



The John Hampden School Wendover



NEWSLETTER

1. MESSAGE FROM MRS BARNES

So, we have reached what would have been the last day of the Spring Term. The school has remained open since we said goodbye to most of our pupils and we have been operating with very small numbers of children and a skeleton team of staff within the building. For JHSW children of critical key workers there is provision organised with Premier Education for the holiday period. This will include our pupils and junior school pupils and will be held at Wendover Junior School. We hope we have contacted all eligible families but do not hesitate to contact us if you require further information. Childcare will revert back to John Hampden from 20th April if nothing else changes before then.

These are challenging times for us all and I hope the first two weeks of home learning in your household have been manageable. It seems highly likely that this is going to be the way things will need to be for some time yet. This is new territory for all of us and I am aware that different schools are approaching the task of disseminating home learning in different ways. Staff at John Hampden have put a great deal of thought into what we are offering and how we plan for this to continue. As an infant school, we have decided that some of the online solutions other schools may be using are not as suitable and inclusive for our families. We have chosen to provide plans that cover all the topics which would have been taught in class - this is more versatile as it allows parents (who each find themselves in different situations), the opportunity to select activities, alongside their children, that suit their pace and the time available. The activities are designed to be fun and engaging as we appreciate that this is important especially when working with younger children. Our activities offer some differentiation to cater for different abilities too. After Easter you will find that a new set of activities (about two weeks worth of new learning) will have been uploaded to each year group under the Home Learning tab on the website. There will also be a motivating letter from your child's class teacher and details of how you will be able to access Purple Mash and a John Hampden 'You Tube' channel with videos, musical activities and a yoga session. I have just added a parent section to the Home Learning tab. Here you will find some links to websites and a Powerpoint with some top tips for supporting learning at home. We are sure you are all doing a marvellous job but we understand that it may not be easy, so we hope this will provide some guidance and reassurance. We really do appreciate the work you are doing with your children but I want to reiterate that we are not expecting you to become teachers—the most helpful thing you can do is to spend some quality time talking, reading stories, encouraging and praising wherever you can. If one activity is turning into a battle, stop, and do something you can enjoy together. Remember children are not used to 1-1 attention for four hours every day at school—they have to have time to do things independently and, as long as they are clear about what constitutes success from a particular activity, they may well amaze you! I'm sure you are also finding that it is unrealistic to expect children to remain engaged for long periods of time. Lots of shorter activities may be the best way forward. If you need to contact us for any support please email the school via office@jhampden.bucks.sch.uk. Someone will get back to you.

Now we have reached the end of term you can legitimately stop the activities we have offered and I truly hope you can find creative and imaginative ways to keep everyone in your household happy and entertained throughout the holiday period.

Our thoughts go out to all those who are suffering at the moment and to all those who are working or volunteering in a variety of organisations at these difficult times. Please take great care of yourselves and keep safe.

2. IMPORTANT MESSAGES

Free Activity Resource from Premier Education

Check out our FREE of charge YouTube channel, where each day we will be releasing a new video containing an online extra-curricular club for children & parents!

So far we have released Dance, Basketball & HIIT Workout sessions! Today's new topic will be released at 3:30pm.

These sessions are perfect for home learning and staying active! We hope you can share the below link with all parents from your school.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLNV8D56t6RV0wbsPnbnYeA>

3. TEACHER'S SECTION

The teachers are all thinking about the pupils at John Hampden and their families—they are missing you!



Dear children,
I hope that you have been enjoying your time at home and are getting used to things being a little bit different for a little while.
I miss seeing your smiles, watching you play and watching you learn. I miss hearing your stories, your laughter, the conversations that I tune into when I see you around the school and the energy you bring. However, I know that you are doing the very important job that you have been given – washing your hands!
Please keep playing, singing, dancing, making, drawing, writing, problem solving, learning all about the amazing world we live in and trying your best at everything you do.
Be kind to your family, stay safe and keep following the John Hampden Golden Rules and demonstrating The John Hampden School Values.
Love from,
Mrs Parkinson



Dear Crickets,
We hope you are all well.
We are missing being in Crickets class very much and look forward to seeing you all very soon.
Stay Safe.
Miss Burns, Mrs Kearney, Miss Maddison and Mrs Taylor.



Dear Honeybees

I hope that you are all staying safe and well. It is very strange being in school without you all and I miss you very much. The classroom is far too quiet without your chatter and laughter! I know that it must be very strange for you too being at home for so long. I hope that you are all helping your grown ups by doing little jobs around the house and reading to them so that they don't get too bored! I hope that we can all see each other again very soon.
Love from Mrs Shrimpton & Mrs Fox



Hello Caterpillars,

I hope this message finds you all well. I am missing seeing your smiling faces at school and hearing all your news. I hope you are showing your mums and dads, just how wonderful you are at learning. I know that lots of things are a bit different at the moment and things may feel a bit strange. But, please remember that Mrs Zucconi, Mrs Randall and I are still thinking about you and hoping you are all working hard and trying your best. I hope you are remembering to do your amazing listening and showing lots of respect to your family. Don't forget to have lots of fun, playing games, creating pictures and stories.
Lots of Love from Miss Webb, Mrs Zucconi and Miss Francis xxx
Abigail says, "Hello Caterpillar Class"



Hello my lovely Ladybirds!

I hope you are keeping well and enjoying this unexpected extra time at home with your family. I know things may seem a little strange at the moment and you may be missing doing your normal activities and seeing your class friends but it is really important that we all stay at home and keep safe.

So Ladybirds, keep smiling and having fun and carry on the fantastic home learning I know you have all been doing. Mrs Dale and I are really missing seeing you everyday and hearing your news but we are really looking forward to seeing all of your writing, crafts and number work when we greet you next.

We'll be sending out more ideas of great things for you to do to help you keep learning after Easter, but for now, we wish you and your family a very happy Easter. Keep safe!

Love Mrs Mills and Mrs Dale

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3. TEACHER'S SECTION (continued)

Year One



Hello to my Prickle of Hedgehogs! I hope you are all happy and enjoying being busy at home. Did you enjoy the story on the website? I had fun reading it. Thank you all again for the beautiful flowers that you gave me. Have a lovely Easter and try not to eat too much chocolate!

Mrs King, Mrs McMullen & Mrs Wheeler



To all our little 'Squirrels',
We hope you are having fun with your home learning and keeping yourselves busy. Hopefully you have been able to enjoy some time in the garden in the sunshine too.
We both miss you and your smiles and we miss all the fun and learning that we do in school.
It is nearly Easter, so enjoy the break, you might even get a visit from the Easter Bunny.
Keep up all the good work that you are doing!
Love from Mrs Beattie and Mrs Hazel.



Dear lovely Badgers,
I do hope that you have had a good couple of weeks having fun and learning at home. I really miss our time in class, the stories we share and all of our lovely activities. Mrs Maddison does too.
I hope that you have a super Easter holiday and I look forward to sending another message soon.
Happy Easter!
From Mrs Shyvers and Mrs Maddison.

3. TEACHER'S SECTION (continued)

Year Two

Hello Firecrests!

We hope you are all well, keeping safe and healthy at home. We also hope you have enjoyed some of the learning and activities we have out in the school web-site for you. However, we also hope you have enjoyed some of this lovely sunshine, maybe playing games, reading, getting creative and chilling outside - hopefully in the safety of your own garden. We are all well and really miss you all. Now it's almost time for the Easter holiday so you can have a good rest and have some Easter fun of sorts!

Best wishes to you all,

Mrs McNally, Mrs Tysoe, Mrs King & Mrs Kernan



Hello lovely Red Kites Class!

We hope that you are settling into your new learning routine at home with plenty of fun in between!

All of the teachers in Red Kites miss you lots and are looking forward to seeing your smiley faces sometime soon.

We are all well and have been very busy sorting out the classroom and preparing lots of exciting new activities for your home learning after the holiday.

Have a fantastic Easter holiday with plenty of giggles, great games and yummy chocolate (did you see that we even managed to get alliteration, commas in a list and adjectives into that last sentence!)

Keep up with the school golden rules & values by being really kind to your family and helping each other lots.

From,

Mrs Spencer, Mrs McLoughlin, Mr Beattie, Miss Kernan, Mrs Gooch & Mrs Collins



Dear Herons,

How are you all? We just thought we would drop you a quick line before the Easter Holidays. It has certainly been a strange couple of weeks hasn't it? It has been very odd sending work to your homes instead of learning together in the classroom and we have definitely missed your happy, smiling faces each morning. We hope you have been enjoying the activities we've sent you so far!

Have a wonderful, amazing Easter. Don't eat too many scrummy, chocolate eggs and most importantly of all stay safe and have fun!

Missing you lots and lots,

Mrs Bowman, Mrs Grimsdell, Mrs Wilton and Mrs Morgan.



3. TEACHER'S SECTION (continued)



*"Every day, we work and play, learning ways to get along.
Finding out what life's about, Everybody moving on!"*
Hope you are singing and dancing at home with your families! Look out for your favourite school song coming soon in home learning and keep singing!
Mrs Collins

Dear John Hampden Yogis,
I hope that you are all ok and remembering whilst at home, all the things that I teach you in our Yoga Sessions.
Try to remember how we practiced this term being 'A Little Bit Brave', What made us feel 'Peace' Yoga and 'The I Can Koala' Yoga.
If you get upset, frustrated or need calming....
Show me your High 5 and Kind hands.
Breath in as you trace the outline of your finger and breath out as you trace down the finger. Slowly and calmly.
Or
Use your pretend Hoberman ball to show your mummy and daddy how to do calming breath – Blowing your tummy up like a balloon as you breath in air through your nose, and tummy goes down as you breath out through your mouth.
Remember we always show kindness and respect and try to take 5 breaths before we react.
I really miss our Yoga together and with this in mind, I have made a video for you all to have fun practising Yoga at home with your family.
You will be able to access this after the Easter holidays. I hope you enjoy it, until we are able again to practise together at school.
Happy Easter Yogie Bears.
Mrs Grimsdell



