



The John Hampden School Wendover



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1. MESSAGE FROM MRS BARNES

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As we approach the end of a very busy term we are all looking forward to the enjoyable activities that are a feature of this time of year in an infant school. This week the FS Nativity has been performed brilliantly, rehearsals for the KS1 Christmas performances are underway, the parties and pantomime are organized and everywhere you look in the school there are signs of Christmas approaching—not to mention the very excited children!

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Please note that you will be entering the hall via a side route for all performances so please do not attempt to bring pushchairs into the school. The children work very hard to put on their performances and we would ask you to make alternative arrangements for younger siblings who can find it difficult to sit quietly through these very special events.

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The Friends of John Hampden Christmas Fayre, on Saturday 26th November, really started to make us feel festive—my thanks to all the FJH committee for demonstrating, once again, their amazing organizational skills. Also thanks to all the volunteers, governors and staff who gave up their time to run stalls—we managed to raise lots of money and I would like to thank you for your generosity. Last year much of the money raised by the FJH was used to purchase and install new Interactive Boards in the Foundation Stage classes. The new funds generated in this academic year will be spent replacing the Interactive Boards in all the Year 2 classrooms. We are incredibly lucky to have such an active PTA and we truly do appreciate the time and effort that so many volunteer committee members provide. Many of them are already very busy people and the staff, governors and pupils at the school would just like to say a really big THANK YOU for all your hard work.

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Christmas parties are planned for **Monday 19th December**. We invite the children to come to school wearing party clothes and suitable footwear on that day (the children will be going outside at playtimes so clothing needs to be appropriate for colder weather). We have already asked if you would like to provide your child with their own Christmas party lunch and, as this is a special occasion, we are happy for them to have any food which you consider to be appropriate e.g. sweets, chocolate etc.

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Each year we are amazed by the wonderful lunches that are provided. Lunchboxes are often specially decorated, some even contain Christmas crackers or other Christmassy items. The Foundation Stage children eat together in the Octagon and the KS1 children join together to eat in the hall which is beautifully decorated by the Friends of John Hampden. If we are lucky, a very special visitor usually arrives carrying a big sack of presents while the children are eating!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

2nd Dec —INSET DAY

5th Dec—7pm Induction meeting for EY new parents

KS1 Performances:

14th Dec—9.30am

15th Dec—1.45pm

16th Dec—1.45pm

19th Dec— parties

20th Dec—Pantomime and school closes at 1.30pm

WYEVALE CHRISTMAS TREE

We are extremely grateful to the Wyevale Garden Centre in Wendover for donating a magnificent Christmas Tree for our new hall. I am sure you will be impressed when you see it twinkling during the school Christmas Performances.



PLEASE REMEMBER FRIDAY 2nd DECEMBER IS AN INSET DAY

2. GOVERNOR SECTION

Our school's standing in the local community continues to be strong and solid, as I happily observed on a number of occasions over the last few weeks. Our annual Red White and Blue Assembly to recognise the achievements of our armed forces took place on 13th Oct 2016, and I was happy to share a coffee and catch-up with several of our attending RAF families. Marking the important work that the RAF and Armed Forces as a whole perform, our children came to school dressed, appropriately, in the colours of the Union Jack, listening attentively as Helen Brettell and Mrs Spencer shared the background of how the school supports our military children and families.

Some of you may know that a play-time initiative is in place, where several groups of our children have enjoyed joint structured play with Year 6 children from the adjacent Wendover CE Junior School. While in its early stages, it certainly appears that the children from both schools are enjoying this thoroughly.

Finally, I attended a ceremony on Friday 11th Nov 2016 to unveil the 'Wendover Remembers' wallhanging, as it found its way to its permanent home in the Wendover Community Library, having spent the last months being toured around the community. Commemorating World War One, and conceived and masterminded by Wendover Sewing Bee, the wallhanging is made up of fabric poppy squares designed and sewed in June 2015 by pupils from both John Hampden Infant School and Wendover CE Junior School. The school was well represented at the unveiling, and we should feel proud that we have contributed to such a lovely local project.



Dr Gordon Wong

Equalities, Diversity and Community Cohesion 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, Paul Phillips, on p.phillips@johncolet.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

CHRISTMAS CARDS

At this time of year many pupils wish to send Christmas cards to their friends in the school. We accommodate this by installing two Christmas post boxes. One is positioned in the Foundation Stage Octagon area and the other one, for Key Stage One pupils, is positioned near the school office. If your child would like to send some cards this year please would you check the envelopes to ensure the cards can be easily sorted and delivered by our Year 2 postmen.

Each envelope needs to have the name and class name of the recipient clearly written on it.

Unfortunately we are not able to provide parents with class lists, but I am sure your child will remember the names of their very close friends.

We will encourage all children who bring cards into school to post them in the post boxes because the children are always very excited when the Christmas Post arrives in their classroom. Regular deliveries are made in the days leading up to the end of term.

The following information may help you with envelope writing!

Foundation Stage	Year 1	Year 2
Caterpillars - Mrs Nelson	Squirrels—Mrs Spencer	Firecrests - Mrs McNally/Mrs Timms
Ladybirds- Mrs Mills	Hedgehogs - Mrs Shrimpton	Hérons - Mrs Brannan
Honeybees—Miss Webb	Badgers—Mrs King (Mrs Collins)	Red Kites - Mrs Beattie
		Eagles—Miss Nawaz/Mrs Grimsdell

SICKNESS & DIARRHOEA

Sadly we have had a number of children suffering with sickness and diarrhoea in the last few weeks. Please remember that children should not return to school until 48 hours after the last bout of illness. This way we can be sure that your children will not pass on their germs to others. Please ensure we have up to date contact numbers for you and any other emergency contacts as poorly children need to be collected as soon as possible. If you are unsure whether your child is well enough to attend school please see the useful NHS advice in the miscellaneous section of this newsletter.

FUNDRAISING

Many thanks for supporting all the recent charity fundraising . Pupils at John Hampden managed to raise £284.23 for Children in Need, £273.04 for Stand Up To Cancer, £243.45 for Red, White and Blue Day, £275.75 for the Poppy appeal and £151.18 for the Roald Dahl Dahlicious Dress Up Day.

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Please see the following link for the Christingle Service on Sunday December 4th at 4pm

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xJXzOvYE5bg&feature=youtu.be>

This is a great service for children and families and this year they have a representative coming from the Children's Society. They also have a number of people from their youth group helping out in the service so they are aiming to attract as many families as possible to show support for their friends at the Children's Society

LUNCHTIME CLUBS

Most of our lunchtime clubs have now finished for the term. We will be sending out new club letters after the Christmas holiday. However, if you are interested in your child joining the tennis club in the new year you must book immediately using the details provided in the Miscellaneous Section of this newsletter.

Data collection sheets

Children in Year 1 should have come home with a data collection sheet about two weeks ago. If you haven't already done so please could you check, amend if necessary, sign and return the form in order to ensure that all our information is up to date and accurate. Thank you.

Adverse Weather Conditions

If we need to close the school 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 7.45am 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
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 3.15pm, 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.

4. CURRICULUM

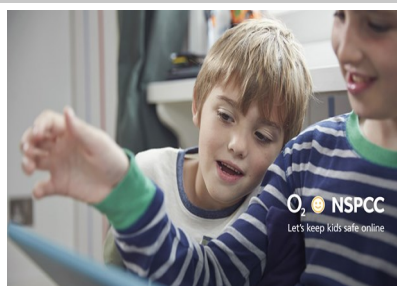
E-safety Advice and Guidance for Parents

Keeping your child safe on the web is essential for us all to understand. There are some simple but useful guidance documents to help you. These will be added to the school website under the Parents Section.

Other useful websites:

[Online safety | NSPCC](http://www.nspcc.org.uk) www.nspcc.org.uk

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>



Daunted by online dangers for children? Confused by internet and e-safety advice? Get easy to understand advice on what you can do, plus the 10 top tips for parents.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

5. PUPIL'S SECTION

This time of the year provides us with a perfect opportunity to develop and enhance performance skills. Tweaks to the timing for the FS and KS1 performances have helped us to ensure that every child in the school, from the youngest to the oldest, is given a moment to shine on the stage. It is clear that some children have real strengths in terms of their ability to speak, sing or perform a dance in front of an audience but every child is given the opportunity to collaborate and take part. It has been wonderful to watch the rehearsals going on and to see the progress that is made as well as the enjoyment and commitment that so many children demonstrate as they prepare for the performances. We thought you might like to read some comments from our Foundation Stage children following their Nativity performances:

I liked being Mary because my baby Jesus was beautiful and I could cuddle him. He was in the manger. Lyla



I liked being a sheep because I liked being able to speak on the stage. I said, "This is the King, we have found him." Freya

I liked being a shepherd because a shepherd is cool. Oscar

I liked being a shepherd because we had to wear a good costume. Lucy

I liked being a king because I liked wearing the crown. I brought the gold for the baby Jesus. Hugo



I liked being an angel because I wore a white dress and a sparkly head band. Tillie

I liked being a cat because I liked my ears—they are so soft. I liked my costume because it was cute. Ava



I liked being a dog because I liked being on the stage. I had to remember all the words I had to say. Alia

I liked seeing my Nursery Teacher when she came to watch the dress rehearsal. Lilia

I liked the people watching us. I was a tiny bit afraid but it was OK and they clapped at the end. Evie

6. THE FRIENDS OF JOHN HAMPDEN

The staff and governors at the school would like to extend a huge thank you to the Friends of John Hampden for organising a wonderful Christmas Fayre—all your effort is truly appreciated.



Well done to the Jam Jar Competition winners who were:

Honeybees—Lelanie	Badgers—Joey	Red Kites—Tia
Ladybirds—Scarlett	Squirrels—Catherine	Firecrests—Emily
Caterpillars—Arthur	Hedgehogs—Eleanor	Heron—Ellenor
		Eagles—Isobel

Here they are proudly receiving their certificates of achievement in Merit Assembly

Christmas Cards

Many thanks to Stacey, Chrissie, Kate, Sophie and team for taking on the mammoth task of sorting all the Christmas cards orders out.

Christmas Fayre

We hope you enjoyed the fayre as much as we did. Thank you to everyone who donated, bought, played, visited, ate, drank, helped, wrapped, organised, hoovered, guessed, negotiated, made and had fun. A special thanks to Rach Jacob & Becky Brocklehurst for co-ordinating the event and Lindy Michaelson-Yates who organised the raffle (which raises over £1,000).

The total profit is yet to be confirmed but will be in the region of £4,400 - which equates to one and a half interactive whiteboards to support our children's learning.




Children's Christmas Parties - Monday 19th December

This is a lovely event for the children which is held during school time - it's not a fund raiser. Please email Hollie on hollie.e.richards@gmail.com if you would like to help out at the party.

Easyfundraising

Thank you - we have **another 10 parents** that have signed up to Easyfundraising in the last fortnight - we have now raised **£666.87** for the school. If you've not signed up yet, please click on to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> before you start ordering Christmas presents- it's simple and **costs you nothing**.

Save the Dates

Your cause	
 Your cause has raised... £666.87	No. supporters 64

Children's New Year Disco
Guilty Pleasures Disco (parents)
Spring Cake Sale
Spring Run
May Fayre
Bag to School
Summer BBQ

Friday 20 January
Saturday 4 February
Friday 17 March
Sunday 23 April
Saturday 20 May
Wednesday 14 June
Friday 7 July

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 made progress linked to the actions outlined below:

GOAL A: LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT

Last week we were visited by a Strategic Intervention Advisor (SIA) from the Bucks Learning Trust, Jo Hobbs. Jo's visit was focused on the EYFS so she met with Mrs Parkinson who took her for a learning walk around the Foundation Stage and made sure that she visited all the classrooms. Following this tour there were discussions about performance data, school self-evaluation, school improvement plans and other unique features of John Hampden. Jo will provide a visit report in due course but many of the outstanding features of the school appeared to be recognised during the visit. She emailed the school to thank us and her comments included:

It was such a privilege after all this time to finally see your Foundation stage in action and discuss the plans for Early Years in January. I left feeling totally inspired to see how, with your knowledge, expertise and years of effort you have created such an engaging and challenging child initiated learning environment. I am not surprised at all that your results were so high last year. You are, without question, giving your children an outstanding foundation for school. You are a fantastic example of how the EYFS should be. Your practice is worthy of dissemination to others!

GOAL B: TEACHING, LEARNING & ASSESSMENT

Marking and feedback continues to be an area for development as we recognise that effective feedback is the best way to enable children to make progress. As you looked at your child's work at the recent Consultation Meetings, I hope you noticed the marking symbols being used in your children's books. These symbols are consistent across the school and pupils are familiar with the meanings of the different marks used by the adults working with them. Pupils are also starting to be given time to reflect and respond to the marking and feedback symbols we are using and we can see the difference that these opportunities are making. However, we are not complacent and following work scrutiny of pupil's books we will continue to adapt our policy and practice to raise standards further.

GOAL C: PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, BEHAVIOUR & WELFARE

We are continuing to build regular links with Wendover Junior School and there is a determination from the leadership teams in both schools for us to continue in this way. For the pupils it means that there are opportunities to visit one another in our respective schools and an example of this is the sharing of the KS1 and Year 3 Christmas Performances which will take place in the next weeks.

Mrs Spencer and Miss Nawaz have spent time developing our new area for quiet reflection. The staff and children have all been involved in preparing and naming this area ready for it to be used regularly. Thanks to the FJH for funding the resources in this area.

GOAL D: PUPIL OUTCOMES

Subject leaders responsible for the core subjects of English, Maths and Science are required to complete regular monitoring and evaluation activities. This week Mrs Timms, our Maths Co-ordinator, and Mrs Parkinson, our English Co-ordinator, have completed their termly work scrutiny of a selection of KS1 children's Maths and English books. This enables us to ensure consistency in terms of presentation, marking & feedback, differentiation and planning across the year groups. The findings will be disseminated to staff and strengths and areas for further development will be shared and discussed.

Mrs Barnes and Mrs Parkinson have also completed lesson observations in each class. The focus of the observations has been Maths and it is pleasing to note that there are outstanding features in every lesson observed.

8. MISCELLANEOUS

Hot school meals catering assistant vacancy

As you are aware, from January 2017 we are moving to providing hot school lunches for the pupils. Chartwells, our meal providers are therefore looking to employ a catering assistant who will be based at the school to help prepare and serve the food. The contract of employment will be with Chartwells (not John Hampden School). Please see the job vacancy advert below for further information.

JOB VACANCY AT THE JOHN HAMPDEN SCHOOL WENDOVER

OUR COMPANY ARE LOOKING FOR THE FOLLOWING

Position: CATERING ASSISTANT

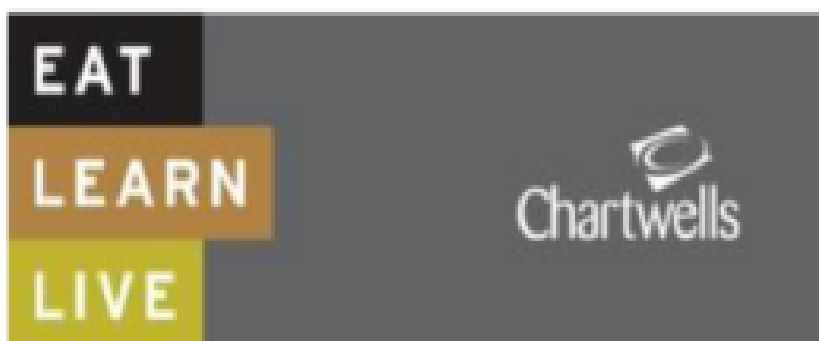
Time: 11.30-1.30pm 10hrs per week

(Monday – Friday; Term time only)

For further details and an application form, please contact Ann Dilinchev

Telephone Number: 07880 023136

Email: ann.dilincev@compass-group.co.uk



Is my child too ill for school?

When your child is unwell, it can be hard deciding whether to keep them off school. These simple guidelines should help.

Not every illness needs to keep your child from school. If you keep your child away from school, be sure to inform the school on the first day of their absence.

Use common sense when deciding whether or not your child is too ill to attend school. Ask yourself the following questions.

- Is my child well enough to do the activities of the school day? If not, keep your child at home.
- Does my child have a condition that could be passed on to other children or school staff? If so, keep your child at home.

Would I take a day off work if I had this condition? If so, keep your child at home.

Common conditions

If your child is ill, it's likely to be due to one of a few minor health conditions.

Whether you send your child to school will depend on how severe you think the illness is. Use this guidance to help you make that judgement.

Remember: if you're concerned about your child's health, consult a health professional.

- **Cough and cold.** A child with a minor cough or cold may attend school. If the cold is accompanied by a raised temperature, shivers or drowsiness, the child should stay off school, visit the GP and return to school 24 hours after they start to feel better. If your child has a more severe and long-lasting cough, consult your GP. They can give guidance on whether your child should stay off school.
- **Raised temperature.** If your child has a raised temperature, they shouldn't attend school. They can return 24 hours after they start to feel better.
- **Rash.** Skin rashes can be the first sign of many infectious illnesses, such as chickenpox and measles. Children with these conditions shouldn't attend school. If your child has a rash, check with your GP or practice nurse before sending them to school.
- **Headache.** A child with a minor headache doesn't usually need to be kept off school. If the headache is more severe or is accompanied by other symptoms, such as raised temperature or drowsiness, then keep the child off school and consult your GP.

Vomiting and diarrhoea. Children with diarrhoea and/or vomiting should definitely be kept off school until at least 48 hours after their symptoms have gone. Most cases of diarrhoea and vomiting in children get better without treatment, but if symptoms persist, consult your GP.

- **Sore throat.** A sore throat alone doesn't have to keep a child from school. But if it's accompanied by a raised temperature, your child should stay at home.

Chickenpox. If your child has chickenpox, keep them off school until all their spots have crusted over.

Tell the school

It's important to inform the school if your child is going to be absent. On the first day of your child's illness, telephone the school to tell them that your child will be staying at home and how long you expect the absence to last.



Everyball Tennis

John Hampden School Lunchtime Tennis Club

Spring Term 2017

Booking Open Closes End of November

Wendover Tennis Club and Everyball Tennis are delighted to continue their strong partnership with John Hampden School.

Booking now open for Foundation stage on Tuesday Lunchtime and Year 1 & 2 on Thursday Lunchtime for the Spring Term

Please Note: The school have requested that all pupils who would like to take part next term, register by the end of the month. This will give the school sufficient time to let the lunchtime supervisors have the accurate registers for the club's ahead of next term.

To book visit.....

<http://www.everyball.uk/>

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Where

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Wendover Youth Centre

We will also visit - Wendover Pool, Wendover Woods & John Colet Sports Hall

Times & Prices

8am - 6:00pm	£24.00
9am - 3:30pm	£19.00
9am - 1.00pm*	£11.00 (suitable for 4 year olds)



Activities

Swimming	Street Dance	Rounders
Football	Archery	Arts & Crafts
Basketball	Fencing	Golf
Gymnastics	Pizza Making	Athletics
Adventure Walks*	Toast Breakfast	Dodgeball
		Table Tennis

When

Christmas Holiday	Manor Farm	Great Kingshill	Bishop Wood	Wendover Youth Centre	Princes Risborough
Weds 21st Dec				✓	
Thurs 22nd Dec				✓	
Fri 23rd Dec				✓	
Weds 4th Jan				✓	
February Half Term					
Mon 13th Feb	✓			✓	✓
Tues 14th Feb	✓			✓	✓
Weds 15th Feb		✓	✓	✓	
Thurs 16th Feb		✓	✓	✓	
Fri 17th Feb		✓	✓	✓	

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