



The John Hampden School Wendover



NEWSLETTER

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1. MESSAGE FROM MRS BARNES

It was good to see so many of you as you came into school last week for the Learning Review Meetings and the work sharing event last Friday afternoon. There was virtually 100% attendance at the Learning Review Meetings and staff will work hard to catch up with anyone who missed the opportunity to come in and hear about their child's progress and view their learning. We have shared your lovely comment slips with your children who were delighted to hear/read your encouraging notes. The questionnaires have also been analysed and findings will be fed back to individual teachers.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated—our pupils are extremely lucky to have such interested and supportive parents and carers. For our part we try to make the learning opportunities we offer interesting and engaging. From time to time we enrich the curriculum with visits, visitors and special days or weeks. This half-term there have already been a number of activities including:

- Arts Week
- Year Two Puppet Man visit
- Foundation Stage Animal Man Visit
- World Book Day links with Wendover Junior School
- Tennis Workshops
- Drumming Workshops

Some of the activities we offer are free of charge and for others we need to request a voluntary contribution. Unfortunately the school is not in a financial position to fund every type of enrichment activity directly from the school budget share so activities can only go ahead if enough people opt to pay.

Over the years we have consulted with parents regarding their view about voluntary contributions and the best way to collect these payments. Our most recent survey suggested that parents value the extra-curricular opportunities we offer but would prefer to make one payment a term rather than being bombarded with requests for money every time an activity is planned. With the introduction of our on-line payment system we are now able to itemize the planned activities and provide an associated cost so parents can see how their contribution is being spent.

I would like to take this opportunity to clarify the situation regarding payments for enrichment activities. The activities we book are carefully planned to spread the cost over the school year. The **contribution is entirely voluntary** and no child will be disadvantaged if their parents are unable to pay or opt not to pay for some or any of the items. Our survey told us that parents/carers appreciated a reminder about making payments as some people said that they did forget to do it even though they intended to. From now on, when sending reminders, we will always make sure we reiterate the fact that any payment is a voluntary contribution. I do intend to send home another questionnaire regarding charging for educational activities in the near future to ensure the feedback we receive is reflective of current opinion.

2. GOVERNOR SECTION

Captain America or Captain Underpants...characters come to life for World Book Day at John Hampden School

To make a change from writing about the financial crisis facing all of our schools, and which has been in the news again recently (and almost every week since I took over chairing the Finance committee!), I thought I would instead share a thought on a more positive subject...

Last week the UK celebrated World Book Day, and as you can see from the photo beneath the pupils of John Hampden made an excellent job of dressing up as their favourite storybook (or film/movie/tv!) characters.



World Book Day is the world's biggest campaign to provide every child and young person in the country with a book of their own. The aim is to promote improved levels of literacy amongst young people. You will already know from reading my 'Governor Fact File' on the School website that my favourite children's author is David Walliams, and this is because I find his books very funny (Grandpa's Great Escape tops the list!). So do both my daughters, and whether last thing at night or before we head off for school in the morning (or even on the train on the way to school, much to the amusement of the regular commuters!) I endeavor to find 15 minutes to sit down and read with them each day.

But did you know that research conducted recently showed that when parents read to their children they then demonstrate improved behaviour and academic performance at school? And this adds weight to previous research that concluded that children who were exposed to books at a young age have better vocabulary, higher literacy, pay attention longer and concentrate better. So, children who enjoy reading do better at school in all subjects. This is something we all want for our children! You could be wondering why a school Governor is writing about this subject? Well, we now know that reading has a positive impact on all aspects of social and emotional well-being. Reading for pleasure not only improves the academic performance of children – they also enjoy it! At the John Hampden School we believe that children who are happy and who feel valued are in the best position to learn effectively. And effective learning from our children will in turn lead to improved outcomes for them. Our school aims to be a secure and welcoming environment that fosters progress, achievement, aspiration and the social skills to use in a diverse community. As parents, we have a part to play in helping our children on this journey. And one of our key functions as a governing board is to monitor and evaluate the progress that the school is making towards the achievement of its aims, objectives and targets. By reading with our children regularly, we are all going some way towards setting our children up well for the future, which in turn will help the John Hampden School achieve its aims.



Matt Glanville
Co-opted Governor

The Governing Board is always willing to listen to parental queries and to explain in more detail what the Governing Body does. They do realise, however, that it may not always be appropriate to speak to them at the school gate so please feel free to email the Chair of Governors, James Edley, jedley@johnhampdenwendover.co.uk if you would like to raise a matter for discussion.

3. IMPORTANT MESSAGES



OPEN MORNING FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS & PUPILS NURSERY CLASS SEPTEMBER 2019



For the first time ever we are opening the doors of our Early Years Class (Crickets) from September 2019. Our 26 place nursery class runs from a new, purpose built classroom at the front of the school and has it's own outside area. Places for the Crickets Class this academic year were in demand and we managed to fill all 26 places in the first round of allocations. Therefore if you have a child born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 and you are interested in the Early Years Class at John Hampden for September 2019, we would urge you to come along to our Open Morning on Saturday 23rd March from 10.00am until 11.00am so you can view the learning spaces, meet key members of staff and ask any questions you may have. Please phone or email the school office to express your interest in attending.

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

If we fill all 26 places with eligible children (admission criteria apply) we are not planning to admit further children after Christmas or after Easter so you may only have one chance to secure a place.



SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB 2019

We are interested to gauge opinion about the feasibility of opening a Summer Holiday club to provide childcare for infant aged children for several weeks in July and August 2019.

We will soon be sending out a survey for parents to complete and return to see whether this might be a viable option.

Learning Review Meetings

Thank you for your feedback following the learning review meetings in early March. This information is in the process of being analysed and fed back to class teachers. At the end of this newsletter you can see the overall feedback percentages from all those who completed a questionnaire following their meeting. We are obviously very pleased with these findings but have also taken on board the verbal and written feedback that was provided. Keeping to time is clearly the biggest challenge for staff because if everyone has just one minute longer than their allotted time there will inevitably be a consequence for people with later appointments. We apologise if you had to wait beyond your appointment time.

MEDICINES

This is a polite reminder that if your child requires prescribed medicine three times a day, this should be administered at home in the morning, after school and again in the evening. We are only expected to administer prescribed medicine that is due four times a day. Or if there are exceptional circumstances. Thank you for your co-operation.



GRATEFUL THANKS

We are hugely grateful to Ross Pedersen (father of two children in our school) who organised a team of RAF Personnel to help us with some Spring cleaning of the school grounds following the building work. They worked tirelessly and we are delighted with the results.



4. CURRICULUM

TENNIS WORKSHOPS

On Monday we were fortunate to receive some free tennis coaching from The Everyball Tennis coaches. Each FS and KS1 class had a 30 minute session in the hall where they learnt some of the key skills required to handle the racquet and ball successfully. The children really seemed to enjoy this exciting opportunity.



DRUMMING WORKSHOP

On Thursday this week all the children took part in a drumming workshop. The workshops were provided by The Education Group and were paid for by voluntary contributions. The children really impressed the instructor with their fabulous listening skills. There are more pictures and a video on the school website under the news section.



WORLD BOOK DAY

Friday 8th March was when we celebrated World Book Day. Favourite characters from books was the theme we gave you for costumes on World Book Day and the children looked fantastic. The staff did too! The main feature of the day was a book sharing experience with pupils from Wendover Junior School. Year 2 pupils visited Wendover Junior School to share their reading, while pupils from WJS came down to share books with FS and Y1 pupils. The older children clearly loved helping with sounding out words and reading with our pupils. It seemed to be a very enjoyable experience for all.

More photographs are available under the news section of the school website.



5. PUPIL'S SECTION

On 5th March our Foundation classes had a visit from Animal Edutainment. They came in with lots of small animals for the children to see, hold and stroke. We thought you might like to hear about some of their experiences.

“I liked the animals, the spiders and the python. I don't normally get to see these sorts of animals at school” - Ernie (Ladybirds)

“I liked the hare—it was soft” - Chloe (Ladybirds)

“I held a snake. It went round my neck. It was heavy. I felt very brave” - Louie (Ladybirds)



“I liked holding the frog, it was sticky and a tree frog” - Henry (Honeybees)

“I liked it when the snake went around my neck. His tongue was sticking out” - Arthur (Honeybees)

“I liked it when I held the snake around my neck. It was cold and heavy. It had a big tongue” - Poppy (Honeybees)

“The hare was my favourite because it's like a bunny and they are my favourite animals” - Dolcie (Caterpillars)

“I liked holding the bearded dragon” - George (Caterpillars)

“I liked the snake round my neck” - Eliza (Caterpillars)

MIX 96 SMALL TALK

We are delighted to inform you that your local radio station, Mix 96 visited the school on 7th March to record a special feature called ‘Small Talk’. It's a chance for grown-ups to hear all about the world from a child's perspective.

The feature is broadcast on their breakfast show at 7.50 a.m. and on their afternoon show ‘Drive Time’ at 3.20 p.m. Monday to Friday and you will be able to hear some of our Year 2 pupils week commencing Monday 29th April and Monday 15th July. Keep listening!!

6. THE FRIENDS OF JOHN HAMPDEN



New secretary needed – **could it be you???**

It's not a tricky job! All it entails is writing a piece for the newsletter – just like this page

Booking the pub for the PTA meetings
Attending the PTA meetings and taking and sending out the minutes

After that you can choose how much or how little you get involved!

To maintain our charity status we need a secretary

- Chrissie is stepping down at **Easter – one more PTA meeting to go** -please contact us on FJHvolunteers@gmail.com or Emma Childs (PTA Chair) for further info.

Spring cake Sale A massive thank you to everyone who contributed to the Spring Cake Sale. It really is a team effort this one and we couldn't do it without everyone's help. We raised a grand total of **£317!**

A **big well done** to the Spring Bake Off winners, ably judged by Mrs van der Lowen and Mrs Mohammed:

Xander (Crickets), Grace (Ladybirds), Lottie (Squirrels) and Will (Herons).



PTA SPENDS – HOT OFF THE PRESS!!!

We often get asked about how the money we raised gets spent. This year so far we have bought:

Books for the Christmas Party - £219.98

Brainwaves badges - £132.90

Laptops for the children to use in IT - £4,440

Laminator for resources - £122.52

BUT our huge project for this year is the playground refurb – a whopping £9000 has been paid for phase 1! To be followed by Phase 2 at £11,000 in the next few weeks!

We will let you know dates for completion of this work as soon as we know! **HUGE THANKYOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE DONATED, VOLUNTEERED, BAKED, FACEPAINTED, MANNED STALLS AND OF COURSE THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE ATTENDED ALL OUR FUNDRAISING EVENTS – we couldn't do it without you!**

Save the Dates for this term – please note amended dates.

Pamper, pudding and Prosecco	Friday 29 th March
Ice Cream Day	Friday 5 th April – last day of term – (yes its moved!)
Fruity Fridays	Every Friday after the May Half term after school
May Fayre	Saturday 18 th May
Family BBQ	Friday 5 th July



We would love to see some new faces in the PTA as we move towards the summer term – could you spare half an hour a week to make or sell some lollies?? Get involved with the May Fayre or BBQ – please do get in touch with us via our email address FJHvolunteers@gmail.com or contact us on JHS FB group.



Your cause has raised

£3,130.21

£50.88 in the last 30 days

You're raising for
Friends of John Hampden School Wendover



Again we haven't had any new recruits this month – It's so **EASY** when treating yourself to an Easter treat, a last minute skiing holiday or mini-break or even buying your pet food or groceries on line – don't forget to click the link before!
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>



Attention all Parents

Want to get more involved in the school and be reminded of those last minute meetings and dress up days - look out for 'JHS Parents' FB page – it's a closed group but hugely useful in reminders for mufti day, meetings, lost property reclaiming...ask to join and admin will join you. **You must answer the question before admin will approve you!**



Support Aylesbury Vale
and win amazing prizes!

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.

You can buy individual tickets whenever you like, or set up a Direct Debit for 1 (or more) ticket (s) per week and not worry about forgetting!

Draws are every Saturday night. Buy tickets here - www.valelottery.co.uk/support/friends-of-john-hampden-school

Most importantly - FJH receives 50p from every ticket bought in support of the school

PAMPER, PUDDING & PROSECCO NIGHT

FRIDAY 29TH MARCH 7.30-10.30PM

This year we are launching a brand new PTA event that we hope you will love! The Pamper, Pudding & Prosecco Night is all set to be a fantastic night so grab your friends and make a night of it! The event will be set up in three zones:

PAMPER ZONE

Enjoy mini pamper sessions, demonstrations and advice from local therapists which can be pre-booked or booked on the night (subject to availability).

RETAIL ZONE

We are thrilled to have a selection of local retailers joining us on the night offering their fabulous products.

THE BAR

We will have a cash bar serving Prosecco (other drinks also available!) along with delicious homemade desserts for you to enjoy.

Tickets are £7.50 each (Include your first glass of fizz and a dessert) to be purchased IN ADVANCE on PARENTPAY

In a bid to save paper and admin for everyone we are attempting to make this a 'Paper-free' event so tickets can be purchased directly from Parent Pay*. Your email confirmation of your purchase will act as your e-ticket - just show the confirmation email via your device when you come in.

PLEASE ORDER YOUR TICKETS VIA PARENTPAY BY FRIDAY 22ND MARCH

PRICE LIST

MASSAGE & BODY

Adam Gibbons Sports Massage
15 Minute Sports Massage Taster Treatment £8

Sam Haslam Reflexology
15 Minute Reflexology Treatment £8

Anita Baxter Pranic Healing
10-15 Minute Stress Relief Treatment £5

Tropics Beauty
15 Minute Hand & Arm Massage £5

HAIR

Red Carpet Hairdressing
Hair Up £5
Hair Waves or Curls £5

NAILS

Beauty by Bonnie @ Red Carpet Hairdressing
Shape & Nail Polish £8

Manicure Alli
Express Manicure £8
Express Pedicure £8

Jamerry Nails
Nail Wrap Product Demonstrations

7. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

We aim to keep you fully informed of our actions linked to the school improvement plan. Since the last newsletter we have made progress linked to the actions outlined below:

GOAL A: LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT

Each teacher in the school takes responsibility for a specific curriculum area. During the term governors may come into school to observe a specific event linked to their subject area or they meet with the teacher to discuss how the subject is being taught, assessed or developed. At the end of each term subject leaders are required to review the actions they have taken during the term and the impact these actions have had. The governor section of the newsletter often provides an example of this in practice and it is clear that this type of liaison is mutually beneficial and also helps to maintain standards in the school.



GOAL B: TEACHING, LEARNING &



It has been really encouraging to see how well our pupils are responding to the different themes and topics that have been introduced during the year. We have worked hard to try to cover numerous curriculum areas within a topic and the quality of learning appears to have improved considerably as a result. We are very aware that the teaching and learning environment contributes enormously to effective learning and we are working hard to ensure our outside learning areas reflect a similar high quality to that provided indoors. The EYFS curriculum and the National Curriculum guide the content of the taught curriculum but the spiritual, moral, social and cultural aspects of learning also feature strongly in the curriculum to reinforce the ethos of our school.

GOAL C: PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, BEHAVIOUR

Feedback from the recent Learning Review Meetings has been positive in terms of the satisfaction levels linked to information provided by the school. This is enhanced by opportunities for parents to communicate with their child about what they have heard and seen via individual comment sheets and during the work sharing event. Developing confidence and self esteem is crucial in the early years and children need to be recognised for their strengths as well as being supported in developing resilience and positive attitudes when faced with new challenges.

The continued focus on developing positive attitudes to learning and encouraging a growth mindset is reflected in the day to day observations of pupils and staff at John Hampden.



GOAL D: PUPIL OUTCOMES

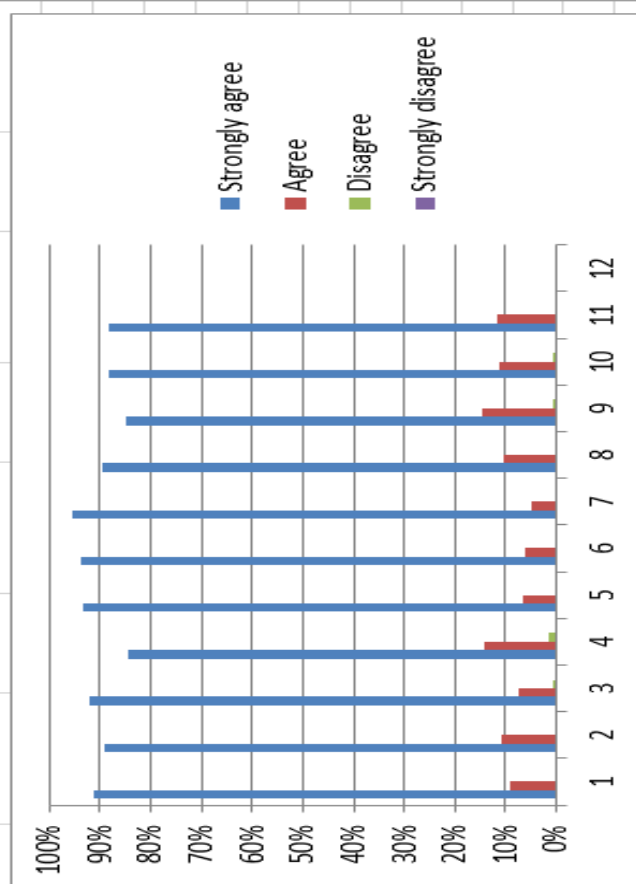
MODERATION

Ensuring there is consistency in assessment judgements is crucial. This is true within the school but also across local schools and nationally. John Hampden is fortunate to be a three form entry school because it means there are easy opportunities for staff to work together to moderate their assessment judgements. This week we have worked with staff from other local schools to share writing and agree moderation judgements. Mrs McNally and Mrs Parkinson (County Moderators) are currently making links with the schools they will moderate during the summer term.



8. LEARNING REVIEW FEEDBACK

		Strongly Agree		Agree		Disagree		Strongly Disagree	
		Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
1	I was sufficiently aware of the dates for the Learning Review Meetings	193	91%	19	9%		0%	0	0%
2	I had enough notice of my appointment time	189	89%	23	11%		0%	0	0%
3	My appointment matched with my choice of day and time	195	92%	16	8%	1	0%	0	0%
4	There was a satisfactory match between my appointment time and the time I actually saw the teacher	178	84%	30	14%	3	1%	0	0%
5	I received a useful amount of information in 10 minutes	198	93%	14	7%		0%	0	0%
6	I found out about my child's strengths and areas for development	199	94%	13	6%		0%	0	0%
7	I found out about my child's behaviour and attitude to learning	202	95%	10	5%		0%	0	0%
8	I am satisfied with the progress that my child is making academically	190	90%	22	10%		0%	0	0%
9	I was provided with helpful handouts about how to support my child at home	176	85%	30	14%	1	0%	0	0%
10	The school has set my child realistic targets	185	88%	24	11%	1	0%	0	0%
11	The school is challenging my child appropriately	186	88%	25	12%		0%	0	0%



9. MISCELLANEOUS

Out of School Care Playworker vacancy

We have a maternity cover vacancy for a Playworker at our Breakfast Club from 7.30 am to 8.45 am for four mornings per week and at our After School Club from 3.00 pm to 6.15 pm four afternoons per week term time only. The applicant would preferably have some experience of working with children and a relevant Level 2 qualification, however this is not essential.

The salary will be within Bucks Pay Range 1A (currently £15,107 per annum pro rata) and the closing date for applications is Friday 29th March 2019.

If you are interested in this post and would like more information, please call the John Hampden School office on 01296 622629 or email office@jhampden.bucks.sch.uk or contact the OOSC on 07506 195699 or email oosc@jhampden.bucks.sch.uk



JOHN HAMPDEN SCHOOL WENDOVER

Loving to Learn

On Saturday 23rd March from 10.00am until 11.00am we are holding an Open Morning so you can view the teaching areas and meet key members of staff. Please phone or email the school office to express your interest in attending. 01296 622629 or office@jhampden.bucks.sch.uk

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE LOOKING FOR PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION FROM SEPTEMBER 2019?



For the first time The John Hampden School Wendover is opening their Early Years Class from September 2019. 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 2015 and 31st August 2016 and admission criteria apply.

For further information or to arrange a visit 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.

PRINCES RISBOROUGH LIGHTHOUSE 2019 - A PLEA FOR HELP!

Lighthouse is a local initiative that provides a week-long summer club full of Christian teaching for local children at the beginning of the summer holidays. The Princes Risborough event is run under the auspices of Churches Together in Risborough (CTR) and has been running for 17 years. It regularly hosts over 500 children and nearly as many teenage leaders, many of whom have no connection with the local churches. The event gets much really great, positive, feedback via the children's parents.

The event only runs through the generosity of local schools, halls & churches in providing funding & loaning equipment and, more importantly, the hundreds of volunteers from young teenagers to those who are much more mature in years. Without their selfless contributions of time the event could not happen.

This year we are facing a major challenge as the Site Manager of recent years will not be available this year. Princes Risborough Lighthouse recognises that the role has grown year on year and we are trying to find a team of volunteers to make up four teams to be involved in physical activity for 2 or 3 days around the time of the event (July 25th to August 4th).

If you are interested in knowing more, or if you know someone else who is, please make initial contact via email to lighthouse-pr@dawshome.plus.com for more information.

WENDOVER LIBRARY EVENTS

At Wendover Library, we are delighted to announce that this Easter we will be running a special family friendly screening of Mary Poppins Returns on Saturday 13th April in the afternoon. Children are welcome to bring along bean bags and we recommend a drink in a sealed container or a bottle that we can fill with water. Snacks will be available for a donation. Tickets are £3 each and advanced ticket purchase is essential, due to limited space. Children MUST be supervised by an adult. Children over 12 may be unaccompanied if a parent is in the library.

In addition, newcomer to Wendover and children's art teacher, Jaany Ravenscroft-Hull will be running an art class for children in our library room during the first week of the Easter break on either the Tuesday or Wednesday morning. If there is enough interest, Jaany will start an after school art class later in the year. This will be drawing and painting with art techniques as opposed to crafts and more suitable for Junior school ages. Any parents with interested budding artists, please contact the library and we will happily pass on your details to her.

There will be craft sessions during the Easter holidays – card making, Easter cake decorations and a treasure hunt. Please enquire at the library for more information.

Before the holidays start, for children over 11 years, we have some taster sessions to help children learn coping mechanisms for managing stress relief, anxiety (social, exam etc) and relaxation techniques on Saturday 16th and Friday 22nd March (after school). These sessions initially will be for a parent and child to improve wellbeing. To book onto one of these please contact the library or see our Facebook page WENDOVER COMMUNITY LIBRARY-events.

We also have a children's author, Meriet Duncan visiting us Saturday April 27th – she will give an interactive talk about her writing, inspiration and have books for signing and sales. Meriet will also have with her, to illustrate the visit, a real bee hive for children to see and explore.

Wendover Community Library
High Street
Wendover HP22 6DU

At Wendover Community Library

Quiz 'n Chips

Fundraiser



£12 each



£12 each

Saturday 27th April

7 o'clock start

Teams of 8. Includes Fish and chip supper.

Tickets available from the library



Bring Your Own Drinks, glasses and cutlery if required.
Hot drinks and condiments will be included



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AUG 2018



Combat School Anxiety & Stress



Increase happiness
Reduce stress
Develop confidence
Enhance concentration and focus
**Teen and Parent Relaxation -
Taster Sessions**

Saturday 16th March 2 pm—3 pm
Friday 22nd March 5.45 pm—6.45 pm

(Spaces limited— Please register via the library)

£Donation to MCKS Charitable Foundation optional

Wendover Community Library
High Street, Wendover HP22 6DU

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On Screen

At Wendover Community Library



Saturday, 13th April at 2pm - £3

Certificate PG

Advanced bookings only. Seats are not allocated.

Tickets are available to buy in the Library.

Booking enquiries to onscreenatwendover@hotmail.com

