiveness. At John Hampden we have regularly held Class Council Circle Time sessions to gauge the views and opinions of our pupils. In addition to this we have an active School Council. Mrs Spencer has taken responsibility for leading this initiative which enables our pupils to make even more of a positive contribution to the school environment and ethos.

One representative from each class has been chosen by the rest of the class following a session where the children were informed about the purpose of the role and the necessary characteristics/attributes that would make a successful School Council Representative.

The School Council representative's job is to:

- Go to all School Council Meetings
- Tell other members of the School Council about what their class has been talking about
- Take part in School Council discussions
- Report back to their own class about what the School Council has said
- Speak with Mrs Barnes & Mrs Parkinson about their work on the Council
- Help when visitors are shown around the school, sharing their views.

Meetings are held each half term where a Chairperson and Secretary are nominated and the JH School Council Constitution is upheld. Minutes and other documents are stored in the reception area so they can be shared by everyone.

These are the current John Hampden School Council Representatives.

Class	Name
Caterpillars	Imogen W
Ladybirds	Michael K
Honeybees	Freddie F-W
Hedgehogs	Vaani S
Badgers	Chloe C
Squirrels	Evie R
Firecrests	Jack L
Hérons	Evie B
Red Kites	Caelan D



Recently our School Council were given a guided tour of the building work that is currently taking place. They proved themselves to be great ambassadors for our school and asked some very thoughtful questions.

6. CURRICULUM

ARTS WEEK

Last week the children were engaged in a number of enrichment activities. On Monday each class took part in a free drama workshop led by 'Perform'.

Throughout the week the focus was on the arts, with children being exposed to art and music linked to the theme of the jungle. The plan was for the week to culminate with the children coming to school in animal themed costumes for World Book Day and taking part in a whole school assembly where each class put on their own performance. This will now take place on Friday 9th March.

However, we thought you might be interested to read what each class have been doing and what the children have enjoyed.

Honeybees class—Freddie enjoyed being able to act out his jungle animal in Zumba. Ruby enjoyed painting the animal skins with oil pastels. I had to look really carefully.

Ladybirds class made masks and learnt to Zumba to 'The Bare Necessities'. Poppy loved doing the zumba dance. It was from The Jungle Book.

Caterpillars class created their own jungle animal masks. The children chose their favourite animal and made a mask to match. They also learnt a zumba dance to The Bare Necessities with the other two classes. Kit liked painting his mask because he used orange and yellow to make it beautiful and Kitty liked zumba because she liked the music.

Hedgehogs class have been making jungle animal masks to tell the story of 'Rumble in the Jungle'. Isabella said she chose to make a gazelle mask because the gazelle in the story is very pretty. Zac said he liked making a snake. He put lots of red on it to make it like a python.

Squirrels class have been making their own drums. They have decorated them in bright colours. Gabriele said he liked to hit the drums with his hand or tap them with the beater. It was great fun. Lucy said she liked glueing best because it was all messy. It was great fun making up a song to play our drums to.

Badgers class have been practising a dance to the song 'The Lion Sleeps Tonight'. They came up with their own moves and had lots of fun. Oscar and Chloe said it was fun doing the dance and learning about the planets. Ruben and Isabelle said they enjoyed arts week because we had to stand still and pretend to be stars.

Herons class learnt about the work of Eric Carle. They also learnt and experimented with textured painting, using printing and scraping. They developed their paper tearing techniques and learnt about abstract art and made their own abstract art -a whole class collage of a jungle tree and learnt some facts about sloths!

Eleanor said she enjoyed making the abstract art because we used lots of different colours. Isobel said she has enjoyed making leaves out of the paper we painted using scrapers and duplo.

Red Kites class learnt about Matisse and his different styles of painting and collage. Ollie learned that Matisse liked to use bright colours in his paintings and collage to make them stand out. Amelia learnt that his early paintings were darker, he used browns and greys to paint his pictures.

Firecrests class did lots including sketching and watercoloured Henri Rousseau's 'Tropical Storm with a Tiger'. Mia enjoyed making a tiger picture out of shaving foam. It was fun to get messy. William was good at spotting a tiger in the painting and then drawing and colouring it himself.

7. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

We aim to keep you fully informed of our actions linked to the school improvement plan. Since the last newsletter we have:-

GOAL A: LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT

We are currently consulting with stakeholders and local residents about the possibility of opening our Early Years Class from September rather than the traditional start time of January. If this were to go ahead it would not start until September 2019. However we would like to hear your views about whether you think this is a good idea or not. The reason we need to consult is because it would mean lowering the age of admission to the school to 3 years to allow children to join in the term of their fourth birthday. I am aware that local residents are wary of any planned changes because of concerns over additional traffic but because the children would be those that would traditionally have joined us in January anyway, we are not anticipating it would mean more traffic. We would not be expanding the size of the class—it would continue to be a 26 place provision offering up to 30 hours of early education for the children. We obviously want to hear your thoughts for or against the proposal. There is a letter in your child's book bag and your response needs to be received by 28th March 2018.

GOAL B: TEACHING, LEARNING & ASSESSMENT

It is important that teacher assessments are moderated to ensure they are accurate and consistent. Following assessment week teachers within each year group met together to moderate their judgements. Subject leaders can then complete cross school moderation to ensure staff across the year groups judge attainment in the same way. Next week staff from John Hampden will meet with staff from the other Liaison Group schools to consider the requirements for reaching age related expectations in Writing to ensure consistency. This practice is viewed as exemplary and we are lucky to have such good working relationships with the other local schools.

GOAL C: PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, BEHAVIOUR & WELFARE

Gaining feedback from pupils and parents/carers is a vital way of gauging how successful we are being. This week we have asked parents for their comments about the Learning Review meetings. This important feedback will be used to inform future planning and to continue to improve the standard of the information we provide. The results are analysed and fed back to individual teachers and collated to give a whole school overview which we will share with you in due course.

This week we have also collected the views of a selection of children from each class about behaviour and safety in the school. These are just two examples of how we are trying to engage with our stakeholders and respond to their feedback to us.

GOAL D: PUPIL OUTCOMES

The Pupil Premium is an element of school funding aimed at narrowing the gap in attainment of certain disadvantaged groups of pupils. For our school, it is calculated based on the number of children receiving free school meals (this is different to the initiative to provide free meals for all infant aged pupils!), the number of children from Service families and the number of 'Looked After Children'. The Premium can be spent how the school decides and must ensure that standards are raised as a result of the spending. In 2017/18 our school budget included a total Pupil, LAC & Service Premium of £29,500. It is vital that the school is informed of all pupils who may be eligible for this funding so do make an appointment to see Mrs Barnes if you think that your child may be entitled to this additional financial support. Applications for free school meals are handled in the strictest confidence and there is no requirement to take up the free lunch - the funding would still be provided. On our school website in the 'Key Information' section there is a link to a document which describes how the school has used this funding and the perceived impact it has had.

8. MISCELLANEOUS

John Hampden Out of School Care Vacancy

We have a permanent vacancy for a Play worker at our Breakfast Club : 7.30—8.45 am , five mornings per week and at our After School Club : 3.00—6.15 pm, two afternoons per week term time only. The applicant would preferably have some experience of working with children and a relevant Level 2 qualification, however this is not essential.

The salary will be within Bucks Pay Range 1A, £14,468 pro rata.

The closing date for applications is Wednesday 28th March 2018.

If you are interested in this post please call the John Hampden School office on 01296 622629

or email office@jhampden.bucks.sch.uk or contact the OOSC on 07506 195699 or email OOSC@jhampden.bucks.sch.uk for more information.

Headlice

Just to make you aware that we have cases of headlice in the school. Please could you check your child's hair and treat if necessary. Thank you.

WOW 'Design a Badge' competition.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the badge competition. I have had so many lovely entries (over 100!) that it has been very hard to choose the winners. I have decided to award two prizes to each class. From those winning pictures I will pick four designs that will be sent into the national competition for next year's WOW badges.

The class winners are on display in the corridor near the dining room. We will keep our fingers crossed that the winning designs will be chosen for next year's WOW badges.

A big WELL DONE to all the wonderful artists we have in our school!

Heather Beattie

School Travel Plan co-ordinator.



Churches Together in Wendover invite you to our

Mothers' Day Craft Morning

Wendover Christian Centre, Aylesbury Road

On Saturday 10th March: 10am - 12 noon

Children of all ages will be able to make a range of beautiful and delicious gifts to give to their mums on Mothering Sunday.

Tea, coffee and cake will be available while your little ones create.





Little Acorns Kindergarten

Come and meet us on

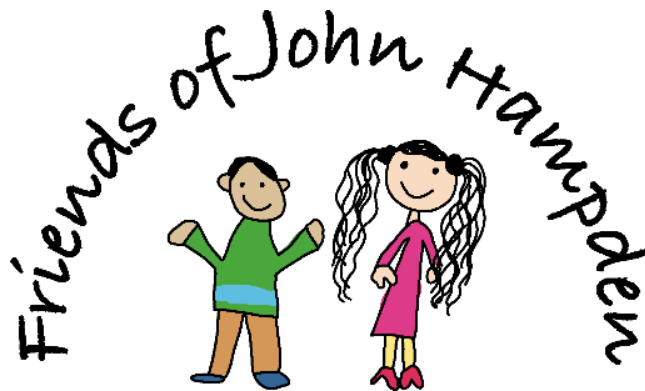
Wednesday 14th March 6 - 8pm

Saturday 17th March 10.30 - 12.00

- Purpose built facilities
- Funded places available
- Breakfast Club
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www.littleacornswendover.org



CAKE SALE

FRIDAY 16TH MARCH @ SCHOOL GATES

Dear All,

The Spring Cake sale is planned for after school Friday 16th March - two weeks away.

It's always really popular with the hungry masses after school so we would welcome as many donations as possible. Please bring any contributions (all baked / bought goods welcome - not just cakes) to the school office on the morning of Friday 16th March. If you would like your plates or containers returned please put your child's name and class on them.

Prizes!

In recognition of some of the beautiful efforts we have had in the past, there will be some small prizes awarded for the best decorated treats which have been designed by the children (please add their names). This is meant to be an extra bit of fun, even if you are unable to produce a showstopper, please send in your baked beauties!

Best wishes,

Anna Morley (Arthur's Mum Red Kites & Isaac's Mum Honeybees)

anna@pjmorley.co.uk



NEON NIGHTS

FRIDAY 27TH APRIL

7.45pm - 11.30pm

Wendover Memorial Hall

Wear something **BRIGHT!**

£10 - includes free
glass of fizz on arrival!

All proceeds from the disco go to JHS & WJS PTA

Wendover Music presents:

MINI MOZART!

**Interactive classical music concerts for children and parents,
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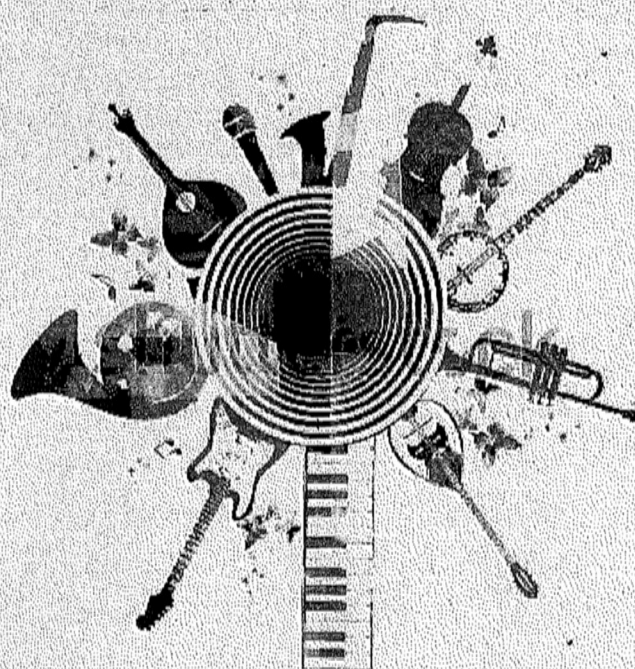
Saturday 10 March 2018

St Mary's Church, Church Lane, Wendover HP22 6NL

At 10.00-10.45 and repeated at 11.00-11.45

Price: £6 per child (no charge for adults!), £10 family ticket (2 children)
Suitable for children from birth to 8 years

The concerts will be based on **The Emperor's New Clothes**
There will be a prize for the best costume!



To buy tickets:

please call 07812 984236

go to <http://www.wendover-music.org/online-store>

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2018

EASTER



TENNIS & MULTI SPORT CAMPS

WEEK 1: Tuesday 3rd April - Friday 6th April

WEEK 2: Monday 9th April - Friday 13th April

SPORTY TOTS TENNIS SESSIONS

9AM TO 9.45AM (2½ to under 4 years)

Fun games/tennis activity introducing toddlers to the game of tennis and developing the early FUNdamentals.

Parent/guardian must be in attendance as well.

MINI TENNIS RED CAMPS

9AM TO 12 NOON (4 to 7 years)

Cost includes lunch from 11.30am to 12.00 noon. Lower Prices held from 2015

3 hours of fun Mini Tennis Activity geared towards developing a young player's agility, balance, co-ordination and of course racket skills and technique.

Players attending a full five-day camp, receive a graduation certificate and written camp report.

JUNIOR 4 R's TENNIS CAMP



THE **GOLD STANDARD** FOR TENNIS CAMPS

9AM TO 3PM (7 to 16 years) Lunch included.

Experience our unique 4R's Tennis Camp. Learn and develop your tennis skills and equip yourself for the game of life! Options to book daily and weekly

MULTI-SPORT CAMPS

9AM TO 3PM (7 to 16 years) Bring your own lunch

CRICKET • ROUNDBALLS • FOOTBALL

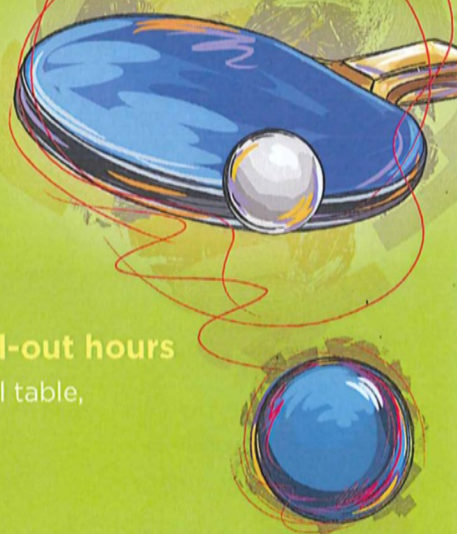
TENNIS • BADMINTON • HOCKEY • BASKETBALL

TABLE TENNIS • DODGEBALL *PLUS LOTS MORE*

POST CAMP CHILL-OUT HOURS

Stay on with us from 3-5pm for our post camp Chill-out hours

2 hrs extended stay with daily DVD screening, table football, pool table, table tennis. Supervised wind-down.



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TENNIS CENTRE

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Name:	
Address:	
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Photo Consent: Yes No	Tel:
Parent/Guardian:	Mobile:
Date of Birth:	Email Address:
If your son/daughter has any allergies or medical conditions you feel we should know about please specify:	

SPORTY TOTS: Week 1 Code: **TT1** Week 2 Code: **TT2**
£5.50 per day (1-3 days); **£20** 4 days; **£25** 5 days.

MINI RED Week 1 Code: **HR1** Week 2 Code: **HR2**
£25 per day (1-3 days); **£96** 4 days; **£120** 5 days.

JUNIOR 4R's Week 1 Code: **HJ1** Week 2 Code: **HJ2**
£40 per day; **£148** 4 days; **£185** 5 days; **£10** Late Pick-Up per day.

MULTI-SPORT Week 1 Code: **MUL1** Week 2 Code: **MUL2**
£30 per day (1-3 days); **£108** 4 days; **£135** 5 days; **£10** Late Pick-Up per day.

I would like to book the following Camp weeks for my son/daughter(s)
(please circle)

TT1 TT2 HR1 HR2 HJ1 HJ2 MUL1 MUL2

If you are booking specific days, please specify Camp code(s) followed by days you wish your son/daughter(s) to attend:

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Equipment required – please bring water bottle, sunscreen, hat, water proof jacket and wear comfortable tennis gear

• I enclose payment of £ _____ for the above.

Please make cheques payable to Halton Tennis Centre and forward to 'Everyball Tennis', Easter Camp 2018, Halton Tennis Club, Chestnut End, Halton, Buckinghamshire, HP22 5PD.

You can also book and pay online at www.everyball.uk

Please note: No confirmation will be sent out - Please attend unless otherwise notified