



The John Hampden School Wendover



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1. MESSAGE FROM MRS BARNES

Governor Section 2

I hope you managed to have a relaxing half term break. Since the children have come back to school they really appear to have enjoyed the second of our enrichment weeks—Safety Week which took place last week. The theme of the two weeks either side of the half term break was Health & Safety and I hope you heard about the various activities/visitors that formed a major part of their learning. You could also visit the News section of the school's website to see photographs and further details of the activities and visitors.

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This week it was good to see so many of you as you came into school for the Consultation Evenings. We have excellent attendance by parents/carers at these meetings so thank you for taking the time to come along and find out about what your child has been learning since the start of the academic year. We hope you found out what you wanted to know.

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During the class induction meetings, held at the beginning of the school year, I mentioned that we will be monitoring attendance and punctuality rigorously. Attendance monitoring takes place twice a term and parents will be informed if their child's attendance gives any cause for concern. Punctuality is obviously important as children are involved in a range of activities first thing in the morning and children who arrive later than 8.55 a.m are disadvantaged if they miss the first important instructions of the day. As soon as gates and doors are shut in the morning, children need to be brought through the main entrance to the school. Parents should then record the reason for the late arrival on forms in the entrance hall—we are vigilant about this as we need to be seen to be addressing issues of persistent lateness. As an infant school we need to work with families to ensure late arrival does not become a habit.

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Last week work began on the first phase of a new building project in preparation for us taking an additional class into Foundation Stage in September 2018. This building project will see improvements made to the playground space, construction of two new classrooms and a new Early Years Classroom as well as enlargement of the two smallest Foundation Stage classrooms. Phase 1 involves construction of a large 'Multi-use Games Area' (MUGA) which should be completed by the end of November and ready for our children to use. This project is fully funded by Bucks County Council and is a way of making sure our pupils continue to benefit from learning in a spacious, well resourced environment which we would not be able to afford to create ourselves in the current difficult financial situation that some schools find themselves in.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

13th Nov—Thinking Day

Friday 17th Nov—BBC Children in Need

25th Nov —FJH Christmas Fayre

27th—29th Nov —SEN reviews

29th & 30th Nov-Hedgehogs parents evenings

CHILDREN IN NEED - the children may come to school in their own clothes (something spotty or a Superhero costume if they like) on Friday 17th November in return for a minimum donation of £1 (any coin denominations) which will be sent to the BBC Appeal.



2. GOVERNOR SECTION

The membership of the John Hampden Governing Body has changed over recent months with some Governors leaving and a number of new Governors joining. Recent feedback from parents has also shown that the role of the governing body is not understood by everyone. It therefore seems like as good a time as any to give a brief overview of how the John Hampden Governing Body is made up and what we do.

Like any other school governing body, the John Hampden Governing Body is responsible for raising school standards by:

- a. Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction for the school by setting aims and objectives
- b. Holding the Head Teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils; and
- c. Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

The Governing Body is there to support and challenge Mrs Barnes and the Senior Leadership team who are responsible for the day to day running of the school and the implementation of the strategic framework established by the governing body.

The John Hampden governing body is made up of a wide range of categories of Governor in order to provide different skills and views. These include:

Staff Governors including the Head Teacher

Parent Governors

Authority Governors nominated by the Local Authority

Community Governors representing the local community

Co-opted Governors appointed by the governing body who can offer specific knowledge or skills

Associate Governors appointed by the governing body who can contribute but do not have voting rights

To see the current John Hampden Governing Body please visit the 'Meet the Governors' section of the school website.

The John Hampden Governing Body meet as a full governing body twice every school term to discuss all issues pertaining to the school. In addition to this, Governors are members of committees who meet more often to hold more focussed discussions on specific areas of the school:

Finance, Buildings, Health and Safety

Teaching and Learning, Pupil and Community

Personnel and Pay Review

And other committees who meet when required e.g.:

Pupil Discipline Committee

Admissions Committee

Governors are also aligned to subjects (e.g. Literacy, Numeracy) where they face off to the teachers responsible for that part of the curriculum. John Hampden Governors are also aligned to other specific important aspects of the school (e.g. SEN, Equalities Diversity and Community Cohesion, OOSC). Governors will often visit the school to understand these areas of responsibility and see the school plans being put into action.

Members of the Governing Body try to make themselves visible at all school events and visit the school as often as possible.

The John Hampden Governing Body is made up of a group of like-minded people who want the best for our school. We aim to provide the support necessary to help ensure an outstanding education for all our children. I suspect this may have been a bit of a difficult read at times but if any of you have made it this far and are interested in getting involved in helping the school as a governor then please look out for any future opportunities or contact Mrs Barnes or the Chair of Governors James Edley to express an interest.

David Wheeler

Co-opted Governor, Chair of Personnel and Pay Review Committee, Member of Finance Committee, ICT linked Governor, Geography linked Governor, OOSC linked Governor.



The Governing Board are always willing to listen to parental queries and to explain in more detail what the Governing Board 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 if you would like to raise a matter for discussion.

3. IMPORTANT MESSAGES

Warm clothing

Since coming back to school, after the half term break, the weather has become cooler. Children must wear a coat every day now and we also advise that children bring named hats and gloves to school to wear at playtimes in colder weather. We do sell woolly hats with the school logo on them—available from the school office at a cost of £4.50.

Polite Notice

We often discuss the safety of pupils and pedestrians in and around our school and as they wait for older siblings at WJS. Please would you discourage JHSW pupils from scooting inside our school gates, or outside WJS, as we are concerned for the safety of others in these confined areas. Year 1 pupils have just received scooter training as part of our safety week so I hope they put their knowledge to good use!



MOVING UP TO JUNIOR SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2018



Parents/Carers of Year 2 children at John Hampden must apply for a Junior School place for their child. The Junior School online application service opened at 11am on 6th November 2017 and the deadline for online applications is 3pm on 15th January 2018. Parents should use the following website to make their application:

<https://services.buckscc.gov.uk/school-admissions>

STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2018

If you, or someone you know, has a child who is eligible to start school in September 2018, an application for a Primary School place must be made in the next few months. The Primary School online application service opened on 6th November 2017 and the deadline for online applications is 3pm on 15th January 2018. Please note that a place in the Early Years Class at John Hampden does not guarantee you a place in the school—an online application must still be made. Parents should use the following website to make their application:

<https://services.buckscc.gov.uk/school-admissions>

We will be admitting 4 classes of 30 children to our Foundation Stage in September 2018 so we are encouraging as many applications as possible—even from outside our catchment area. So, if you have friends looking for a school place who want their children to go to a fantastic school do encourage them to take a look at John Hampden.

KEYRINGS ON BOOK BAGS

It is quite a good idea to have some sort of identifying feature on a book bag so children can easily identify their own. However, we do have a few children who have a large number of objects attached to their book bags and this is proving difficult for us as the attachments can get lost and cause upset. Equally they can be overly distracting or too appealing to others! Please could you help by ensuring your child only has one identifying feature attached to their book bag. Thank you

RUCKSACKS

We do not encourage children to bring rucksacks to school with them because our cloakrooms are not large and your child's peg tends to be full once a P.E. bag and a coat has been hung up. There really isn't room for rucksacks on pegs too because they restrict the space that can be used by others and they often end up on the floor! We would ask that children only bring their book bag and coat to school each day, and a lunchbox if necessary.

SCOOTERS

This is a reminder that scooters and bikes left in our grounds should be clearly named. Scooters and bikes are left at your own risk and the school cannot be held accountable for any lost property. Please note it is not advisable to leave bikes and scooters overnight.

4. PUPIL'S SECTION

The children have clearly enjoyed the learning opportunities that Health & Safety Weeks have offered. Here are some of their comments:

We learnt we should not eat too much sugar. I really enjoyed it when the fire safety people came to school—Oscar S (Badgers)

It was good. We learnt what was good for you. I liked the activities—Ryder (Caterpillars)

I learnt how to make a healthy fruity snack during health week. Liberty (Red Kites)

I learnt that when a dog chases you, you need to cross your arms and stand still because it might think you're playing if you run—Huw (Hedgehogs)

I liked meeting Steve (the paramedic) who helps us to be safe—Zoe (Caterpillars)

I learnt that if a dog tries to annoy you, you must cross your arms in front of you. It is called the X Factor—Zac (Squirrels)

I learnt that you have to eat lots of fruit and vegetables and do exercise to keep you fit and healthy. In the dark wear bright clothes to be safe—Miley F (Hedgehogs)

I learnt that it is dangerous to stroke a dog without the owners permission—Kathryn (Red Kites)

We were told how to be safe on the road by Mrs West. I really enjoyed getting dressed up by the paramedics—Bethan (Badgers)

I really loved the dog safety assembly and talk with Gemma. I especially liked her dog Chloe—Jack L (Firecrests)

I enjoyed learning about firework safety because people gave really interesting ideas and I love fire-works—George (Hérons)

I learnt that the Fire Service do much more than just putting out fires—Rosa (Red Kites)

I learnt about what to do when I meet a dog. I have to ask the owner before I touch it—Alice (Honeybees)

I liked making the lovely food. I cut up fruit and made fruit kebabs—Milo (Honeybees)

I enjoyed the A-life activities we did, especially cleaning the model's teeth—David (Hérons)

I learnt that we must drink 6 cups of water every day—Tillie (Squirrels)

I loved making the fruit kebabs. Then we ate them. My favourite fruit is orange and raisins. It's healthy—Jake B (Ladybirds)

I really enjoyed making our healthy snack—Tabetha (Firecrests)

I loved meeting all the different real people like the Doctor, Fire fighters and Mrs Nelson's husband, the paramedic man. I know what they do—Lottie (Ladybirds)

5. THE FRIENDS OF JOHN HAMPDEN

Christmas Cards

Many thanks to Stacey Hawthorne and her team for taking on the mammoth task of sorting all the Christmas cards orders out. Huge apologies to Badgers Class for the errors with their class – Stacey has worked tirelessly to get things sorted to enable the orders to go in on time – at the end of the week. Keep an eye out on FB for the return date.

Christmas Fayre - Saturday 25th November 12 – 3pm

Volunteers - I can feel the excitement mounting – the big event of the year is nearly here and the PTA are working hard behind the scenes, Father Christmas has been notified! Letters will be out in bookbags shortly requesting volunteers to help on stalls – all stalls have a lead already but we desperately need as many parent helpers as possible to share the work – even 30mins can be really helpful.

Donations reminder of requested donations will also be in your book bags next week. If you need a jam jar to decorate and fill – help yourself to one from reception – please note no spice/curry /vinegar based jars! Ensure all sweets are wrapped and NO NUTS please!!

'Wrap a Present' this is a huge draw for the children where they choose a gift from a selection for a family member and wrap it up for Christmas. The teachers have great fun running this stall and the children love the secret surprise! To make it happen we need to ask you to donate a brand new gift – and just a note, we are often short of men's presents, so don't forget something for Dad, Grandfathers, etc.!

Raffle - A big thank you for the many generous donations from parents and local businesses for this year's raffle. The value of the prizes so far donated is incredible, with more prizes still being confirmed. Historically the vast majority of ticket sales have been sold by our families ahead of the Fayre itself. Please make the hard work of our prize collectors worthwhile, by selling as many tickets as you can. Please look out for two books of tickets in your children's book bags this week along with a letter detailing the fabulous prizes and their donors. If you need more tickets they are available from the office. Please return all sold and unsold tickets along with any money raised to the office by Friday 24th November. We are still collecting prizes, so if you have anything you can donate, please contact Michelle on shellyatkins2004@yahoo.co.uk . Thank you in advance for your help as these sales makes a tremendous difference to the success of the whole Fayre.

'CHAIR PERSON needed!'

We are still hoping for a volunteer to come forward to take over the role from Christmas. If anyone has any questions regarding the role please speak to Chrissie or Sophie or email christina_edley@yahoo.co.uk. We legally need a Chair to be a registered charity. We are getting desperate!!! Many thanks'

Easyfundraising

A HUGE THANKYOU - we have recruited 42 parents in the last 30days – that is huge –Imagine if all 142 supporters raised £100, every penny counts. 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**. Ensure you activate the donation reminder and off you go...shop to your hearts' content or just order your online grocery delivery!

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142

Save the Dates

Children's Christmas Party with Father Christmas (– not a fundraiser!)
Next PTA Meeting
Children's New Year Disco
Ice-Cream Day

Monday 18th December
Tuesday 9th January
Friday 19th January
Friday 9th February

6. CURRICULUM

For the last two weeks at school the children have been learning about issues relating to Health and Safety. Mrs Spencer has done a fantastic job of organising a whole host of wonderful visitors to enhance the learning. Each year the fortnight evolves further and the children are now being asked to think about scenarios which enable them to consider risk and challenge. There have been numerous opportunities for role play, re-enactment of situations using miniature figures, consideration of dilemmas as well as activities to assist pupils in learning how to be resilient. Health and safety P4C discussions have also been a big feature.

We are extremely grateful to all these visitors who have enhanced the children's learning with their interesting, enjoyable and often very entertaining presentations. There is a growing album of photographs and comments from the children linked to the Health & Safety weeks on the school website (johnhampdenwendover.co.uk)—so do take a look.

We thought you might like to read some of the feedback from our H&S visitors:

*A big **Thank you** to you and to all of your colleagues for making my visit to John Hampden school so very welcoming and enjoyable. It was perfectly organised and all of the children were a pleasure to work with. I thought they engaged really well with our workshops and the key messages on safety around dogs.*

Thank you for having us in to visit your school again. Gemma Dingle - Dogs Trust

Excellent school, really organised. What a pleasure it was to be back. Really lovely kids. Nice to hear what they learnt and they were really enthusiastic in all the sessions. Looking forward to coming back. Rory Malone—A-Life

The pupils were lovely to work with, they were very good at interacting with their team members and working together on each activity. They responded very well to the questions at the end so they obviously took a lot in. Great behaviour. Thank you for having us back.

Tricia Malliff—Squash for Tots

Lovely experience. The children are always so interested and keen. I always enjoy coming to speak to them. Dr. Evans

I spoke to Year 1 and Year 2 and they were amazing. Very well behaved, manners were brilliant. They listened well and asked lots of questions. Just brilliant. Well done Year 1 and 2. Fran—Dental Nurse

Smoothie Recipe

As part of Health Week Mrs Spencer and a fabulous team of parent helpers helped all our Foundation Stage pupils to make a fruit kebab which they enjoyed eating on the day. Our KS1 pupils had the opportunity to make a fruit smoothie or a Fruity Pick and Mix. These proved to be very popular and so we thought we would share the recipes with you in case you would like to try them with your child at home.

Banana Smoothie	Tropical Fruit Smoothie
<p>1 large ripe banana, peeled and chopped</p> <p>1 and a half cups soya milk</p> <p>Half a cup of fruit based soya yoghurt</p> <p>Place all of the ingredients into a blender and process until smooth and frothy.</p> <p>Serves 2</p>	<p>1 banana, peeled and chopped</p> <p>1 quarter of a pineapple, peeled, cored and chopped (or half a small tin of pineapple chunks)</p> <p>1 mango, peeled and chopped</p> <p>1 cup soya milk, chilled</p> <p>Half a cup of fruit based soya yoghurt</p> <p>4 ice cubes</p> <p>Place all of the ingredients into a blender and process until smooth and frothy.</p> <p>Serves 2 to 3</p>

7. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

We aim to keep you fully informed of our actions linked to the school improvement plan. Since the beginning of this academic year we have made progress linked to the actions outlined below:

GOAL A: LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT

At John Hampden, we have a senior leadership team made up of Mrs Barnes, Mrs Parkinson and Mrs Spencer. We firmly believe that this model of distributed leadership enables the most effective leadership of the school. James Edley has recently been appointed as the Chair of Governors and he is being ably assisted by the other governors in the team.

Since the beginning of term these teams have been working to ensure the School's Self-Evaluation and the School Development Plan are accurate representations of where we are currently and where we hope to get to by the end of this academic year. These documents reflect a range of views and an array of data that is available to us.

The school's website is constantly evolving and, as important stakeholders, we would always be happy to hear your suggestions for how it could be improved further.

GOAL B: TEACHING, LEARNING & ASSESSMENT

During the Autumn Term learning environments will be monitored, lessons will be observed, pupil's work will be viewed and their views about the lessons will be listened to. Ofsted have made significant changes to the way they will be assessing the quality of teaching, learning and assessment since our previous inspection and, as it is almost four years since our last Ofsted visit, it is important that we keep abreast of all the changes to the inspection framework.

Foundation Stage children have all been assessed using a Baseline Assessment tool and we will use the resulting data to plan learning experiences to meet the needs of this cohort of children.

The fortnight of work linked to Health and Safety has been enhanced by having so many local visitors to talk about their jobs and how they help to keep us safe and healthy. Feedback from the children has been very positive and they appear to have learnt a great deal. This is just one example of how we are aiming to achieve an exciting, memorable and engaging curriculum.

GOAL C: PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, BEHAVIOUR & WELFARE

We recently held our annual Open Morning for parents of prospective new pupils. We held two sessions where visitors were given a brief presentation about the school before being taken on a guided tour by some of our Year 2 pupils. The feedback from the event was overwhelmingly positive and our Year 2 ambassadors were complete stars!

Many of our Key Stage 1 pupils are taking monitor roles during lunchtimes. These children are proving themselves to be very reliable and responsible.

Safety week has provided a good opportunity to reinforce messages about e-safety. Mrs Shrimpton has reinforced important messages about internet safety with all our pupils and there are reminders of these messages in each classroom.

GOAL D: PUPIL OUTCOMES

The week before half term was assessment week where teachers used time to gain final pieces of evidence to support their on-going teacher assessments. Year group and whole school moderation then takes place to ensure the judgements are consistent. At this stage of the year we are focussing on understanding your child's current strengths and areas for development rather than trying to award a summative judgement. You will have heard about the observations that have been made regarding your child's strengths and areas for development at the recent consultation meetings. We hope we also gave you an indication of how you can support learning at home.

8. SCHOOL TRAVEL

Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to introduce our new walk to school initiative called 'WOW' which will replace the 'Go for Gold' walking challenge we have run for many years.

The school is joining 'Living Streets' Walk to School campaign during the 2017/18 academic year.

From November 20th your child will be taking part in WOW, the year-round walk to school challenge. Pupils log their daily journeys to school each day on the WOW Travel Tracker in their class and those that walk to school at least three times a week for a month earn a WOW badge, with 9 to collect across this academic year.

(From September 2018, your child will have the chance to earn all 11 badges on offer).

Each year, the 11 WOW badges follow a new theme, all of which are designed by pupils in the Living Streets annual badge design competition. This year's theme is Walk the Americas. Each badge is made in the UK from recycled yoghurt-pot material.

The augmented reality app brings the WOW badges to life. You can download it for free via the App Store, Google Play and Amazon. To find out more visit: www.livingstreets.org.uk/wtsapp.

Why would we like your child to walk, scoot or cycle to school?

Fewer children walk to school than they did 20 years ago. In fact, just 17% of the nation's children get the recommended hour a day's exercise. Help us get more children walking to school again and experiencing the benefits this simple act brings.

Walking to school helps children feel happier and healthier and even do better in class because they arrive fit, refreshed and ready to learn. More families walking means fewer cars on the road during the school run, helping to reduce congestion and pollution around the campus road and surrounding streets.

What if you can't walk to school?

If you live too far away or don't have time to walk the whole way to school, you can Park and Stride and it still counts as an active journey. Park at least ten minutes away from the school and walk the rest of the way, or park at a friend's house and walk the rest of the way.

We are starting this new initiative on the 20th November with a 'Walk to School Week'. Any child that completes three journeys (walk, scoot, bike or park and stride) in our Walk to School Week will receive their first badge.

There will also be other prizes and awards for your children to receive throughout the year, for example: the class with the most children walking, scooting or biking will win 'The Golden Boot' or 'Biking Bear' awarded in Merit Assembly each week.

We would love you to join us, thousands of schools and around one million pupils enjoying the benefits of walking to school across the UK.

For more information about WOW or Living Streets, please visit:

www.livingstreets.org.uk/walktoschool.

Let's swap those school runs for school walks.

Heather Beattie

School Travel Co-ordinator



9. MISCELLANEOUS

Christmas Production tickets

Please do not return your Christmas production tickets form until payment has been made via parent pay as we are unable to issue tickets until payment has been made. Thank you.

If you have already returned your form we will hold onto it in the office until payment has been made.

Missing named coat

If anyone has seen a black boys coat, it is named *Charlie C*, please could you bring it into the school office so we can return it to the child. Many thanks.



STARTING SCHOOL FOR THE FIRST TIME

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

Application
deadline is
3pm
15 January
2018

If yes, Buckinghamshire parents can apply online for a school place from 6 November 2017. Visit our website 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

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WENDOVER FREE CHURCH



Invitation to take part at CribFest 2017

Wendover Free Church invites you and your organisation to take part in our 2017 Crib Festival. On Friday 1st of December from 15.00 to 18.00 and on Saturday 2nd of December from 10.00 to 16.00 we will be displaying Nativity cribs made and/or provided by community groups and organisations and individuals. This will take place in St Anne's Church and in the Wendover Christian Centre. And on the Saturday we will also be using St Annes Hall for refreshments and community/family activities and crafts. So we would like to invite you, or your group or organisation to take part by supplying either a treasured nativity scene (preferably with its story) or a home crafted nativity scene (all scenes can be collected after the event).

There will be a prize for the most creative display! We will have two categories this year, one for individuals and one for groups or organisations. And the voting will be done by the visitors.

Let us know by the 24th of November if you are planning to provide a nativity scene. There are limited spaces available so the sooner we know the better. If you have any questions, or would like to reserve a space please send an email to Rev.Remco@gmail.com or phone 01296 622354 or return the reply slip at the bottom to "Wendover Free Church, Aylesbury Road, HP22 6JG, Wendover".

Whether you are providing a nativity scene or not we would love to see you on Friday the 1st or Saturday the 2nd of December to view the displayed cribs. There will be tea and coffee available free of charge and an opportunity to buy a cake to go with it. Do bring your friends and family and invite the members of your groups or organisation.

Many thanks,

Remco van den Heuvel, Minister @ Wendover Free Church

Reply slip Crib Festival 2017 @ Wendover Free Church

Individual or Group category: _____

Name: _____

Contact details: _____

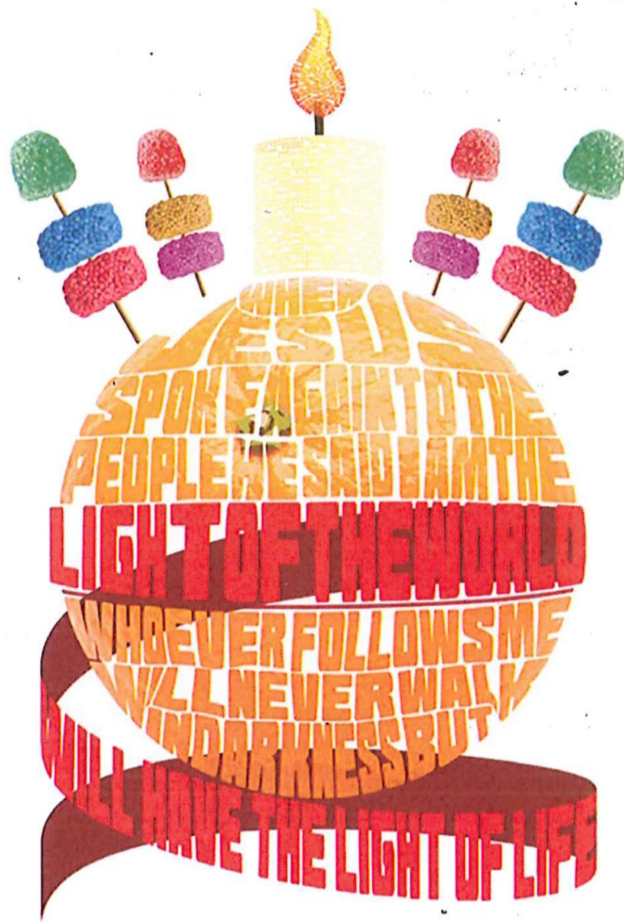


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PROFESSIONAL DOG GROOMER



Christingle Service

**Sunday 3rd December, 4pm
at St Mary's Church, Wendover**

Please join us for this family friendly service.

