



# The John Hampden School Wendover



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## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

### January

19th FJH Children's disco  
22nd Thinking Day  
22nd Discovery Week  
24th Crickets parents induction meeting 9.00 am

### February

5th Assessment Week  
9th FJH ice cream day  
9th School closes for half term  
19th School opens

## NEWSLETTER

### 1. MESSAGE FROM MRS BARNES

#### Happy New Year!

In this first newsletter of 2018, I would like to start by welcoming children and their parents to the Early Years Class (Crickets). I have been very impressed by how quickly the children have settled into the routines of school. The class are being taught by Mrs Parkinson and Miss Francis and we are pleased to welcome Miss Burns and Mrs Fox as Teaching Assistants in the class. **There will be an induction meeting for parents of children in the Crickets Class at 9.00a.m on Wednesday 24th January.**

Having walked around myself and observed all the children in the school in the first days of the new term, it is clear that they are eager and ready for the challenges that the new year will bring. The Curriculum Section of this newsletter gives further details of some of the activities that will be covered this term.



## TESCO Bags of Help

There is an opportunity to support the school if you shop in Tesco. Our Project—'Infant School Learning Trust—Promoting Maximum Child Attainment' has been successful in the Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme so it will be put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores during January and February 2018.

Our project along with the other two successful projects in our region will go forward to a vote in Tesco stores where customers will decide the outcome by voting for their favourite project each time they shop. Voting will take place from Tuesday 2nd January 2018 to Wednesday 28th February

2018 and we will be notified at the end of March 2018 confirming the amount of funding we will receive. The project with the highest number of votes across our region will receive £4,000, the second placed project £2,000, and the third placed project £1,000. Tesco Extra Aylesbury, Tesco Tring Road and Tesco Wendover all have a token collecting box for The John Hampden School Trust. Please pop all your tokens into our container—we hope your support will lead to a successful outcome!

May I remind parents that if you wish to take your child out of school during term time you must request a leave of absence form from the school office or download one from the school website. Wherever possible you must give at least one months notice of the proposed absence. We follow a locally agreed policy regarding leave of absence and it is important that parents think carefully before taking their children out of school. You will shortly be receiving a letter giving an interim attendance figure for your child. I hope you will find the attendance figure a useful guide for your own information. I am sure you will appreciate that it is difficult for me to authorise absence if your child's attendance percentage is below the expected level of 95%.

**Voluntary Contributions**—the time has come to request another voluntary termly contribution for each pupil. In a similar approach to last term each year group will be sending home an itemised list of activities with a cost against each one. Parents are asked to pay for the activities using the Parentpay website. No child will be disadvantaged if their parents/carers choose not to pay but it may be necessary to cancel activities if not enough contributions are received. Thank you.

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## 2. GOVERNOR SECTION

Earlier this week we all got a letter from Mrs Beattie that was followed up by a leaflet in book-bags about MAPS. MAPS is a new initiative aimed at encouraging sustainable travel to and from school. The benefits of children walking, scooting or cycling to school are well documented for environmental and health reasons and JHS and the other campus schools have already done a lot of (award winning) work to make the school run as safe as possible with the least impact on local residents. JHS has a School Travel Plan that reflects the school's values and empowers pupils to be school travel champions as Junior Road Safety Officers. However, there remains an issue with inconsiderate and irresponsible parking that causes traffic congestion, and most importantly a safety issue for pedestrians, scooters and cyclists.

It must be remembered that we live with a car culture and children can travel from a wide area to attend JHS. It is therefore unrealistic to expect a car free school run. The fact that cars are parked does not necessarily mean that there is a parking problem. However, when that parking becomes dangerous or obstructive, then clearly there is a problem.

The yellow zigzag lines are clearly sacrosanct and provide a safer space for the school crossing patrol to operate. The most common area for parking issues are on the road junctions along Wharf Road and around the bus turning circle by the Memorial Hall. It is not uncommon to see cars seemingly abandoned on both sides on the circle and on the grass verge. These examples of irresponsible parking could well impede emergency access to the campus and I'm sure that in the unfortunate event of an emergency, the knowledge that your badly parked car prevented site access would be hard to bear. So my message is simple really, if you are using your car on the school run please park safely and please park responsibly.



**Simon Ward**  
**Parent Governor**

The Governing Body are 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, [jedley@johnhampdenwendover.co.uk](mailto:jedley@johnhampdenwendover.co.uk) if you would like to raise a matter for discussion

### 3. IMPORTANT MESSAGES

#### **Adverse Weather Conditions**

Another reminder that if we need to close the school again this winter due to adverse weather conditions the following procedures will be used to inform parents.

1. A decision will be made about the school closure by 7.30am. This decision will be based on health and safety grounds, which may include not having enough staff at school to supervise our pupils.
2. By 7.45a.m the school website home page will be updated with closure details. MIX 96 will have been contacted and should announce our school closure at regular intervals throughout the morning. The County Council's website will also list our school closure: [www.buckscc.gov.uk](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk)
3. If the notices listed above have not been implemented then you are to assume the school will remain open.
4. With these three methods of communication in place, there should be no need for you to telephone the school asking whether we will be open or closed.
5. Should the school open but need to close earlier than 3.15p.m, we will contact you via text or telephone.

**Please be assured that school closure will always be a last resort.**

**It is entirely the responsibility of the parent/carer to decide whether it is safe to travel to and from school in inclement weather and we respect the choices you make. As usual please inform the school by telephone or in writing if your child will be absent from school.**

#### **Coats, Hats, Gloves and Boots**

In this winter weather please would you ensure your child comes to school wearing appropriate clothes and footwear. We will be going outside as long as the playground remains ice free. All hats, coats, gloves and boots must be named and it would be really helpful if you could show your child where their name is written on each item of clothing, so they know where to look! Despite our best efforts and the hard work of the builders some children do seem to be getting rather muddy at playtimes. We apologise for this and have reminded the children to stay away from puddles and the grassy areas.

#### **CLUBS**

Key Stage One parents will shortly be receiving a letter about extra-curricular clubs in their child's book bag. If you would like your child to be considered for a place you must return the form by the date given on this form. Places are allocated on a first come, first served basis but priority will be given to those who did not attend a club in the Autumn Term, to make it fair.

#### **Medicines**

**Please note:**

**Medicines should only be brought into school for administration when essential; that is where it would be detrimental to a child's health if the medicine were not administered during the school day. Should a prescribed medicine be required to be taken three times a day or less, the school will not administer the medicine during the school day as we have been advised that medicines that need to be taken three times a day can be taken in the morning, after school hours and at bedtime.**

#### **Home School Diaries**

Please remember to tell your child to inform us if you have written a specific message in their Home School Diary. Staff do not routinely check diaries every day and we would not wish to miss anything of importance. We do ask you to support regular reading at home and we request that you sign the diary when you have heard your child read— signatures are not apparent in every diary at the moment!

#### **Collecting from School**

If, for any reason, you are unable to collect your child at the end of the school day and you organise someone else to do it (even at the last minute) please would you make sure you inform the school office as we are unable to let children go with people that we/they were not expecting to collect them.

#### **Nuts**

This is a polite reminder that children bringing their own packed lunch to school should not have any nuts included in their meal. This is because we have a number of children with severe nut allergies and the children are eating together in the dining room so there is a risk of contamination.

#### **Toy Cars**

Mrs Beattie is keen to receive any spare toy cars that you may have for use at Golden Time. Please pass any contributions directly to her or via the school office. Thank you.

## 4. CURRICULUM SECTION

As the new year and the new term begins each year group has embarked on a new topic. You will soon be able to find a topic guide on the school website under the Classes heading and you will also have the guide emailed to you in due course. We hope this will help to give you an outline of what the children will be learning and ideas of how you can support this learning at home, if you would like to.

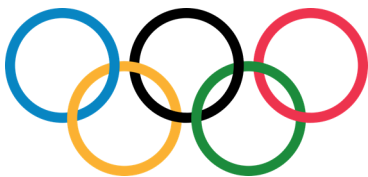
Foundation Stage have a topic of 'Explorers'

Year One have a topic title of 'Through the Keyhole'

And Year Two have a topic title of 'London's Burning'

Each term we try to enrich the taught curriculum with other special days and weeks which allow us to introduce further interesting and thought-provoking activities. During the Spring Term there will be a 'Discovery Week' which will include Maths, P4C and Science tasks and visitors. There will be an 'Arts Week' with a focus on art and music and the term will culminate with Enterprise Week which will have a slightly different emphasis this year—more details to follow!

It is important that we provide as many visits and visitors as possible to inspire and motivate our pupils. Mrs Nelson, our P.E. co-ordinator, has been in contact with 'Sports for Schools' who have set up a programme whereby schools can receive a visit from an Olympic athlete and also raise money for P.E. equipment.



We are very excited to be welcoming GB Badminton Player Elizabeth Cann to the school on **Friday, 26th January**. Elizabeth started playing badminton when she was six years old and was coached by her mum. She's been coaching

alongside playing for the last two years and is passionate about passing on to others what she learnt through her sporting journey.

Elizabeth will be leading a **sponsored fitness circuit with all pupils**, and will follow-up with a talk and question and answer session. The aim of the event is to **inspire the pupils** to take up sport generally, but just as importantly to encourage them to discover and then pursue their **passion in life**. We will be sending home a sponsorship form for your child to use in order to help raise money for the event. You can also sponsor your child by following the below link:

[www.sportsforschools.org/event/HP805](http://www.sportsforschools.org/event/HP805)

As the sponsorship form and online sponsorship page explain, much of the money that is raised will be used to buy **sports equipment** for the school, while also **supporting GB athletes (including Paralympic athletes)**.

**Whilst we are keen to support this initiative there is absolutely no obligation for pupils to collect money they will all participate in the event regardless of whether they are able to raise some funds.**

Please ensure that **sponsorship forms and moneys** are returned to the school office on or before **Friday, 02 February** at the latest.

Thank you in anticipation of creating a terrific and memorable event.



## 5. PUPIL'S SECTION

### MAPS Launch

To launch our new walk to school initiative we had some visitors joining us on our walk up the campus road to school. 'Strider' the WOW living streets mascot and 'Alf' (BCC school travel plan mascot) greeted the children as they made a sustainable journey to school on Friday morning.



Children from both the John Hampden School and The Wendover Junior School had the chance to display their own design for Strider as they travelled to school. Earlier in the week all children from both schools were issued with a map to encourage the children and their families to travel to school sustainably. **MAPS** provides every family with a detailed map of the local area with additional information about our **School Travel Plans**. The map highlights 5, 10 and 15 minute walking zones as well as recommending **Park & Stride** points and information about our other travel initiatives. Reporters from the Bucks Herald and representatives from county were also there to join the launch.

The children record their daily journey in class using the WOW travel tracker (which has replaced the old Go for Gold scheme)

I have seen so many children proudly wearing the badges they have earned so far.

We are very pleased that so many children and their parents support our initiatives to encourage a healthier and more sustainable way to travel to and from school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Heather Beattie

School Travel Plan co-ordinator.

### Book Swap

A few years ago, as part of our Year of Reading campaign, we organised a 'Book Swap' where each child brought in a book that they didn't want anymore and swapped it for a book of their choice. This proved very successful.

We wanted to continue this year by offering the same opportunity. One of our parents, Mrs Williams very kindly and creatively decorated a 'Book Swap Box' with characters from Roald Dahl's stories (John Hampden's favourite author). It was placed in the front entrance so anyone who wants to swap a book can do so before or after school. There are a variety of books in the box, so please take a look. Please remember that if you take a book out, you need to put one in. When you have finished reading the book, why not swap it again? Anyone who swaps ten books can fill in the Book Swap Challenge card (on the school website) and will receive a certificate from Mrs Parkinson.

Can you recommend a good read?

It would also be very useful to write a Book Review to go on the school website. Not only is this a fabulous way to sharpen reading skills, it can also introduce others to different authors, perhaps whose books they might not have tried otherwise. Book Review Templates can be found on the school website. Please hand in completed Book Reviews to Mrs Mohammed in the School Office. She will then scan the review and put it on the website for all to read.

Mrs Parkinson

## 6. THE FRIENDS OF JOHN HAMPDEN

### **New Chair for the FJH**

Welcome to our new Chair.

We are delighted to welcome Caroline Benson to the role of PTA Chair - we wish her well. Please do contact her should you wish to know more about PTA events or getting involved!!

### **Christmas Fayre**

Just a reminder that we had a hugely successful event in November raising £4200 – this money has gone to buying new arts and crafts materials for the school. More playground equipment will also be purchased after the completing of the current building works. – **THANKYOU** so much for your generosity in supporting our FJH events.

### **Children's New Year Disco - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January – 6.30pm – 8pm**

We are really looking forward to our annual 'School Disco' next Friday – 19<sup>th</sup> – last day for ticket sales is today – please get your orders in NOW and please have a think about volunteering – 30mins is a real help and parents have to stay on site – a fun night for all is promised. DJ Dan Blaze will be rocking the dance floor with plenty of glow stuff and tuck to purchase, plus chill out rooms to wind down in. Tickets £5 including a take home goody-bag – make sure you pick one up on your way out.

### **Bag 2 School Friday 2nd February**

Please look out for the small white Bag 2 School bags in your child's book bag this week. If possible please fill it with any unwanted adult's and children's clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, ties and soft toys and bring to school by 9am on Friday 2nd February (there will be a tarpaulin on the grass by the scooter park from 7.30am). The school then gets money by weight of the collection. Thanks!

### **Tesco Blue token award**

Please look out during your weekly shop when in Tesco – Broadfield/Tring Road and Wendover – pop your blue chips in the JHS container – by the exits – the winning charity gets a cash payout of up to £4000!! Spread the word – 'Every little helps'!!

### **Easyfundraising:**

We now have 177 people signed up to Easyfundraising and to date we have raised over £1,800 (£160 in the last 30 days!). This is a fantastic effort but now we really need to keep up the momentum and use Easyfundraising regularly in our day to day life. To find out how, please see the full page on Easyfundraising for ideas on how you can use the app and website to raise money without any effort. Thank you for your continued support. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> before you start booking your summer holidays – it's simple and **costs you nothing**.

### **Matched Funding:**

Does your employer offer Matched Funding? This is an initiative offered by some companies whereby they will match any fundraising by a member of staff. For example, if you worked on the cake stall at the May Fayre and raised £200, your company would match that £200.

Please do check if this is something your company might offer – this could be a great opportunity!

### **Second Hand Uniform:**

There will be a collection of second hand uniform at the end of each term, details to follow. We will soon be setting up a Second Hand Uniform album on the Facebook page (search 'JHS Parents' on Facebook if you are not a member) following fantastic sales before Christmas!



### **Aylesbury Vale Lottery**

FJH has joined Vale Lottery as an official good cause. Lottery tickets can now be bought with HALF of the ticket price going to FJH.

Each ticket costs just £1. Every ticket has a 1 in 50 chance of winning a prize every week, ranging from £25-£25,000.

You can buy individual tickets whenever you like, or set up a Direct Debit for 1 (or more) ticket(s) per week and not worry about forgetting!

Draws are every Saturday night.

Buy tickets here - [www.valelottery.co.uk/support/friends-of-john-hampden-school](http://www.valelottery.co.uk/support/friends-of-john-hampden-school)

Most importantly - FJH receives 50p from every ticket bought in support of the school.

### **Attention New Crickets Parents**

Want to get more involved in the school and meet new families – lookout for PTA Friends of John Hampden Events! Get involved, all help is hugely appreciated and goes to supporting the school in making it the fantastic experience we hope for our children – making memories! Also look out for ‘JHS Parents’ FB page – it’s a closed group but hugely useful in reminders for mufti day, meetings, lost property reclaiming...ask to join and admin will join you.

### **Parentpay**

Look out for changes in your parent pay account –the FJH account so all activities and payments can be made on line – COMING SOON!

### **Any old £1 coins**

Have you uncovered a stash of old £1 coins – can’t get to the bank – drop them in to the school office and we will convert them into cash for the school. Last deposits taken by half term.

### **Dad’s Army**

Dad’s we need you – want to get to know more like-minded parents, please look out for volunteering opportunities – behind the bar, running the BBQ – not to be stereotypical about these things of course...but the FJH is not just for mums, come and join us or get in touch through our FB page (or contacts on school website FJH page) if you want to know more.

### **Save the Dates – please note amended dates.**

Bag to School	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February
Children's New Year Disco	Friday 19th January
Guilty Pleasures Disco (parents)	TBC
Ice Cream Day co-ordinator	Friday 9th February (last day of half term)
Spring Cake Sale	Friday 16th March
Spring Run	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> June
May Fayre	Saturday 19th May
Ice Cream Day	Friday 25th May (last day of half term)
Fruity Fridays coordinator	every Friday starting Friday 8th June
Bag to School	tbc
Summer BBQ	Friday 6th July
End of term picnic – Wendover woods (not a fundraiser)	Tuesday 24th July



Dear parents,

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could collect a free cashback donation for Friends of John Hampden School by using Easyfundraising?

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, eBay, John Lewis, and Sainsbury's – and it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

Currently we have **177 supporters and have raised £1,875**.....in the last 30 days alone we have raised **£160!** This is a fantastic effort but now we really need to keep this momentum going, by building Easyfundraising into your day to day life you can raise funds for the school with little (or no) effort!

It's really simple, all you have to do is:

**1. Join.**

Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/DOKHAP/> and sign up for free. Or if you shop on mobile or tablet **download the Easyfundraising app** – search for your cause which is called 'Friends of John Hampden School'.

**2. Shop.**

Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first, pick the retailer you want and **start shopping**. If you shop on mobile or tablet simply click through the app to the retailer of your choice. This simple extra click can raise money for the school!

If you shop or make bookings on your PC then follow a few simple steps to **install the Donation Reminder** which will give you a handy little reminder whenever a donation is available when you're shopping online.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/donation-reminder/>

When you see the alert, just click to activate your donation. It's as easy as that!

Shoppers who use the easyfundraising Donation Reminder raise 5 times more donations for their cause because it helps them remember. You'll love it and we will too!

**3. Raise.**

After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to us for no extra cost whatsoever! There are no catches or hidden charges and John Hampden School will be really grateful for your donations.

Regular updates will be sent out by email and can also be found on the JHS Parents Facebook page (if you are not a member just search 'JHS Parents' and ask to be added).

Thank you for your support.



## 7. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

We aim to keep you fully informed of our actions linked to the school improvement plan. It is now over four years since Ofsted last visited us so they are due again at any time. They identified four areas for improvement at that time so we thought you might be interested to see some of the actions we have taken over the last four years to address their development points for us.

### *Point 1: The attainment and progress of boys are not as strong as that of girls.*

- INSET training on 3 occasions linked to published research linked to boys and girls learning styles, attitudes, aptitudes etc.
- Performance Management targets linked to developing learning environments to meet the needs of all, teaching styles and strategies, data (closing the gap between boys and girls)
- Developing the learning environment inside and outside to meet the needs of all learners
- Detailed data analysis linked to gender and term of birth
- Revised curriculum planning to ensure topic content was appealing to all
- Additional opportunities provided to develop core strength and fine motor skills
- Change to handwriting policy to ensure all children could form letters easily
- Audit of reading books to ensure appealing content for boys and girls
- Boundaries for acceptable behaviour/values across the whole school made clearer
- Behaviour initiatives (Scroll of Honour, playground organisation) to provide structure to hidden curriculum
- Liaison Group writing project to improve standards of writing for boys
- Introduction of positive male role models ( WJS, Premier Sport, enrichment week visitors, male staff)
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### *Point 2: Not all tasks meet the learning needs of all pupils.*

- KS1 pupils complete Pupil Learning Surveys annually feeding into PM for teachers EYFS pupil voice links into curriculum planning
- Parental feedback about their children's interests/aptitudes requested annually prior to children starting a new class
- Curriculum design reflects pupil's ideas/interests
- Learning environment exemplifies required standards and support for learning (Working Walls)
- Forensic approach to formative assessment, target setting and pupil progress monitoring
- Further differentiation to teaching according to need e.g. Guided Reading, phonics, interventions
- Consistency of learning environments across the school provides security and familiarity
- Playground organisation/expectations allows children to develop interests, creativity, social skills, chance to 'let off steam' in a controlled way
- Introduction of a range of extra-curricular clubs to interest and engage children
- Use of P4C as an approach to teaching provides children with a structure to creative thinking/questioning
- Introduction of revised marking and feedback policy allows children to self-assess via traffic lights/challenge lights their view on the work offered to them
- Curriculum planning builds on formative and summative of pupil's knowledge, skills and understanding
- Transition timetables for the first weeks of a new school year allow pupils to settle quickly

## 7. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT (CONTINUED)

Point 3: The proportion of pupils that meets the required standard in the Year 1 reading check is below average.

As you know, from the regular feedback in newsletters, we have done a great deal to improve phonics teaching in the school. This has been enhanced by curriculum evenings for parents and additional ideas for how to support learning at home. We continue to see phonics as just one approach to improving reading skills and we work hard to ensure our pupils develop a love of reading too. Attainment in reading is consistently very high and it was acknowledged that, 'Reading is a strength of the school. Pupils have a good knowledge of fiction and non-fiction books. They read with confidence and with expression. The school supports them well by

*making sure individuals have the correct reading book for their level of ability.'* Ofsted December 2013

However, improving standards in phonics can now be backed up with statistical evidence as shown below.

Y1 Phonics	% at expected standard
School 2017	93%
National 2017	n/a
School 2016	88%
National 2016	81%
School 2015	85%
National 2015	77%
School 2014	82%
National 2014	74%
School 2013	51%
National 2013	69%
School 2012	38%

Point 4: Subject leaders who are new to their role have yet to make an impact on learning so that all pupils make good progress

Obviously, four years on our subject leaders have been able to demonstrate more of an impact (many had only been in post for seven weeks when Ofsted made their observation!) Our independent review (Nov 2014) stated, 'Amongst the many impressive examples of leadership and management at the school is the work of the school's middle leaders in developing discrete areas of practice.'

Actions:

- Review and re-distribution of leadership roles
- Clear succession planning in place
- Governor subject links to ensure leadership team has a clear understanding of each curriculum area
- Further improvements to Subject leader files – annual action plans, policies
- Involvement of subject leaders in data analysis linked to core subjects
- Implementation of new National Curriculum by all subject leaders
- Significant English initiatives introduced which have impacted positively – Phonics, Talk for Writing, Guided Reading
- Maths initiatives linked to data analysis
- Curriculum evenings for parents organised to support learning at home
- Huge changes to ICT in the school improving quality of learning in computing
- Further development of P4C as an approach to teaching across the curriculum ( emphasis on Science)

We are obviously never complacent when it comes to school improvement and we are continually striving for ways to be better at what we do, but we have certainly seen a difference as a result of the recent actions we have taken—we hope Ofsted will too!

## 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 , four mornings per week and at our After School Club : 3.00—6.15 pm, Monday to Thursday 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 Friday 26th January 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](mailto:office@jhampden.bucks.sch.uk) or contact the OOSC on 07506 195699 or email [OOSC@jhampden.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:OOSC@jhampden.bucks.sch.uk) for more information.

### **Reception and Junior School applications for September 2018**

Just a reminder that the application deadline for applying for either a reception school place or a junior school place for September 2018 is 3pm on Monday 15th January 2018.



# STARTING SCHOOL FOR THE FIRST TIME

Application  
deadline is  
3pm  
15 January  
2018

**WAS YOUR CHILD BORN BETWEEN  
1 SEPTEMBER 2013 AND 31 AUGUST 2014?**

If yes, Buckinghamshire parents can apply online for a school place from  
6 November 2017. Visit our website [www.buckscc.gov.uk](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk) to apply for a school place.

You must apply even if your child is at the nursery attached to the school you would like them to go to.

Helpful information about starting school for the first time is in the 'Starting School and Moving to Junior School' guide for parents which will be available on the web from the end of October.

If you cannot apply online you can fill out a paper application form.

Open days for primary school are available now on our website at  
[www.buckscc.gov.uk](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk)

**PLEASE DO NOT MISS THIS IMPORTANT DEADLINE**





The FJH has just joined the Aylesbury Vale Lottery as a good cause - so lottery tickets can be bought for £1 - with 50p from each ticket sale coming straight to the FJH. Details as follows:

We have joined Vale Lottery as an official good cause. Lottery tickets can now be bought with HALF of the ticket price going to FJH. Details about tickets as follows:

Each ticket costs just £1.

Each ticket is made up of 6 numbers/digits.

Each digit must be in the range 0-9 and the same digit can appear more than once.

This means there are a million possible ticket numbers from 000000 to 999999!

If you have a cherished number such as a date of birth or telephone number why not use that. Alternatively, if you don't mind what numbers you get just click "Choose for me" and it'll randomly pick the numbers for you.

To win a prize you must match at least 2 numbers in a row starting from either the left OR right.

Every ticket has a 1 in 50 chance of winning a prize every week!

Winning ticket example:

If the winning number one week was 092582

All tickets starting 09XXXX will win a prize

All tickets ending XXXX82 will win a prize

If you match 2 numbers you get 3 free tickets

If you match 3 numbers you get £25

If you match 4 numbers you get £250

If you match 5 numbers you get £2000

If you match all 6 numbers in the correct order you will win £25,000!

You can buy individual tickets whenever you like, or set up a Direct Debit for 1 (or more) ticket(s) per week and not worry about forgetting!

Draws are every Saturday night.

Here's the page from which to buy them - <https://www.valelottery.co.uk/.../friends-of-john-hampden-sch...>



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## Family Support Worker Contact Details & Outreach Venues

### Haddenham Children's Centre

Family Support Worker: Kim Walls

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Email: [Kim.walls@actionforchildren.org.uk](mailto:Kim.walls@actionforchildren.org.uk)

Family Support Worker: Talisha Craib

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

### Risborough Children's Centre

Email: [risboroughhcc@actionforchildren.org.uk](mailto:risboroughhcc@actionforchildren.org.uk)

Outreach Venues: Saunderton Lodge & RAF Walters Ash

### Wendover Children's Centre

Family Support Worker: Emma Farrell

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Family Support Worker: Sarah Mackinnon

Mobile: 07703 192618

Email: [sarah.mackinnon@actionforchildren.org.uk](mailto:sarah.mackinnon@actionforchildren.org.uk)

Outreach Venues: RAF Halton & Wendover Health Centre

Family Support Worker: Laura Thompson

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## Children's Centres

### Programme

**8<sup>th</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018**

### Haddenham

Haddenham Library, Churchway, Haddenham, Bucks, HP17 8EE  
07867 553378 or 07717 693270

[haddenhamcc@actionforchildren.org.uk](mailto:haddenhamcc@actionforchildren.org.uk)

### Risborough

Wellington Avenue, Princes Risborough, Bucks, HP27 9HY  
01844 347934

[risboroughhcc@actionforchildren.org.uk](mailto:risboroughhcc@actionforchildren.org.uk)


### Wendover

Wharf Road, Wendover, Bucks, HP22 6HF  
01296 621143

[wendovercc@actionforchildren.org.uk](mailto:wendovercc@actionforchildren.org.uk)





Session Title	Time Tables Definitions
Mini Memories & Little Explorers	An informal support group for families with children aged 0 -12 months only. We provide scrapbooks and an opportunity for you to capture those wow moments in your babies' life. Exploration of activities including sensory and arts & crafts with physical play.
Child Health Clinic <i>Drop-in – no appointment necessary</i>	Have your child weighed and talk to the health visitors about any concerns or questions you may have. Please do not attend the clinic if your baby is unwell.
Breastfeeding Clinic	Please drop in to our breastfeeding support group. If your baby is younger than 10 days old, please call the group as you may still be seen.
Happyhouse Babybeeps Babybells @ Wendover Children's Centre	Hartbeeps offer magical sensory classes taking your little one to their next developmental stage. Benefits include development of muscles, gross and fine motor skills, social skills, developing imagination and speech development - all through the media of play. <b>Prices: £6.00 per class Black bookings or £8.00 dropping.</b>
Holding Hands	Challenging behaviour course, provided by the Holding Hands programme over 5 weeks and delivered by the Family Support workers.
Family Learning	Bucks Learning Trust Professional, running a target based session aimed at Parents. Children welcome to attend, toys / activities provided.
Play & Learn	A drop-in session with fun activities, crafts and messy play for 0 – 5 year olds and their parents/ carers.
Childminding Network	Childminding Group – An engaging session for local Childminders and children in their care.
Little Talkers	5 Week course, designed to help children with speech and language difficulties. From 18months – 3yrs.
Play & Learn 	A drop-in session with fun activities, crafts and messy play. For 0 – 5 year olds and their parents/ carers. This Stay and Play is primarily for RAF service families, carers or Local Families
Incredible Years Parenting Programme	Learn effective parenting approaches that will reduce your child's negative behaviour. Build a positive relationship with your child that will increase positive behaviour
Tiny Treasures	For babies 0 - 12 months with relevant topics/scrap books treasure basket, meet other parents.

## What support we offer

We know that being a parent means you are constantly learning new things and being faced with new challenges. Sometimes you may need help with these; it may be that you are stuck, that you're trying different things and seeing what works or that you need help with ideas and some support and encouragement to keep persevering.

The Children's Centre can offer advice on a range of topics including:

- Helping you to find and access local health services, such as doctors and dentists
- Providing a healthy balanced diet, from breastfeeding to weaning and beyond
- Accessing specialist services where a family member has a disability, additional need or illness
- Supporting you to find specialist services that can help if you are a victim of domestic abuse
- Signposting to drugs and alcohol misuse services
- Activities designed to boost self-esteem and promote emotional well-being
- Strategies to ensure you are giving your child appropriate levels of attention and empathy
- Opportunities for you and your child to widen your social networks
- Accessing funding for childcare and working out what type of setting is right for you and your child
- Activities for you and your child to give you some ideas of how your child learns and develops and how you can support this at home
- Putting in appropriate boundaries for your children
- Parenting courses and workshops designed to help you improve behaviour and yours and your child's relationship
- Tips and support with establishing good family routines, ensuring that children have regular meal times and bedtimes and have family time
- Accessing financial support, either for short term crises, long term debt issues or advice and tips on making your money go further
- Helping you to ensure that your home is adequate (for example, not overcrowded, damp and lacking in white goods) for you to bring your family up in
- Employment and careers advice; such as brushing up your CV,



## Get involved with your local Community

Please contact your local children's centre for information about toddler groups and clubs happening in your area.

Please take part in your **Children's Centre Online Survey** Monkey and give your views.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YC9735M>

## Look us up on



<https://www.bucksfamilyinfo.org/kb5/buckinghamshire/fsd/home.page>



<https://www.facebook.com/Haddenham-Risborough-and-Wendover-Childrens-Centre-223203118080896>

Or Search Haddenham Risborough Wendover Children Centre

**Please note there is a charge for some sessions as specified but please speak to a member of staff if you are unable to afford this.**

<u>Session Title</u>	<u>Additional Sessions</u>
	Please contact a Family Support Worker if you have an interest in the following groups.
<i>Parentcraft</i>	An antenatal group preparing parents for parenthood.
<i>Postnatal</i>	A 6-week programme covering Crying and Sleeping, Weaning, First aid, Physiotherapy, oral Hygiene and Emotional Wellbeing.
<i>Development Checks</i>	A chance to catch up with your Health Visitor and discuss your child's development.
<i>Speech and Language</i>	An opportunity to receive support and advice with regard to your child's speech and language development.
<i>Early Years Short Breaks</i>	A respite session, for families with children who have additional needs.
<i>Outreach</i>	Visiting families and other services.
<i>Baby Massage</i>	Help with bonding attachment and minor ailments and to relax you and your baby.
<h3><u>About the Children's Centres</u></h3> <p>The Aylesbury Vale Centres are run by Action for Children, on behalf of Buckinghamshire County Council. Our core purpose is to support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child development and school readiness</li> <li>• Parenting aspirations and parenting skill</li> <li>• Child and family health and life chances</li> </ul> <p>We do this in a range of ways, including play and development sessions, parenting courses, adult learning, specific groups and drop in services. We work closely with other people that work with people in the community.</p>	

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><u>Health Clinic &amp; Family Support Drop-in</u> @ Brill Surgery 11:00am – 12:15am <b>No booking required</b></p> <p><b>NEW</b> <u>Tiny Treasures</u> @ Haddenham Library 10.30 - 12.00 For babies 0 - 12 mths Relevant topics/scrap books treasure basket, meet other parents. From Jan 15<sup>th</sup> <b>No booking necessary</b></p>	<p><u>Development Reviews</u> @ Walter Rose Room 9:30am – 12:30pm <b>Invitation only</b></p> <p><u>Ante Natal Class</u> 30<sup>th</sup> Jan &amp; 13<sup>th</sup> March 9.30 – 11.30am <b>Booking only</b></p> <p><u>Storytime</u> Run by Library Staff 2.30 – 3.00pm</p>	<p><u>Postnatal Group</u> @ Haddenham Library 10:30am – 12:00am</p> <p><u>Childminding Drop-in</u> @ Walter Rose Room Jan 7<sup>th</sup> Feb &amp; 7<sup>th</sup> Mar</p> <p><u>Child Health Clinic &amp; Play Time</u> Haddenham Library 1.30 – 3.00 pm</p>	<p><u>LAAC Carers Group</u> Walter Rose Room 9.30am – 1.00pm Jan 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> <b>Invites only</b></p> <p><b>Contact</b> <b>01296 621143</b> <b>for support and advice</b></p>	<p><u>Bounce &amp; Rhyme</u> Run Library Staff 9.30 – 10.00am</p>	<p><u>Dad's Breakfast</u> Walter Rose Room 9.30 – 11.00am £2.00 per family Jan 13<sup>th</sup>, Feb 10<sup>th</sup> &amp; Mar 10<sup>th</sup></p> <p><u>Lego club &amp; Craft Club</u> Run by Library Staff 10.30 – 12.00</p>
<p>The centre is open for support and advice</p> <p><u>Parent Craft</u> 1.00 - 3.00pm <b>Booking Only</b></p>	<p><u>Child Health Clinic</u> 10:00am – 11:30am</p> <p><u>Breastfeeding Support</u> 10.00 – 11.30am</p> <p><u>Little Talkers</u> Starting 23<sup>rd</sup> January 6 weeks course 1.30 - 2.30 pm <b>Booking only</b></p>	<p><u>Play &amp; Learn</u> @ RAF Walters Ash Weekly 9.30 – 11:00am</p> <p><u>Family Support Outreach</u> @ Saunderton Lodge 1.00 – 4.00pm</p> <p><u>Development Reviews</u> 1.00 - 400 <b>Invitation only</b></p>	<p><u>Postnatal Group</u> 10.30 - 12.30 <b>Invitation only</b></p> <p><u>Baby Massage &amp; Baby Yoga</u> 1.00 – 4.30pm Contact Nettie on 07768 303640 or Email: <a href="mailto:nettieforsyth@hotmail.com">nettieforsyth@hotmail.com</a></p>	<p><u>Little Explorer &amp; Mini Memories</u> Children 0 - 5 10.00 – 11.30 am £1 per family) <b>No booking necessary</b></p> <p><u>Early Years Short Break Service</u> @ Risborough 1.30 – 4.30pm <b>Booking only</b></p>	
<p><u>HartBeeps</u> @ Wendover</p> <p><u>Happy House</u> - walking to pre-schoolers 10.00am - <u>Babybeeps</u> - steady sitting to walkers 11.00am - <u>Babybells</u> - new-born to sitting 7 mths 12.15am <b>Book at: 07970 719803 or</b> <a href="mailto:caroline@hartbeeps.com">caroline@hartbeeps.com</a> <b>See prices on page 2.</b></p>	<p><u>Play &amp; Learn</u> @ RAF Halton Weekly Session 9.30 – 11.00 <b>No booking required</b></p> <p><u>Development Reviews</u> 1:00pm – 3:30pm <b>Invitation only</b></p>	<p><u>Parent Craft</u> @ Wendover 9.30 – 11.30 <b>Booking only</b></p> <p><u>Early Years Short Breaks Service</u> 1:30 – 4:30 pm <b>Booking only</b></p>	<p><u>Play &amp; Learn</u> Activities for under 5's @ Wendover 10:00 – 11:30am £1.00 per family <b>No booking necessary</b></p>	<p><u>Child Health Clinic</u> @ Wendover Health Centre 9:30am – 11:30am <b>Little Talkers</b> Starting 26<sup>th</sup> January 6 weeks course 1.30 – 2.30pm <b>Booking only</b></p>	<p><u>Daddy Cool</u> 9.30 – 11.00am @ Wendover CC £2.00 per family Jan 20<sup>th</sup>, Feb 17<sup>th</sup> &amp; Mar 17<sup>th</sup></p> <p><u>Paediatric First Aid</u> 27<sup>th</sup> January 10.00 - 12.00 £12.00 person <b>Book at your Children's Centre</b></p>
<p><u>Haddenham</u> 07867 553378 or 07717 693270</p>					
<p><u>Risborough</u> 01844 347934</p> <p>Wellington Ave, Princes Risborough HP27 9HY</p>					
<p><u>Wendover</u> 01296 621143</p> <p>Wharf Road Wendover HP22 6HF</p>					





**Parents First Aid  
£12 per person**

**When: Saturday 27th January 2018**

**Time: 10am-12pm**

**Where: Wendover Children's Centre,  
Wharf Road, Wendover, HP22 6HF**

**We have limited spaces so please  
contact us to book your space as soon  
as possible to avoid disappointment:  
01296 621143**

**Please note, children are not allowed to  
attend.**