



The John Hampden School Wendover



NEWSLETTER

1. MESSAGE FROM MRS BARNES

A very warm welcome to the new school year. I hope you managed to enjoy some sunshine during the summer break and that you now feel rested and relaxed! It was lovely to watch the children coming back into school this morning and to welcome the new children and their families. I was impressed to see so many children in Year 1 and Year 2 wanting to come into school by themselves. In the first few days we recognise that parents may want to bring their children into school but as soon as your child is ready we would request that you leave KS1 children by their blue entrance doors to walk into their classrooms alone. Children should arrive at school between 8.45a.m and 8.55a.m.

I am sending this first short newsletter as a paper copy but in future we will continue to use the traditional paperless system. This means the fortnightly newsletters will be emailed to all parents using the email address you provided when your child was admitted to the school. If your email address has changed recently please do let the school office know. The newsletter can also be emailed to both parents if necessary, but please inform us if you require this to happen. Do look out for the next full newsletter which will be sent out on Friday 22nd September.

At the beginning of each school year we invite parents to attend an induction meeting **held in your child's classroom**. The class teacher/s will talk to you about the curriculum, classroom routines and expectations. There will also be an opportunity to ask any questions you may have. We understand that the timing of these meetings may not be convenient for everyone so we always outline the information covered in the session on the appropriate class page of the school website. Parents attending meetings will need to enter the school through the main entrance.

INDUCTION MEETINGS

CLASS	DATE	TIME
Firecrests—Mrs McNally & Mrs Timms Year 2	Wednesday 13th September	2.45pm—3.15pm
Red Kites—Mrs Spencer Year 2	Thursday 14th September	2.45pm—3.15pm
Caterpillars—Mrs Nelson Foundation Stage	Monday 18th September	2.45pm—3.15pm
Squirrels—Mrs Beattie Year 1	Monday 18th September	2.45pm—3.15pm
Badgers—Mrs Brannan Year 1	Tuesday 19th September	2.45pm—3.15pm
Honeybees—Mrs Shrimpton Foundation Stage	Wednesday 20th September	2.45pm—3.15pm
Hérons—Mrs Tysoe & Mrs Grimsdell Year 1	Wednesday 20th September	2.45pm—3.15pm
Hedgehogs—Mrs King Year 1	Thursday 21st September	2.45pm—3.15pm
Ladybirds—Mrs Mills Foundation Stage	Thursday 21st September	2.45pm—3.15pm

Whenever possible Mrs Parkinson or I will try to be outside as the children come into school so do come and speak to us if you need to. I am always happy to make appointments to speak to parents about any more serious concerns/issues at a mutually convenient time. This term we will continue to offer support to parents. Mrs Spencer will be available to speak to any parents who would value support relating to non-urgent issues regarding school life. You may want advice about ways to engage your children in homework, or support in helping them to come into school independently etc. Mrs Spencer is a very caring and experienced teacher who will be able to support you in helping your child because we know it isn't always easy! Please ring the school office to arrange an appointment time with Mrs Spencer.

2. IMPORTANT MESSAGES

Dahlicious Dress Up Day

On Friday 22nd September, we hope that our school will be taken over by Oompa-Loompas, Willy Wonkas and Charlie Buckets! It's all part of the **Dahlicious Dress up Day**, where children come to school dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl character for a wonderfully fun and creative way to raise money for Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity. The charity exists to make life better for seriously ill children and young people around the UK. A suggested donation of at least £1 per pupil will help our school to raise money for this very



good cause. Your child can dress up as any of Roald Dahl's fantastic characters, or simply wear his favourite colour—yummy yellow!

www.dahliciousdressupday.org gives some costume guides. For crafty parents, who want to share their tips on how to create a Roald Dahl character costume, this website also gives information as to how you can enter the video competition to win some wonderful prizes.

Reminder

This is a polite reminder, in line with Bucks County Council guidelines, that no dogs should be brought onto the school campus and there should be no smoking on the school campus.

PE Kit

Please would you ensure that your child has the correct P.E. kit in school. Navy shorts and a white round necked T shirt are needed for Gym and Dance activities and plimsolls, sweat-shirt and tracksuit bottoms are needed for Games which takes place outside. Children with long hair should have it tied back on P.E. days and stud type earrings should be removed or covered with tape. Please provide the tape and ensure your child can cover their earrings independently.

LUNCHBOXES & FOOD BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL

As we have a number of children in the school with allergies we are reminding parents **not to include any nuts** in your child's lunchbox. Sweets and fizzy drinks are also not encouraged.

This also serves as a reminder that we do not allow children to hand out sweets/cakes etc. to other pupils when it is their birthday.

Thank you for your co-operation.

READING BOOKS

Children in Year 1 and Year 2 will have set days for changing their reading books. During the first full week of term Key Stage One children will have the opportunity to change their books once, before we revert to the normal arrangement of changing books twice a week. Your child will be bringing home a new Home/School Diary and we would encourage you to spend time practising the high frequency words printed in the front of these books.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Please note that if you did not pre-order a hot lunch for your child prior to the start of this academic year you will need to provide a packed lunch for them. If you want your child to receive a free hot meal at lunchtime you need to log in to your Parentpay account as soon as possible and order the meals you require. Orders must be placed by Tuesday 12th September for your child to start receiving the meals on Monday 18th September. If you have any problems logging into your account or ordering the meals please contact Chartwells directly on 01908 615705. The school office cannot help you with this. Thank you.

Holiday/Leave of Absence Requests (PLEASE NOTE)

In conjunction with our Liaison Group we have agreed a consistent attendance policy. Leave of absence will not be granted during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Parents wishing to request leave of absence for their child must use the correct form which is available on our website or from the school office. This must be completed at least four weeks before the proposed absence.

PUPIL PREMIUM FREE SCHOOL MEALS

**Did you knowjust registering your child for Free School
Meals means the school gets extra money?
Register now to make sure we don't miss out**

The Government gives money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium'. For every child registered, The John Hampden School Wendover gets £1,300 this year to support that child.

How does it work?

1. First check if you qualify—it is not just if you are unemployed (see the list below)
2. Registering is really quick and easy—if you think you qualify, contact Mrs Mohammed in the school office who will help you register
3. The school will receive £1,300 to provide additional educational support or to subsidise educational costs for your child
4. Your child does not have to take advantage of the lunches that are provided, the school still gets £1,300 extra

Details and confidentiality are strictly maintained at all times so please talk to us about registering your child as soon as possible.

If you feel you are not currently eligible but your circumstances change in the future, please come in and see us.

Do you qualify?

You can register if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of the State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit (regardless of income) and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

3. FRIENDS OF JOHN HAMPDEN (FJH)

Welcome back - hope you're ready for a fun filled year! In addition to our usual events, we are holding a Foundation stage Cheese & Wine evening Thursday 14th September. We thought it would be nice for new parents to come along and get to know other parents with children in the same year group. It will be an informal evening where you can meet new people and join the school community. Letters will be in the children's book bag this week.

A calendar of events is attached so that you can add them to your diary.

A number of the committee have moved on to the junior school so we are looking to recruit new members. We are a very friendly, informal group that meet once a half term to have a drink and organise the forthcoming events. We appreciate that everyone has different skills and amount of time that they are able to offer. If you are able to join us, please drop me a line on christina.edley@yahoo.co.uk. The next meeting is at the Shoulder of Mutton at 8pm on Tuesday 12th Sept.

This years events:

Cheese & Wine	Thursday 14th September
Quiz Night	Friday 13th October
Ice Cream Day	Friday 13th October
Christmas Fayre	Saturday 25th November
Christmas Parties	Monday 18th December (in school)
Bag to School	January TBC
Children's New Year Disco	Friday 19th January
Ice Cream Day	Friday 9th February
Spring Cake Sale	Friday 16th March
Spring Run	Sunday 22nd April
May Fayre	Saturday 19th May
Ice Cream Day	Friday 25th May
Fruity Fridays	every Friday starting Friday 8th June
Bag to School	Wednesday June 13th
Summer BBQ	Friday 6th July
Picnic in the park (free)	Last day of Summer Term 2018

4. MISCELLANEOUS

Family Support Worker Contact Details & Outreach Venues

Haddenham Children's Centre

Family Support Worker: Kim Walls

Mobile: 07867 553378

Email: kim.walls@actionforchildren.org.uk

Family Support Worker: Talisha Craib

Mobile: 07717 693270

Email: talisha.craib@actionforchildren.org.uk

Outreach Venues: Brill Trinity Health Surgery, Haddenham Village Hall, Walter Rose Room.

Risborough Children's Centre

Email: risboroughhcc@actionforchildren.org.uk

Outreach Venues: Saunderton Lodge & RAF Walters Ash

Wendover Children's Centre

Family Support Worker: Emma Farrell

Mobile: 07940 405953

Email: emma.patterson@actionforchildren.org.uk

Family Support Worker: Sarah Mackinnon

Mobile: 07703 192618

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Outreach Venues: RAF Halton & Wendover Health Centre



www.bucksfamilyinfo.org.uk



Children's Centres Programme

4th September – December 22nd 2017

Haddenham

Haddenham Library, Churchway, Haddenham, Bucks, HP17 8EE
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