



The John Hampden School Wendover



NEWSLETTER

1. MESSAGE FROM MRS BARNES

The return of all pupils on Monday 8th March really was a special day at the school. Since then I have had the real pleasure of walking around the school, visiting the different classes and seeing at first hand how much the children appear to be enjoying all that school life brings. Through the open doors and windows, hearing children laughing and chatting again is a delight. The school has started to come to life once more and it is so much better for it. I have loved watching eager, excited children walking back into school, looking forward to seeing their friends again and quickly adapting to the routines and expectations. They have been truly fantastic at following our guidance about hygiene and distancing but I also think they've had fun. On the first Monday I watched one happy group walking back from the playground and overheard one child saying, 'This is the best day ever!' —long may it continue.

As well as getting used to school again, many children have also been getting used to having a hot school meal at lunchtime. Special thanks to all our Midday Supervisors, ably led by Mrs Spencer, for working so hard to ensure all 268 children get to eat lunch in the dining hall and play on the playground, still within their bubbles, all in 90 minutes.

A big thank you to parents/carers, who have brought their children into school this week, for adhering to all the timing and queuing arrangements. Your support is greatly appreciated. If everyone sticks to these timings the system should work and minimise congestion within the school grounds. Please continue to maintain distance and avoid congregating anywhere near the school campus. This table gives confirmation of the timings:

Year Group	Doors Open	School Finishes
Early Years	8.45a.m	3.15p.m
Foundation Stage	8.55a.m	3.05p.m
Year One	8.50a.m	3.10p.m
Year Two	8.45a.m	3.15p.m

As we make the move away from remote learning for everyone, please can we ask that if you need to contact your child's class teacher from now on, you do it via a message in the Home School Diary or via an email or phone call to the school office. The class email addresses, set up during the lockdown period, will not be monitored as regularly because teachers now have a full-time teaching commitment in their classes. The remote learning class pages on the website have been withdrawn now and any 'What We Are Learning' sheets will be put up on the main school website under the classes pages from this point forward.

Parents of children who learnt from home during the lockdown have been given a questionnaire to seek your opinions about our remote learning offer. We would value as much feedback as possible so we would be very grateful if you could complete and return it by Friday 26th March. We are also seeking the views of our pupils too. You might like to read some comments from them in Section 5 of this newsletter.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING US TO KEEP YOUR CHILDREN LEARNING AS SAFELY AS POSSIBLE

2. NURSERY NEWS

Early Years Side by Side Providers In Partnership (PIPS.)

The Foundation Stage at John Hampden have been working in partnership with schools and pre-schools within Buckinghamshire titled Early Years Side By Side- Providers In Partnership (PIPS.) It was launched in Autumn 2018 with the aim to encourage collaboration between early years in schools and early years settings. In our sub groups, we learn, share, support and plan new ways to reach every child.

Our sub group consists of Wendover Pre-school, Aston Clinton Pre-school, Halton preschool, John Hampden Nursery, Aston Clinton Primary School, Halton Community School and John Hampden, Wendover.



This academic year, we have worked together sharing successful strategies and improving those identified areas where we know we can make the most difference: transitions, parental engagement, home learning and communication and language skills and we are now working collaboratively on the new Early Years Framework which will be statutory in September to ensure that the transitions are seamless.

3. GOVERNOR SECTION

I have worked for Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service for very nearly 18 years. I've done a variety of roles during my time there but all of them have been within the Community Safety team and the main objective of my job has remained the same – to educate the general public in how they can keep themselves and others safe.

As I'm sure you all know, the Fire & Rescue Service attend all sorts of incidents to assist members of the community. These include the obvious fires, and activation of fire alarms, but we also assist in cases of building collapse, spillages of hazardous materials, and sometimes animal rescues, to name just a few. We also receive a lot of calls to road traffic collisions.

It's Road Safety that I want to draw your attention to today. Anyone who has attended the school campus at the beginning or the end of the school day since the schools fully reopened on 8th March could not fail to notice the sheer volume of vehicles on Wharf Road. This is making the area less safe for everyone for a number of reasons.

Lots of children are travelling to school, some on their own. Can they see – and be seen – to cross the road safely?

DID YOU KNOW.... Emergency service vehicles require clearance of 3 metres to pass through parked cars? Ask yourself as you look at the parked cars you pass – could a fire engine or ambulance manoeuvre through the gap to get to someone in need of their help? Any delay in emergency response vehicles reaching their destination can be critical to life.

Remember that John Hampden School always recommends walking, scooting or cycling to school wherever possible; if it is too far or you need to drive for another reason you could always **PARK AND STRIDE**. Children are encouraged to walk, scoot or cycle to school, and I can confirm that bikes and scooters can be left in the cycle/scooter parks at school (I know this was discouraged at one time due to the covid-19 outbreak, but have been assured by Mrs Barnes that there is no issue with this now).

And let's not forget the added benefits that travelling to school under our own steam brings... it's good for the environment. It helps to keep us fit, and helps to make our children tired (this is probably **THE MOST** important reason for me!). We are able to demonstrate to our children that it's the right thing to do, and, I don't know about anyone else, but it makes me feel positively virtuous!

While we are on the subject of safety... I have been asked to remind parents not to congregate around the school/campus at the current time. Government restrictions are gradually being lifted, and I am sure we are all keen for this to continue. For now, at least, we all need to do our part to ensure that this can happen, in the hope that things can return to normal as soon as possible.

EVERYONE'S SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY. Thanks for reading.

Angie Daly
Parent Governor



3. GOVERNOR SECTION



Please let us through...
SOMEONE NEEDS HELP



**EMERGENCY VEHICLES REQUIRE
A MINIMUM OF 10FT (3 METRES) CLEARANCE**

**Inconsiderate parking
CAN COST LIVES**

4. IMPORTANT MESSAGES

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE LOOKING FOR PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION FROM SEPTEMBER 2021?



The John Hampden School Wendover is organising places for a new cohort of children in their Early Years Class from September 2021. We can offer your child:

Up to three terms of high quality education in a new, purpose built learning environment

Excellent facilities and resources – an irresistible learning environment inside and out

Outstanding transition arrangements

A gentle introduction to school

Highly qualified, experienced and caring staff committed to developing the potential of every child

A friendly and welcoming environment

Five compulsory morning sessions 8.45a.m- 11.45a.m, universally funded

Chargeable lunch club

Optional afternoon sessions 12.15p.m-3.15p.m (up to 30 hours of flexible free entitlement)

Breakfast Club from 7.45a.m, After School Club until 6.00p.m (Childcare vouchers accepted)

Eligible children will be born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 and admission criteria apply.

For further information please contact the school office 01296 622629, email office@jhampden.bucks.sch.uk or view the school website www.johnhampdenwendover.co.uk

We look forward to welcoming you!

Please note a place in the Early Years Class does not guarantee a place in the Reception Classes at the school.

Find out more from the school website www.johnhampdenwendover.co.uk
under the Virtual Open Day tab

Or contact 01296 622629 or office@jhampden.bucks.sch.uk

FJH World Book Day Competition

Well done to all who took part in the competitions set by the Friends of John Hampden. Entries were of a high standard but the results are as follows:

Best Costume—Felicity in Squirrels Class for her Gingerbread Man costume

Best Writing—Lacey in Red Kites Class

Best Illustration—Jordan in Hedgehogs Class for his drawing of 'Mr Birthday'

All winners will receive their prizes in the Merit Assembly today.

Well done to all the children who attended school on 5th March and wore a costume to represent a character from a book, or who wore their pyjamas so they were ready for a bedtime story. They looked fantastic, as did the staff who also made a fabulous effort.

Using Cutlery

As we re-introduce hot meals at lunchtimes, we have noticed that some children are struggling to eat with a knife and fork—this is the cutlery that is provided and we have seen children from all year groups handling it beautifully. This is an achievable target so it would be really helpful if parents/carers could help to support with this at home by encouraging children to hold the cutlery in the correct hands and reinforcing how to cut food with a knife whilst holding it steady with the fork.



OOSC

This is another polite reminder that parents collecting from our Out of School Care Provision should not use the staff car park at any time. Also please use the pathways rather than walking across the car park with your child.

Hérons Class & Red Kites Class

Please could parents and children keep to the paths and refrain from walking over the grass outside these classrooms first thing in the mornings as it is currently rather muddy—we would not want anyone to slip and the children do seem to be bringing quite a lot of mud into the classrooms—thank you.

Caterpillars, Ladybirds and Honeybees

Please could you ensure that you keep your children with you while you wait for the classroom doors to open in the morning. Sadly we have seen some of our pupils and their siblings attempting to play with, or on, the equipment and resources that have been set up for the day—this clearly goes against the risk assessment that we have in place for the safety of all.

Spare Clothes in Case of Accidents

We are still keen to receive any spare uniform for use in case of accidents. We particularly need smaller sized tights, trousers, skirts and old plimsolls. These can be brought to the school office.

Christmas Tree leaflets

We are very pleased to announce that following a Christmas Tree leaflet competition last year we as a school came a runner up and won a prize of £35.00 for our school fund.

5. PUPIL VOICE

We thought you might like to read some comments from some of our pupils about their return to school.

Ava in Honeybees felt so happy. She was very excited and ran to school so she could see her friends and Margot in Honeybees was happy because she likes learning and it is easier to learn in school.

Elise in Caterpillars missed her friends and now she likes being back at school and can play with them and Sid in Caterpillars missed the Caterpillars class and he likes it now he is back and can play with the toys in the class room.

Sofia in Ladybirds was looking forward to coming back to see her friends and James in Ladybirds was worried he would miss his Mummy but now he is back he is happy to be with his friends.

Harry Ba in Badgers likes being back at school seeing his friends. He is enjoying learning about money and he likes being tired after a day of learning. Dulcie in Badgers missed her friends and teachers. She likes having the creation station to use and doing lots of writing and taking her work to show Mrs Barnes.

Harrison in Squirrels said he was really looking forward to coming back as he missed his friends. It made him feel happy to see them all again. He has enjoyed playing outside and learning again with the whole class and he is really happy to be back. Martha in Squirrels said she felt a bit nervous about coming back because she hasn't been back since Christmas. She is really happy now to be back at school because she has seen her friends and teachers. She is feeling happy because she is doing lots of fun learning.

Ella Cu in Hedgehogs said she feels happy about coming back to school because she doesn't like home schooling. She likes everything since she has been back and has liked seeing all her friends and doing learning. It's hard for her to choose her favourite thing because she loves it all. Reggie in Hedgehogs said he likes the maths in school because he likes the challenges. It has been nice to see his friends because he missed them. English has been good too and he liked the dancing they have done. His favourite is 'party rock in the house' and they got class of the week for their dancing.

Charlotte in Red Kites liked seeing her teachers and her friends again and being able to play together on the playground at break and lunchtime. Orson in Red Kites said its been fun to work on History activities (Florence Nightingale and Edith Cavell) with the rest of the class and doing independent learning activities about them too.

Penny in Firecrests said it is nice to see friends and teachers again. She liked the routines and lessons and Eva in Firecrests said she felt really nervous on her first day back but it was lovely to see everyone again and it was like she had never been away.

Callie in Herons said it's been great to see all her teachers and friends and she likes working in school as it's better than at home and Brooklyn in Herons said she has really enjoyed being back although it was a bit scary but everyone was so kind she wasn't scared for long.

6. MISCELLANEOUS



Are you looking for a morning or afternoon activity during the Easter holidays then look no further.....

Can you help the Easter Bunny?

The Easter Bunny has been very clumsy and has lost some of his eggs around Wendover Village. Can you use the map to help him find the eggs and solve his hidden message?

- Dates:** Friday 2nd April – Friday 16th April
Where: Around Wendover Village
What you need: The Easter Trail Map (will be supplied on email)
The Easter Trail Answer Sheet (will be supplied on email)
A pen or pencil
(Prizes or Treats if you want to supply them) *
How long will I need: About 2 hours for little legs;
but you don't have to do it all in one go!

* This is a FREE Easter Trail provided by members of the FJH, there are no prizes supplied for finding the eggs and/or solving the message. Please feel free to provide eggs or a prize for your little ones if you so wish.

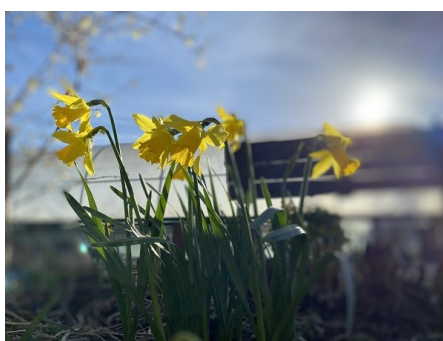
Note: Instructions, Trail Map and Answer Sheet will be sent out on email to everyone before the Easter Holidays.



LINDENGATE'S PROGRAMME UPDATE -

We have been busy at Lindengate, maintaining the gardens and getting ready to welcome people back as restrictions ease, subject to the current Government guidelines.

Please visit our website to find details of some of our programmes, including start dates and referral forms. For full details of all our programmes, please take a look at our [WEBSITE](https://www.lindengate.org.uk), or email referrals@lindengate.org.uk



WITH SCHOOLS BACK THIS WEEK, TAKE SOME TIME FOR YOURSELF AND HEAD DOWN TO LINDENGATE, WHERE YOU CAN ENJOY THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF SPRING AT OUR 5 ACRE THERAPEUTIC GARDENS AND WILDLIFE HAVEN.

FOR ANYONE THAT MAY BE SHIELDING AT THIS TIME, TAKE A LOOK AT [LINDENGATE@HOME](https://www.lindengate.org.uk/lindengate-at-home), WHERE YOU WILL FIND MANY ACTIVITIES THAT CAN HELP YOU KEEP ACTIVE, LEARN NEW THINGS, CONNECT WITH AND HELP OTHERS AND BECOME MORE AWARE OF ALL THE GOOD THINGS AROUND YOU.

For all our other programmes, please take a look at our programmes page for further details. We would value any support during these difficult times



Rest & Reflect



Lindengate
@Home

Wendover Foodbank Donation Week

Monday 22nd March - Sunday 28th March 2021

Last year Wendover Youth Centre, Churches Together in Wendover, and Wendover Parish Council came together with the Wendover Foodbank to organise two food bank donation weeks during Covid-19 Pandemic lockdown. The whole community donated an amazing 1000kg towards the food bank which was able to feed over 100 people for 3 days!!!

Wendover Foodbank is part of the Chiltern Foodbank network, supported by the Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK. No one in our community should have to face going hungry. That's why they provide three days nutritionally balanced non-perishable emergency food and support to local people who are struggling to put food on the table. If you know an individual or family who are in need of support, please contact John Shaw, our local coordinator, on 07899 964037. The Wendover Foodbank serves Wendover and the surrounding areas including, Halton, Weston Turville, Aston Clinton & Stoke Mandeville.

Due to the continued effects of the Covid-19 pandemic the demand for the food bank in the Wendover and Chiltern area has remained high, so we have decided to run another food bank donation week from Monday 22nd March - Sunday 28th March 2021.

During this week we encourage Wendover and the surrounding community to donate food to the foodbank. The items that are listed below are what help to create the food boxes:

Any donation is extremely appreciated and will go towards creating a food box for an individual or family who needs it.

The items we need most are:

Items:

Tins – Vegetables (carrots and sweetcorn), rice, beef, sardines, fruit, beans, spaghetti, fish

Dried Foods – Rice (0.5Kg or 1Kg), dried potato (e.g., Smash)

Jars – Coffee, Peanut Butter, Jam, Honey

Other Items – Sponge Puddings, UHT Milk, Cooking oil 1 litre, Hot Chocolate, Fruit Squash, Custard tinned or Custard powder.

Toiletries / Cleaning Materials – Toothpaste, Shampoo, Deodorant, Washing Powder (small)

**PLEASE SEE THE DETAILS ON THE NEXT PAGE FOR WHERE TO
DONATE—THANK YOU**



WENDOVER FOODBANK



DONATION WEEK
22ND - 28TH MARCH 2021
SUPPORTING WENDOVER AND THE LOCAL
VILLAGES

WHERE TO DONATE

Budgens

Drop in the foodbank bin
Wendover Youth Centre
Open 9am-5pm Mon-Sat for
donations to be dropped off

St Mary's Church

Open Wednesday 10am-12pm &
Saturday 2pm-4pm

Christian Centre

Open Tuesday 2-4pm &
Thursday 10am-12pm

Pickup

Donations can be picked up from
doorstep - contact info below

INFORMATION

If you know an individual or family
who are in need of the support,
contact John Shaw on 07899 964037.

All non-perishable food donations
are welcomed & ensure we can
support those in need during this
Covid- 19 Pandemic!

For more information email
Peter@wendoveryouth.co.uk

FOOD LIST

All donations are
welcomed! Below are
a few suggestions:

Tinned Items:

Rice, Sardines &
Spaghetti

Dried Foods:

Hot Chocolate,
Sponge Puddings,
Custard, Honey, Peanut
Butter & Coffee

Toiletries:

Deodorant, Washing
Powder & Toothpaste





JOB VACANCY

OUR COMPANY IS LOOKING FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Position: Lunchtime Catering Assistant

School: John Hampden School

Total Hours per Week: 10 hrs

Time: 11.30 am – 1:30 pm. Term Time Only

Salary: £8.72 p/h

Please contact: Chartwells

Mobile: 07825011019

Email: creativekitchenadmin2@compass-group.co.uk

