



# 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 20th 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

CLASS		DATE	TIME
Squirrels—Mrs Beattie	Year 1	Tuesday 10th September	2.30pm—3.00pm
Honeybees—Mrs Shrimpton	Foundation Stage	Tuesday 10th September	2.30pm—3.00pm
Hedgehogs—Mrs King	Year 1	Wednesday 11th September	2.30pm—3.00pm
Ladybirds—Mrs Mills	Foundation Stage	Wednesday 11th September	2.30pm—3.00pm
Badgers—Mrs Shyvers	Year 1	Thursday 12th September	2.30pm—3.00pm
Caterpillars—Miss Webb	Foundation Stage	Thursday 12th September	2.30pm—3.00pm
Red Kites—Mrs Spencer	Year 2	Tuesday 17th September	2.30pm—3.00pm
Firecrests—Mrs McNally & Mrs Tysoe	Year 2	Wednesday 18th September	2.30pm—3.00pm
Hérons—Mrs Bowman	Year 2	Thursday 19th September	2.30pm—3.00pm

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

### Dahlicious Dress Up Day

On Friday 13th 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](http://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, sweat-shirt 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 10th September for your child to start receiving the meals on Monday 16th 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.

### **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 know ....just 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

### 3. FRIENDS OF JOHN HAMPDEN (FJH)

#### **Join the Friends of John Hampden School...**

Welcome new parents to John Hampden School, and a special welcome from us, the Friends of John Hampden (FJH), the school's dedicated Parent/Teacher Association (PTA).

We're a group of parents who work alongside the teachers to raise funds for the school and help to develop the school community through socials, events and communication. We would love to meet new parents who would like to find out more about how they can get involved to support the PTA (you can do as little or as much as you like!)



#### **Upcoming Events:**

##### **PTA Meeting:**

The first PTA meeting of the term will be Wednesday 11th September @ 8pm at Lucca, High Street, Wendover. The first meeting of the term is always a fun one organising the calendar for the year ahead. This is a really informal evening, please do join us if you can.

Please feel free to email Laura Croker, Secretary if you have any questions [lauracroker1981@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lauracroker1981@hotmail.co.uk).



##### **Pizza & Prosecco Night**

The PTA will be hosting a Pizza & Prosecco (and beer!) evening on Thursday 19th September, this is a great opportunity to welcome new parents to the school and a chance for the PTA to show their appreciation for all the help and support provided by parents.

Details to follow in bookbags.

##### **Easyfundraising:**

So far we have raised a fantastic £3,262.24 from Easyfundraising cashback!! It takes two minutes and can really make a difference, it's so simple and costs you nothing!

Click here to sign up and download the app <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fjhwendover/>

##### **Vale Lottery:**

FJH has joined Vale Lottery as an official good cause. Lottery tickets can now be bought with HALF of the ticket price going to FJH. Each ticket costs just £1. Every ticket has a 1 in 50 chance of winning a prize every week, ranging from £25-£25,000. Click here to buy your tickets [www.valelottery.co.uk/support/friends-of-john-hampden-school](http://www.valelottery.co.uk/support/friends-of-john-hampden-school)

If you would like to contact the Friends of John Hampden School, please email the Chair, Sophie Hughes, [jhspta@gmail.com](mailto:jhspta@gmail.com).



## THE JOHN HAMPDEN SCHOOL WENDOVER

### **OPEN MORNING - EARLY YEARS (NURSERY) & RECEPTION PLACES**

The John Hampden School Wendover is a large infant school for children aged between four and seven years. We also have a thriving 26 place Early Years Provision for 3-4 year olds and offer the 30 hours flexible free entitlement for pupils in this class. 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 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019.**

Presentations will be held at 9.15a.m and 10.30a.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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