



The John Hampden School Wendover



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NEWSLETTER

1. MESSAGE FROM MRS BARNES

It has been good to see many parents attending the induction meetings that have taken place, we hope you found them useful. I do understand that the timing is not convenient for everyone, so class teachers will be putting details of the information covered under their class section of the school website very soon.

www.johnhampdenwendover.co.uk

Mrs Parkinson or I have attended each meeting to welcome parents and to provide some extra information. In addition to this, please note:

Emergency Contact Details—please do remember to inform the school if any of your emergency contact details have changed recently. It is vital that we hold the most up to date information for you.

Voluntary Contributions— we are making a change to the way we collect voluntary contributions this term. Each parent will receive a letter which includes an itemized list of the cost of activities which the teachers are planning for that term. Parents can then sign in to their Parentpay account to make the payment. This is a voluntary contribution but obviously we may have to cancel activities if not enough parents opt to pay. We try to arrange as many activities as possible in school to avoid the additional cost of coaches but from time to time we will take the children slightly further a field so termly payment requests may reflect this.

The further development of a 'Growth Mindset' in pupils is a target for us this year. As part of the many activities that are planned we will be holding a Curriculum Evening for parents on Thursday 28th September from 7pm - 8.00pm. The meeting is intended to give help and guidance to parents in terms of how to support us at home. Please return your request for seats as soon as possible.

Any child who has completed the 'Record Breakers Summer Reading Challenge 2017' should bring their completed record booklet into school to receive a certificate from Mrs Parkinson.

Thank you for supporting the Dahlicious dress-up event today—the children look amazing. We will put some photos on the website.

Please note:-

COMING SOON

Thursday 5th October - Red, White and Blue Day

28th Sept—Curriculum evening 7.00-8.00 pm

4th Oct—Foundation stage Harvest Festival 9.15am

5th Oct—red, white and blue day for Armed Forces

6th Oct—Year 1 Harvest festival 9.30 am

9th, 10th & 11th Oct—Maths workshops 2.45 pm

Children are asked to wear red, white and blue in return for bringing £1 to school. All money raised goes to supporting families of our Armed Forces. As we have a number of pupils who have parents in the Forces we feel it is important to support this charity event.

Finally, a reminder that if you have any worries or concerns about your child in school, you should contact the class teacher as soon as possible. I will also make myself available if you need to speak to me. Mrs Spencer is also able to provide support regarding non-urgent issues.

2. GOVERNOR SECTION

I would like to welcome all our parents and pupils to what I am sure will be another successful school year. I would especially like to welcome those of you who are new to the school and I hope that you find the school as warm and friendly as I did when my children first started here.

The world of education seems to be constantly changing and yet at the same time, it is basically about teachers teaching and children learning – activities that our school does so well. I am sure there will be lots of challenges throughout the year, especially with ever tighter budgets and ever increasing demands on staff but the school is well-placed to deal with whatever comes along.

As a Governing Body, we try to be as accessible as we can to parents and you will no doubt see us at a variety of events over the course of the year such as the Christmas Fayre, so please come and say hello!

I look forward to seeing some of you soon



Paul Phillips
Chair of Governors

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 office@jhampden.bucks.sch.uk if you would like to raise a matter for discussion

3. IMPORTANT MESSAGES

School Times

This is a reminder that pupils should not arrive in school before 8.45a.m each morning. We have noticed a number of children who are at school significantly earlier than this. Pupils may arrive at anytime between 8.45 and 8.55a.m and we hope this slightly staggered start will ease congestion at one of the busiest times of the day. We would also remind parents/carers that they should be at school at 3.15pm to collect their child. We obviously understand if there are unforeseen circumstances that mean you may be late on rare occasions and we will always supervise children if they have to wait. However, we would ask you to make alternative child-care arrangements if late collection is a regular occurrence.

Parent Helpers

Please look out for a pink letter in your child's book bag next week. We are seeking help from any parent/carers who may be able to volunteer in school to support reading, cooking, art, sewing etc.

We are also seeking help from parents who would be willing to spend the first fifteen minutes of the school day (8.45am-9.00am) supporting children with reading activities.

All volunteers must be prepared to undertake a DBS check as part of our safeguarding procedures.

Milk

It is still possible for parents to register their child for the 'Cool Milk' scheme. You can collect a form from the school office or you can register online at www.coolmilk.com.

School Building Society

School Building Society runs every Wednesday outside Mrs Barnes' office.

Children can pay in as much or as little as you like, a great way to start learning the importance of saving and watching their pocket money grow.

You can open a Young Savers account in the Wendover branch (in Back Street), you will need a birth certificate or passport along with proof of address, the parent signing the application forms driving licence is ideal as this will also cover the signature ID.

Alternatively, you can visit our lucky dip stall (all proceeds go to the school) at the Christmas Fayre on 25th November and sign up there, as long as the signing parent has a driving licence on them, the school will then verify the child's details.

All new Young Savers will receive a Harpenden piggy bank. For more details, contact the branch on 01296 623595.



Water Bottles

We do encourage children in Year One and Year Two to bring a water bottle to school each day. This is in addition to their lunchtime drink. Your child will have easy access to their water bottle throughout the day. Children are reminded to take their water bottles home each night to be refilled. Please do not put squash or juice in these bottles as it is less healthy and can also be very sticky! Foundation Stage children have access to water all day.

Thank you

Food Tasting

You will shortly receive a slip in your child's book bag. At various times throughout the year we do food tasting activities and we need to be sure that we are aware of any allergies. Please complete the slip and return it to school as soon as possible and remember to keep us updated of any changes. Returning the slip will mean we don't have to ask for the information each time a food tasting activity is planned. Please note, we only need to know about specific allergies, not details about food that your child doesn't like!!

Nuts

We do have several children in the school with a severe allergy to nuts. We would be grateful if you would refrain from providing nuts in lunchboxes to reduce the risk of allergic reactions. Thank you

Naming Belongings

After the first few P.E lessons/ clubs, it is clear that many children have clothing that is not named and this is causing real difficulties for staff. Please would you ensure all belongings are named and that children are aware of where the name is on their things. It is obvious that some children would really benefit from having some extra practise when dressing/undressing independently and keeping their clothing in neat piles, socks in shoes etc. We would really appreciate your support with this.

Road Safety

Sadly, there are still a number of parents from across the campus who continue to ignore our school rules, the rules of the Highway Code and break the law. In the first week of term we have already received complaints of parents parking illegally on the double yellow lines on the corner of Icknield Close, making it very dangerous for our school crossing patroller and those families accessing the site from that direction. The number plates of these cars have been noted and passed on to the authorities. We actively welcome reports of illegal or inconsiderate parking on or around the campus and these can be emailed to finance@wendoverjunior.co.uk. We ask everyone to work together to get our children to and from school safely - please don't risk being responsible for a child being injured or worse, all in the name of convenience. Thank you.

Scooters

Please leave scooters in the scooter bay provided and not in the gazebo area. Thank you.

Thank You

Mrs Spencer would like to thank the parents and children who watered the vegetable garden over the summer holidays, not quite such an onerous task this year due to the wet weather! The children will enjoy cooking using the vegetables grown, a real plot to plate experience!

SCHOOL TRAVEL

School Travel - Walk to School - Go for Gold

It has been super to see so many children already walking, scooting and biking to school each day with their parents and carers and I am very pleased to say that our 'Go for Gold' walking initiative will soon be ready to start after the autumn half term holiday. All children that walk, bike and scoot to school will be able to complete a Go for Gold passport and earn prizes and stickers.

I am very grateful to our new team of co-ordinators who will run the scheme but to help it run smoothly we need a willing team of volunteers to stamp the passports in the mornings.

Ideally we would like two volunteers from each class to help, but the more the merrier! If you have a few minutes to spare on any morning please come forward.

Please complete the form below and return to school if you would like to help.

To make it easier for stampers and children we have stamping stations for each year group in different areas to ease congestion.

There are many benefits to walking, scooting or biking to school: it keeps you healthy, there is less traffic on the campus road, making the journey to school much safer for pedestrians and it is good for the environment too.

Our 'Go for Gold' scheme is very important to the school and I am happy to hear from anyone who would like to join our team of stampers.

Thank you for your continued support.



A reminder to all children that bike and scoot to school

For safety reasons please do not ride your scooter or bike on any of the school paths. Once you reach the school gate get off your bike or scooter and wheel it to the parking area. At the end of the day please also walk your bike or scooter to the gate before you start to ride. Thank you.

Heather Beattie

School Travel Co-ordinator

I am able to help stamp passports.

I am available on these mornings:

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Name:

Contact number:

Child's name:

Class:

4. PUPIL'S SECTION

The pupils have now been at school for two and a half weeks and I can report that for the Autumn Term we currently have 254 pupils on roll. There are still a number of places to be filled in Year One and Year Two. The number increases in the Spring Term when our Early Years class starts.

Being an infant school, our pupils are fortunate to have the opportunity to take on roles of responsibility earlier than in some combined schools. This year we have chosen to focus on providing as many opportunities as possible for our oldest pupils to nurture and support the younger children in the school. This started on the very first day of term when we selected a number of Year Two pupils to support the Foundation Stage pupils as they stayed for lunch at school for the first time. We thought you might like to read some comments from staff and pupils about the success of this initiative.

Year Two pupils have been keen to offer their assistance in the dining hall, supporting the Foundation Stage classes in different ways. These included; accompanying them back to their cloakroom to fetch coats, putting lunchboxes away, reminding them of where to find the toilets and directing them to the playground. They also offered a helping hand to those in search of a friend. They did a marvellous job and we are very proud of the school values they demonstrated while performing this role.

This is what the Year Two volunteers said;

"It made me feel helpful, I liked helping the little ones." Joey

"It made me excited to help." Orla

"It made me feel responsible and it made me feel good about myself." Poppy

Here are some comments from Foundation Stage pupils;

"The helpers made me feel happy." Milo

"One of the big children helped me when I hurt my knee." Eva

"The helpers showed me where to get my coat, they were kind to me and showed me where to play."
Poppy

The lunchtime supervisors were pleased with their efforts and commented;

"They have gone above and beyond in their role."

"Year Two helpers have been exceptional."

All staff have been impressed with their willingness to help others, they have demonstrated a mature and caring attitude towards their peers. This clearly reflects our ethos as a school; valuing the culture of kindness and mutual respect.

5. CURRICULUM

This year, as a result of feedback from the children and staff, we are continuing with our weekly Merit Assembly followed by Golden Time. The 'Scroll of Honour' will, once again, provide opportunities for children to be spotted for doing something special. We have seven Golden Rules that underpin our Behaviour Policy. Children who consistently follow the Golden Rules will be rewarded each Friday afternoon with approximately 45 minutes of 'Golden Time'. This term each teacher has planned a different exciting activity, and during the term each class will rotate through the different activities. Activities include: visiting the Octagon, art and craft activities, multi-media, construction and music. Children who have lost some minutes of their Golden Time will spend this time with Mrs Barnes. We hope that these appealing activities will be a real incentive to encourage everyone to follow the Golden Rules.

Within each class we have also included a 'Thinking Mat' which, if necessary, children are asked to sit on to reflect on their behaviour.

All pupils are following a carefully designed 'transition timetable' for the first half of the Autumn Term. We hope that a timetable which allows time for staff to ensure children are settled and getting used to the regular routines and expectations, will be beneficial for all.

Philosophy sessions/activities continue to be a weekly feature. This may sound rather ambitious but children are naturally curious and educational research suggests that encouraging children to ask questions and to listen to other people's ideas helps them to understand their thoughts and how they affect their lives.

It is fascinating to hear the children's thoughts and we find that from one starting point many more questions are posed. The only thing to remember with philosophy is that there are no right or wrong answers— just the opportunity to hear, develop and value different viewpoints.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Staff and children are beginning to prepare for the upcoming harvest celebrations.

Foundation Stage children will be celebrating Harvest Festival on Wednesday 4th October at 9.15am and their parents are welcome to attend. A Harvest Festival for **Year One and Year Two** children will be held at 9.30am on **Friday 6th October**. Year One parents are warmly invited to attend. Year Two parents will be invited to share our May Day celebrations later in the year.

As usual we are asking the children to provide food/flower donations which are used to form a beautiful backdrop to the harvest celebrations. We welcome any flowers, fruit, vegetables or tinned goods

Donations should be taken to the classroom on the morning of October 4th, 5th or 6th and will be displayed in the hall. The donations are then sent to the Women's Refuge in Aylesbury and they are always very gratefully received as they rely on donations to run successfully.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

6. THE FRIENDS OF JOHN HAMPDEN

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!!

We had our AGM on Tuesday and had a really great turnout with lots of new faces which is great! For Parents new to the School the Friends of John Hampden is the PTA. We have 3 main objectives:

We raise money for the school, enhancing the facilities for our children

We organise events that the children (and parents) genuinely enjoy – this helps reinforce the sense that school is a great place to be!

We build a sense of community among parents.

Here is a little film that explains more... <https://youtu.be/dU20FJb6Nns> - it can also be found on the school webpage under FJH.

Class Reps

The following parents have volunteered to be your class reps this year. If you need their contact details, please get in touch via email [Christina edley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Christina_edley@yahoo.co.uk) Please note we still need a volunteer for Red Kites – any takers??!

Name	Class rep 2016/17
Rebecca Sackman	Honeybees
Chrissie Edley)	Honeybees (Support)
Peter Hooper	Caterpillars
Anne-Marie Foster	Caterpillars
Rachael Sturgeon	Ladybirds
Michelle Atkins	Ladybirds
Lucy Johnston	Squirrels
Jo Currell	Squirrels
Laura Croker	Badgers
Caroline Benson	Badgers
Emma Child	Hedgehogs
Anna Cheetham	Hérons
Janelle Langston	Firecrests
Becky Brocklehurst	Firecrests (Support)
?	Red Kites
?	Red Kites

Quiz Night 13th October

Don't forget to book your table – teams will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If you don't have a full table – your class rep may be able to help get a team together or the FJH will place you in a team. £13 – includes Fish and Chip supper – bar will be available!

Secondhand Uniform

Thank you to all those parents that have donated uniform to help launch our second hand uniform supplies! Watch this space for how to make donations in the future. Anything nearly new, stain free and washed will be readily accepted.

We will have a stand at all school events including parents evening, the Christmas Fayre and open days for new parents to name a few. Prices start at 50p and go up to approx £5 for a coat. There are some real bargains to be had and all money raised goes directly to the school.

FJH FUN RUN

Please be advised of a change of date for the Fun Run. It is now on 10th June 2018.

Keep an eye on the JHS Parents Facebook page for further info (if you are a new parent just ask to join the page and we will approve). Watch this space and look out for our stand at all occasions going forwards. Any further information contact Becky Brocklehurst.

Ice Cream Days

Please remember to complete & return the ice-cream slip even if your child isn't having an ice-cream – this way we know that we've not accidentally missed a child – helps to avoid unnecessary tears.

Foundation Stage 'Cheese & Wine'

Thank you to all the Foundation stage parents and FJH committee that came along to the Shoulder of Mutton at the beginning of term. It was great to meet so many new members of the school community. We hope that you enjoyed it too!

JHS Parents Facebook page

Don't forget to sign up to our 'closed' FB page – essential for keeping up with school meeting times/fancy dress days and lost items.

Easyfundraising

Finally, remember to download the 'Easyfundraising app' – earn money for the school while costing you nothing – an essential with on-line Christmas shopping, weekly supermarket shops and booking next year's summer holiday! All major (and a lot of minor) on-line retailers donate – just post Friends of John Hampden school, Wendover as your 'cause'

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fjhwendover/>

You're raising for

Friends of John Hampden School Wendover

In the last 30 days your cause has raised **£48.40** and recruited **2 new supporters**.



Your cause has raised...

£1,178.01

No. supporters

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FINALLY Our Chairperson – Sophie Palmer

Sadly Sophie Palmer has decided to step down from Chairing the PTA at Christmas due to imminent re-posting of her husband this school year – in order to retain our charitable status we must fill this Chairperson role. If you feel you could take on this rewarding position please let us know. If you need more details please speak to Sophie Palmer, Chrissie Edley or any other of the PTA committee members!

7. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

As the new academic year begins we are embarking on actions linked to our new School Development Plan 2017-2018 which aims to guide improvements to the school over this time. In deciding the areas to focus on we took into consideration many factors e.g. stakeholder views expressed in questionnaires and comments, feedback from other outside agencies, data analysis, Government policy etc.

In the next newsletter I will share a summary of the new priorities so you can see what we are aiming to achieve.

However, during the summer holiday and over the next weeks/months, works to develop and improve the school environment are on-going:

- The extra Year 2 class turned into a new learning area (similar to the Octagon) for use by Year 1 pupils. It will be known as 'The Rectangle'
- Broadband provider was changed over (just a few technical issues outstanding!!)
- £500 worth of new reading books were added
- Several teachers moved classrooms and redesigned their new rooms
- Deep cleaning of the carpets, classrooms and shared areas took place
- Lots of outside painting and maintenance jobs were completed (many thanks to Governor, Matt Glanville, and teams of RAF recruits for providing us with manpower to make this easier)
- The school office was re-organised
- Two skips were filled!

8. MISCELLANEOUS

Children's Services Interim Executive Director Gladys Rhodes White	Buckinghamshire County Council County Hall, Walton Street Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire HP20 1UA Telephone 0845 3708090 www.buckscc.gov.uk
	5 September, 2017 Our Ref:

Dear Parents/Carers,

Help us get education and skills plans right for children and young people in Bucks

Buckinghamshire County Council has launched a consultation asking for your views on education and skills for children and young people across Buckinghamshire.

The consultation is available at www.buckscc.gov.uk/haveyoursay under 'current consultations'. Your views will help us plan how we work with schools, colleges and all those who support our children in their education and skills development to reach their potential and have good opportunities.

It is our role to be the champion for your children and their learning as they grow, from the early years with childminders, pre-schools and nurseries, right through to schools and colleges and ensuring they are then ready to embrace their future.

We want to know what is important to you and your children in relation their education and skills, what you think works well at the moment and what we can do better in the future to work with all of our partners to ensure that your children have the best start in life and a good education.

Please take a few minutes to give us your views on how we plan to do this for children in Buckinghamshire.

Yours Sincerely



Sarah Callaghan
Service Director for Education
Buckinghamshire County Council

EVERYBALL TENNIS AT HALTON TENNIS CENTRE

Everyball Tennis at Halton Tennis Centre have launched “Everyball Active” – a quarterly magazine giving a few tips plus details of upcoming events, including our October Half-Term Tennis & Multi-Activity Camps which will take place Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October.

To access the latest edition of the magazine, please click on the following link:-

<http://www.everyball.uk/page/everyball-active-magazine>

To book on our Half-Term Camps, please click on the following link:-

<http://everyball.uk/camp-venue/camp-halton-uk>

For any information on courses or camps, please contact Camilla at camilla@everyball.net or on 07748 596607.”



Rainbows & Rattles

Mondays 0915-1200 as of 18/09/17



Fun

Songs

Stories



Nursery Rhymes

Crafts

Educational Activities

£1 for the first child, 50p for subsequent children.

This includes juice and a snack.

**For further information please contact Kary Lamb on
07903510368.**



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Families welcome minimum age 4 years.



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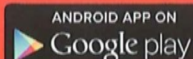
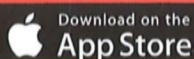
For beginners classes and more information please contact:

SENSEI PAUL DAVID 5TH DAN INSTRUCTOR
ON. 07767 258650

NEW CLASS BEGINS ON SATURDAY
16TH SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 1.15PM AT
THE STOKE MANDEVILLE STADIUM,
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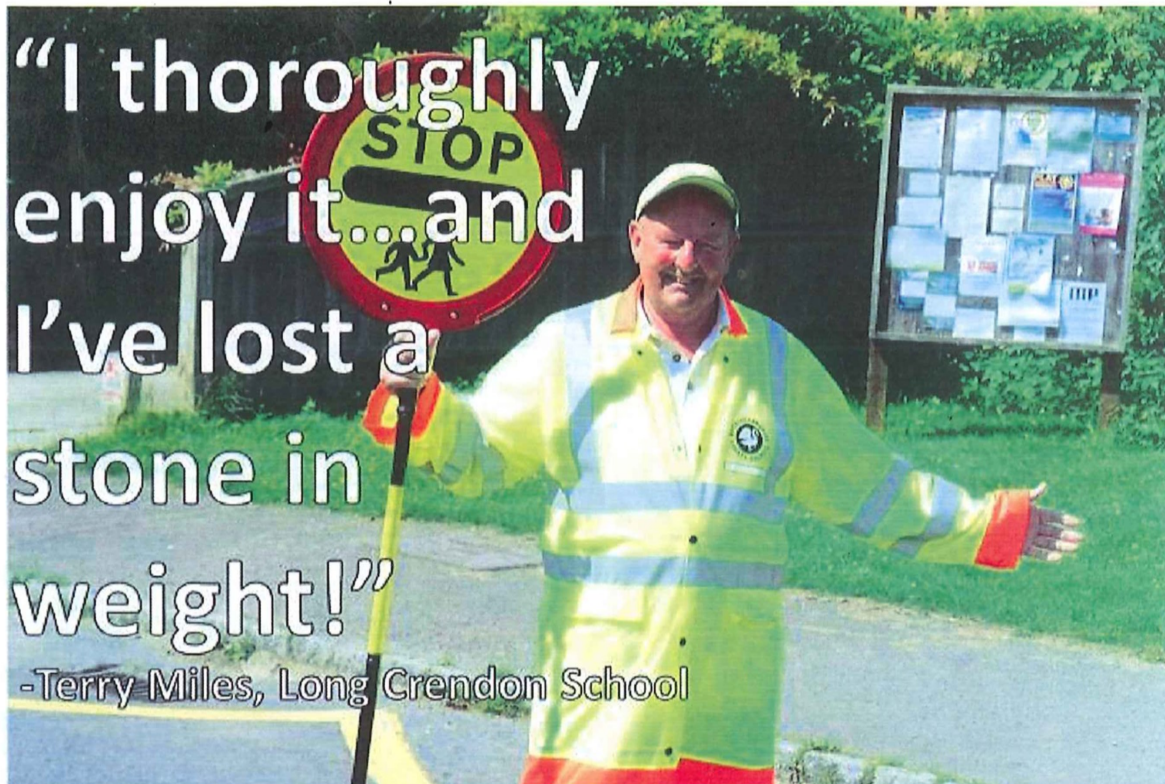


Footprint Dance



VACANCIES

We are currently looking for Patrollers and Relief's. Do you know anyone who can help?



Patrollers have an important role within the community helping children and their parents/carers to cross busy roads on their journeys to and from school.

For more information on current vacancies please log on to www.buckscc.gov.uk/scp

Or call Corinne Randall 01296 383432.

We offer:

Starting rate of pay £8.76

Job share welcome

Show your true colours for your Hospice!



Sunday 8th October

At Green Park, Aston Clinton HP22 5NE

Find out more at fnhospice.org.uk/colour-rush

COLOUR-RUSH

It's time to get covered in colour!

~~Early Bird Offer – book before 1 September and save~~

Entry is just £19 for adults, £9 for children before 1 September, and £50 for Family entry!

Run or walk 5k through the colour chaos of Colour Rush and raise money for Florrie's Children's Team – have fun and help others too!



- 5k route plus Mini-Rush for little ones
- Sunday 8 October at 11am OR 2pm
- ALF Green Park, Aston Clinton, HP22 5NE

Entry fees

Adult £25

Junior £12

Family £60 (2 adults, 2 children)

Mini-Rush £5



Find out more and register at fnhospice.org.uk/colour-rush



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Trust. It's an easy thing to talk about, even an easy thing to aspire to. But how easy is it to do in practice? How easy is it to trust those around us? To trust those who lead us? To trust that there is a genuine purpose to our lives? To trust that God is looking out for us and caring for us? This Sunday (September 24th) we're starting a new term of our **Explore** All-Age services, looking at the topic of trust. **Explore** is an inclusive and accessible service which aims to cater for all: young and old, those who are new to church and those who've been coming for years.

Explore combines some great songs (and on Sunday we have a jazz band and gospel choir coming from Oasis Academy Enfield), worship, prayer and readings and a chance to explore the theme of trust in five different ways. And there's always plenty of coffee, and a chance to chat...

So, why not come and **Explore**! Everyone is welcome, come and see...

Sunday September 24th, 10.30am.
St Mary's Wendover, Church Lane, Wendover, HP22 6NL.

