



The John Hampden School Wendover



NEWSLETTER

1. MESSAGE FROM MRS BARNES

A very warm welcome to the new school year. I hope you managed to enjoy the wonderful weather during the summer break and that you now feel rested and relaxed! It was lovely to watch the children coming back into school this week and to welcome the new children and their families. I was impressed to see so many children in Year 1 and Year 2 wanting to come into school by themselves. In the first few days we recognise that parents may want to bring their children into school but as soon as your child is ready we would request that you leave KS1 children by their blue entrance doors to walk into their classrooms alone. Children should arrive at school between 8.45a.m and 8.55a.m.

I am sending this first short newsletter as a paper copy but in future we will continue to use the traditional paperless system. This means the fortnightly newsletters will be emailed to all parents using the email address you provided when your child was admitted to the school. If your email address has changed recently please do let the school office know. The newsletter can also be emailed to both parents if necessary, but please inform us if you require this to happen. Do look out for the next full newsletter which will be sent out on Friday 21st September.

At the beginning of each school year we invite parents to attend an induction meeting **held in your child's classroom**. The class teacher/s will talk to you about the curriculum, classroom routines and expectations. There will also be an opportunity to ask any questions you may have. We understand that the timing of these meetings may not be convenient for everyone so we always outline the information covered in the session on the appropriate class page of the school website. Parents attending meetings will need to enter the school through the main entrance.

INDUCTION MEETINGS

Whenever possible I will try to be outside as the children come into school so do come and speak to me if you need to. I am always happy to make appointments to speak to parents about any more serious concerns/issues at a mutually convenient time. This term we will contin-

CLASS		DATE	TIME
Squirrels—Mrs Beattie	Year 1	Tuesday 11th September	2.45pm—3.15pm
Red Kites—Mrs Spencer	Year 2	Tuesday 11th September	2.45pm—3.15pm
Firecrests—Mrs McNally & Mrs Tysoe	Year 2	Wednesday 12th September	2.45pm—3.15pm
Ladybirds—Mrs Mills	Foundation Stage	Wednesday 12th September	2.45pm—3.15pm
Honeybees—Mrs Shrimpton	Foundation Stage	Thursday 13th September	2.45pm—3.15pm
Caterpillars—Mrs Parkinson	Foundation Stage	Friday 14th September	2.45pm—3.15pm
Badgers—Mrs Shyvers	Year 1	Tuesday 18th September	2.45pm—3.15pm
Hedgehogs—Mrs King	Year 1	Wednesday 19th September	2.45pm—3.15pm
Hérons—Mrs Bowman	Year 2	Thursday 20th September	2.45pm—3.15pm

ue to offer support to parents. Mrs Spencer will be available to speak to any parents who would value support relating to non-urgent issues regarding school life. You may want advice about ways to engage your children in homework, or support in helping them to come into school independently etc. Mrs Spencer is a very caring and experienced teacher who will be able to support you in helping your child because we know it isn't always easy! Please ring the school office to arrange an appointment time with Mrs Spencer.

2. IMPORTANT MESSAGES

BUILDING WORK

We are approaching the end of the large building project currently taking place on the campus. You may have noticed that the road way into the schools has been reconfigured to provide access for buses and to ease congestion at the site entrance. New barriers and signage have been erected which highlight the fact that only authorised vehicles and delivery vehicles may enter via the campus road. Please heed our advice that you should never attempt to drive onto the campus at peak times. Our 'Walk to School' initiative and the 'Park and Stride' approach are the methods we strongly advocate.

We apologise that the proper entrance route to the Foundation Stage classrooms has not yet been completed and that this has caused additional congestion, especially at the end of the day by the traditional Year One gate. We knew that the builders had a very tight summer schedule to complete all the internal works in order for the Foundation Stage classrooms and the Octagon to be ready for the start of term. Unfortunately this priority work has meant that some of the external work is not yet finished. Our temporary Foundation Stage entry and exit route for the beginning and end of the school day takes parents/carers down the short flight of steps to reach the three classrooms. We are hoping that the correct entry route will be ready within the next three weeks so this is only a very temporary arrangement and we regret any inconvenience it may cause you. Please bear with us—and try to leave the area as quickly as possible once you have your child so the area clears as quickly as possible.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Dahlicious Dress Up Day

On Friday 21st September, we hope that our school will be taken over by Oompa-Loompas, Willy Wonkas and Charlie Buckets! It's all part of the **Dahlicious Dress up Day**, where children come to school dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl character for a wonderfully fun and creative way to raise money for Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity. The charity exists to make life better for seriously ill children and young people around the UK. A suggested donation of at least £1 per pupil will help our school to raise money for this very good cause. Your child can dress up as any of Roald Dahl's fantastic characters, or simply wear his favourite colour—yummy yellow!

www.dahliciousdressupday.org gives some costume guides. For crafty parents, who want to share their tips on how to create a Roald Dahl character costume, this website also gives information as to how you can enter the video competition to win some wonderful prizes.



PE Kit

Please would you ensure that your child has the correct P.E. kit in school. Navy shorts and a white round necked T shirt are needed for Gym and Dance activities and plimsolls, sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms are needed for Games which takes place outside. Children with long hair should have it tied back on P.E. days and stud type earrings should be removed or covered with tape. Please provide the tape and ensure your child can cover their earrings independently.

LUNCHBOXES & FOOD BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL

As we have a number of children in the school with allergies we are reminding parents **not to include any nuts** in your child's lunchbox. Sweets and fizzy drinks are also not encouraged.

This also serves as a reminder that we do not allow children to hand out sweets/cakes etc. to other pupils when it is their birthday.

Thank you for your co-operation.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Please note that if you did not pre-order a hot lunch for your child prior to the start of this academic year you will need to provide a packed lunch for them. If you want your child to receive a free hot meal at lunchtime you need to log in to your Parentpay account as soon as possible and order the meals you require. Orders must be placed by Tuesday 11th September for your child to start receiving the meals on Monday 17th September. If you have any problems logging into your account or ordering the meals please contact Chartwells directly on 01908 615705. The school office cannot help you with this.

Thank you.

If your child has just started with us this term please look in the book bag to find your letter with your login and password details.

Holiday/Leave of Absence Requests (PLEASE NOTE)

In conjunction with our Liaison Group we have agreed a consistent attendance policy. Leave of absence will not be granted during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Parents wishing to request leave of absence for their child must use the correct form which is available on our website or from the school office. This must be completed at least four weeks before the proposed absence.

Reminder

This is a polite reminder, in line with Bucks County Council guidelines, that no dogs should be brought onto the school campus and there should be no smoking on the school campus.

READING BOOKS

Children in Year 1 and Year 2 will have set days for changing their reading books. Your child will be bringing home a new Home/School Diary and we would encourage you to spend time practising the high frequency words printed in the front of these books.

PUPIL PREMIUM FREE SCHOOL MEALS

**Did you knowjust registering your child for Free School
Meals means the school gets extra money?
Register now to make sure we don't miss out**

The Government gives money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium'. For every child registered, The John Hampden School Wendover gets £1,300 this year to support that child.

How does it work?

1. First check if you qualify—it is not just if you are unemployed (see the list below)
2. Registering is really quick and easy—if you think you qualify, contact Mrs Mohammed in the school office who will help you register
3. The school will receive £1,300 to provide additional educational support or to subsidise educational costs for your child
4. Your child does not have to take advantage of the lunches that are provided, the school still gets £1,300 extra

Details and confidentiality are strictly maintained at all times so please talk to us about registering your child as soon as possible.

If you feel you are not currently eligible but your circumstances change in the future, please come in and see us.

Do you qualify?

You can register if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of the State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit (regardless of income) and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) that does not exceed £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.00.

3. FRIENDS OF JOHN HAMPDEN (FJH)

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!!

WELCOME BACK - for those new to the school who are we? 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>

There are a few things to tell you about:

NEW PARENTS DRINKS – THURSDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER @ THE SHOULDER OF MUTTON FROM 8PM

We have reserved the space downstairs at the back, everyone is welcome! This isn't a fundraiser (or a thinly disguised attempt to rope more people into the PTA hehe). We thought it would be a good way for new parents of Foundation Stage children to meet and get to know each other. Hope to see you there!

COFFEE AND CAKES – FRIDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER – 9am IN SCHOOL

We are hoping to introduce this new event as another way for new parents to get to know each other and find out a bit more about the PTA. If we can sort it there may also be second hand uniform on sale too – watch out on FB for confirmation! Younger siblings are fine to join in this morning!

CLASS REPS

The Friends thought it would be a good idea to introduce a class rep system as a way of connecting parents and helping with school comms - we now have a Class rep for each class!

What do Reps do?

Collect parent contact details and arrange class social events e.g. termly drink / coffee.

Liaise with new parents as they join the school, helping them to settle in and meet other

Parents where possible.

Publicise the activities of school and the FJH to the class

Advertise the FJH events & encourage participation

Act as a point of contact for parents to forward ideas for fund raising activities

Feedback to the Friends of JHS on any matters raised.

Class Reps help you get to know some of the other parents which, in turn, helps when you are organising birthday parties, playdates, collections for the teachers etc.

We are lacking volunteers for foundation stage Ladybirds and Honeybees – please do email Emma Child (our chair) on Emmachild71@gmail.com or Chrissie Edley on Christina_edley@yahoo.co.uk if you would like to take this on!

FIRST PTA MEETING SHOULDER OF MUTTON TUESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 8PM – please come and see what we do – there is no pressure to commit yourself to anything but we really do appreciate and need as much help as we can get!! See you there

Finally

Please see our attached calendar of events for the year – please get them in the diary – we have a lot of fun throughout the year and with your help raise lots of hugely valued funds for new school equipment!

FJH Calendar of Events 2018 -2019

Foundation Stage drinks	Thursday 13 th September
Foundation stage coffee and cake	Friday 14 th September –Old Badgers classroom
Christmas Cards	September
Autumn Cake Sale	Friday 28 th September
Fun Run and Bike Ride	Sunday 30 th September
Quiz Night	Friday 12 th October
Ice Cream Day	Friday 19 th October (last day of half term)
Christmas Fayre	Saturday 1 st December
Christmas Parties	<i>TBC by school</i>
Bag to School	January TBC
Children's Disco	Friday 18 th January
Spring Cake Sale	Friday 1 st February
Bingo & Curry Night	Friday 8 th February
Ice Cream Day	Friday 15 th February (last day of half term)
Pamper Eve	Friday 29 th March
May Fayre	Saturday 18 th May
Ice Cream Day	Friday 24 th May (last day of half term?) check
Fruity Fridays	every Friday starting Friday 7 th June
Yr 2 Leavers Tea Towels	June
Summer Cake Sale	Monday 10 th June
World Week – Cash4Coins	Monday 3 rd June (<i>TBC with school</i>)
Bag to School	June TBC
Summer BBQ	Friday 5 th July



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OPEN MORNING

The John Hampden School Wendover is a large infant school for children aged between four and seven years. We are justifiably proud of our excellent reputation in the local community and we work hard to provide children with an outstanding start to their school life.

'Staff at The John Hampden School have created a delightful learning environment in which all pupils can thrive and flourish.' Ofsted

The staff and governors of the school warmly invite parents of prospective pupils to attend an open morning at the school on Wednesday 10th October 2018.

Presentations will be held at 9.15a.m and 11.00a.m and each session will finish with a tour of the school. Please phone or email the school office to register your interest and to book a preferred time.

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