

NEWSLETTER

1. MESSAGE FROM MRS BARNES



Last week it poured with rain for much of the time and this week it has been incredibly hot. Last Friday, if all was normal, it would have been our Sports Day and we would have had to cancel because it was too wet. Today was the alternative date and we would have been faced with the difficult decision as to whether to go ahead because of the forecast thunderstorms or disappoint everyone by choosing to cancel again —fortunately I didn't have to make either decision so every cloud....

These unprecedented times do make us reflect upon the way things have had to be and actually some of the changes that we have made have turned out to be very positive and may continue from now on.

With reflection in mind, I would like to ask you to contribute to an online survey about the home learning that has been offered since the school closed in March. We would really appreciate your honest feedback— we acknowledge that it is impossible to please all people all of the time but we tried to provide opportunities to engage our young pupils in a way that is commensurate with their age and ability whilst having due regard to the fact that many of the IT solutions to home learning are not appropriate for our young pupils. They also rely on the fact that children need access to a computer at regular times—not something every family can ensure.

You can access the survey by following the link:

Click Here

Closing date for responses is Friday 10th July.

Teaching staff are uploading more home learning for the next few weeks so please remember to take a look regularly—there will be a choice of subjects and activities to keep your children busy but do contact us if you need to, for any additional support.

I hope you are starting to access the transition tabs on the school website. We are, on a week by week basis, starting to add information which we hope you and your child will find useful. The next page will become 'live' on Monday 29th June.

Looking forward, if you believe you may need to order new school uniform for the next academic year please download a uniform order form from the school website. It can be found under the 'Key Information—Uniform' tab. Emailing the form back to the school office will allow us time to get your order together and contact you about payment and collection arrangements. Unfortunately we are not able to sell uniform directly from the school office at the moment so all orders will be dealt with electronically.

It has been good to welcome back more children this week. Just for your information we have 64% of our Early Years class in school each week, 80% of our Foundation Stage pupils, 75% of our Year 1 pupils and 39% of Year 2 pupils who have key worker parents or who are considered vulnerable in some way. Let's keep our fingers crossed that by September the country will be in a position where we can welcome back everyone.

Thank you for your continued support.

John Hampden Out of School Care Vacancy

We have a vacancy from September 2020 for a Playworker at our Breakfast Club: 7.30-8.45am Monday to Thursday and After School Club 3.00-6.15pm Tuesday to Thursday 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.

Start Date: September 2020

Closing date: Friday 26th June 2020

The salary will be within Bucks Pay Range 1A £16,824 per annum pro-rata.

If you are interested in this post please call the John Hampden School office on 01296 622629 or email: office@jhampden.bucks.sch.uk or contact the OOSC on 07506195699 or email: OOSC@jhampden.bucks.sch.uk for more information.

ENTRY & EXIT ARRANGEMENTS

We just need to reiterate the message about the need for children to arrive at school at the allotted time and for parents to collect and leave the school grounds promptly at the end of the day. Year 2—8.45am start Early Years—9.00am start Foundation Stage—9.00am start Year One—9.15am start These staggered start and end times ensure we minimise mixing on the school grounds. Children should not be allowed to play on or with school equipment whilst they wait. We have requested that they can stand with you sensibly until the door opens.

Please note, no parent/carer should attempt to enter the school building at any time.

Thank you