



The John Hampden School Wendover



NEWSLETTER

1. MESSAGE FROM MRS BARNES



We're nearly there!

Everyone at school is really looking forward to welcoming back the children we have missed so much over recent weeks. The staff are ready, the classrooms are ready and now we're just waiting for the moment when John Hampden is once again full of the energy and life that 291 children bring to our school. We do understand that each child will feel differently about returning to school—some may be a little anxious and apprehensive, others may be raring to get back. Class teachers have emailed families this week requesting an update on how children are feeling so we can identify potential issues and be as prepared as possible for the return of all our pupils on Monday.

For those children who have not been in school yet this term, it is really important that they bring back into school the exercise books and envelope folders that were issued when the lockdown was announced. Staff really need to see how children have coped with the remote learning that has been offered in order to differentiate future teaching accordingly. We are not judging you, we are just trying to identify where more support may be required or, indeed, where children appear to have made really pleasing progress and may be ready for greater challenge when they are back in school.

Reading books issued before the Christmas holiday should also be returned so we can begin issuing more.

P.E KITS

Before Monday 8th March, please check that your child has a full P.E kit with all items named. Girls who wear tights to school would benefit from having a spare pair of short socks in their P.E. bags to wear with their plimsolls.

HOT LUNCHES

We are pleased to be able to offer hot lunches once again. Parents/carers must have ordered by midnight on Tuesday 2nd March for your child to receive a hot lunch on Monday 8th. If you missed this deadline you will need to provide a packed lunch during the week commencing 8th March and then make sure you place your order by midnight on 9th March for hot lunches the following week.

I hope you have had the chance to read through the letter that was sent to you on Friday 26th February outlining the main points from our protective measures document. This is also available on the school website www.johnhampdenwendover.co.uk under the key information tab. Although the public health picture is improving, it remains crucial that we continue to take every step possible to reduce and mitigate any risks within our education and childcare setting and we are grateful in anticipation of your adherence to the guidance.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING US TO KEEP YOUR CHILDREN LEARNING AS SAFELY AS POSSIBLE AND SEE YOU SOON!

2. NURSERY NEWS

Cricket's have been super busy this week in the nursery garden - the perfect place to learn through movement, which is one of the four vehicles through which children can learn (the others being play, talk and sensory experiences). All of these happen more naturally outside, and so it is important to us that our children have large spaces and opportunities to move in different ways. In our nursery, activities include running, jumping, climbing, digging, crawling through and under things, using tricycles and bicycles, ball skills and imaginative play.



This week the children decided to make a castle. They looked at various books and collaborated to use the wooden blocks. Unfortunately, their creation wasn't quite right for what they wanted – the thrones didn't fit in and the blocks at the top were a little wobbly. After a little discussion, the children adapted their plan. They then built a sturdy castle around the thrones, with enough space for all to sit, relax and have a royal rendezvous!



WANTED

We are always in need of different resources that we can reuse and repurpose. If you have any wooden pallets, wooden crates or wicker baskets that you do not need, we would be more than happy to take them off of your hands.



3. GOVERNOR SECTION

Like many of you, I've been juggling home schooling with work since the beginning of January. It's been exhausting, and often frustrating, but it's brought *some* moments of joy too. I'm sure, in time, it's these moment that I'll remember...

As pleased as I am that my boys are going back to school, they're even happier. The home learning provision has been great but, I think we'll all agree, it's no substitute for being in school with properly trained teachers and all their friends. Having shown endless Perseverance and Independence, the pupils can again display some other of the school values, such as Belonging and Collaboration.

The school realises that, even though the children will be excited, after two months at home, they may also be feeling a little nervous as well but please rest assured that all the staff will do everything they can to support them. If you have any concerns, please contact your child's teacher.

Some parents may be nervous too, but you can be confident that the staff and governors at John Hampden have gone to great efforts to ensure a safe learning environment (there's a detailed risk assessment on the website if you'd like to look at it). We can all do our part too, by remembering not to arrive early at drop off and pick up, only one adult bringing a pupil onto the school grounds, adults wearing a face mask whilst on campus, keeping our distance from other families, and by not letting children mix with others who aren't in their bubble.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff who have been looking after all the children who have been attending school over the last couple of months, as well as providing all the remote learning and feedback for those at home.

Finally, I'd also like to say a big well done to everyone for all their own efforts since the new year. It's not been easy but it has been worth it.



Peter Hooper
Parent Governor

4. IMPORTANT MESSAGES

SPARE UNIFORM

If you have any spare uniform that no longer fits your child (especially smaller sizes), the Foundation Stage staff would be grateful to receive it for use in school in case of accidents. Any contributions can be brought to the school office.

FJH EASTER TRAIL

Watch out for details over the coming weeks about the free Friends of John Hampden Easter Trail that will be running from Friday 2nd April to Friday 16th April around Wendover.

5. MISCELLANEOUS

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

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.

*St Mary's Church, Wendover
and Churches Together in Wendover
invite you to 3 talks by professionals to help
to build up your Mental Health Toolkit
in these challenging times*



Monday 8th March 2021

Revd Charlie Kerr,
School Chaplaincy Adviser
for Oxford Diocese Board of Education
A mental health toolkit for children and young people.
(This is for parents and carers of children and young people)

Monday 15th March 2021

Dr Jane Duff, Consultant Clinical Psychologist
A mental health toolkit for Adults

Monday 22nd March 2021

Dr Jo Withers, General Practitioner
Issues relating to dying, death and loss.

*These talks will be hosted on Zoom at 8pm.
To book your place please email associatepriest@stmaryswendover.org*



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

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