



The John Hampden School Wendover



NEWSLETTER

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1. MESSAGE FROM MRS BARNES

I hope you managed to have a restful half term break and were able to enjoy some quality time in the sunshine with your children.

This week the children have been involved in Arts Week. The theme has been 'Oceans' and each class was invited to compete a range of activities linked to this topic. Stimuli have included stories, poems, music, art work and the environment. Today the week will culminate with a whole school assembly where every class will share one aspect of the work they have covered e.g. a poem, art work, a dance, a song etc. Photos will be added to the school website in due course.

We look forward to welcoming you into school next week for the Learning Review Meetings where you will have ten minutes to meet with the class teacher to find out about what the children have been learning and to hear about your child's progress and attainment. The ten minute slot should provide enough time to hear the key messages and you are welcome to spend as much time as you would like looking at your child's books before or after the appointment. We would ask that you do not attempt to take more than your allotted time slot as other people are affected when appointment times overrun. If you require more time it may be appropriate to make another mutually convenient appointment to continue the discussions. You will be given paper handouts relating to the next targets for your child and you may also be signposted to other helpful resources that will be available on the school website. At the end of your appointment the class teacher will give you a questionnaire to gauge your feedback about how useful the meeting has been. We would ask you to complete this whilst you are in school and also to complete a short comment sheet for your child which is designed to motivate and encourage them further.

On Friday 8th March you are invited to come into school again. At 2.45 p.m. you can go to your child's classroom to share their books with them. The purpose of this is to celebrate their successes and to reinforce the messages about future targets. We do recognise that this may not be a convenient time for every parent so we will always make sure that a member of staff shares the books of any child whose parents are not able to attend. (Honeybees and Crickets classes will have a different timing for this event)

World Book Day

Reminder that our World Book Day celebration event is on 8th March. This year we are asking children to come dressed as their favourite character from a book.

Comic Relief

On Friday 15th March, in return for a £1 donation, we are inviting the children to come into school wearing something red. Please note that their clothing must be suitable and warm enough for them to wear outside at playtime.

Thank you for your continued support.



2. GOVERNOR SECTION

When I became a Governor at John Hampden School Wendover I volunteered to be the SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) Link Governor. I have a few members of family with special needs which has led me to have an interest in how children with barriers to learning and Special Educational Needs are supported within the education system.

At John Hampden, staff and governors work to ensure that all SEND pupils are given opportunities to fulfil their potential, are fully included within the school community and are able to make successful transfers between educational establishments.

Governors have responsibility for the strategic overview of and the implementation of the SEND Policy. As SEND Governor I ensure that I am up to date and knowledgeable about the school's SEND provision.

I meet regularly with Jo Francis the SEND Co-ordinator who updates me on her work. Miss Francis is incredibly experienced in this area and has a National Award for SEN Co-ordination. As a Governor I am never given any information that would enable me to identify specific children requiring SEND support - that is strictly confidential. Jo updates me on numbers of children requiring extra support, funding received for this, different types of interventions and support given as well as the use of external agencies.

Working with Miss Francis has given me great insight into how many different challenges children face as well as the range of different methods used to support the children. Due to the age of children at an infant school Special Educational Needs are often emerging which means Miss Francis works closely with teachers to identify children who may need extra support. Once identified, meeting the needs of SEND pupils requires partnership working between all those involved – Local Authority, school, parents/carers, pupils, children's services, health and all other agencies.

At John Hampden the team works really hard to achieve the best possible education for all children including those with SEND, this was recognised in the Ofsted inspection in October:

'Pupils with special educational needs (SEN) and/or disabilities are very well supported across the school and make good progress from their starting points.' (Ofsted 2018)

If you would like to find out more about SEND provision at John Hampden you can follow these links to our SEND policy and annual SEN report which contain lots of useful information:

<https://www.johnhampdenwendover.co.uk/website/policies/39823>

<https://www.johnhampdenwendover.co.uk/website/annual-sen-report-july-2014/39833>



If you have any specific concerns about your child please talk to the Class teacher.

Suzanne Pim
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

School Uniform

We ask all parents who send their children to our school for their support of the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork (including a named P.E. kit). Parents should ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean, **named** and in good repair. We currently have Lost Property boxes that are over flowing with clothing that is not named—children are not able to identify whether it is theirs or not!

The Uniform Policy and an order form is available on our school website and gives clear guidance about appropriate clothing for school. Many items can be purchased from the school office.

We wish to discourage parents from allowing their children to wear 'jean' type trousers and we prefer children to wear school type shoes or boots in black, grey or navy.

If any parent would like the school to modify the uniform policy, they should make representation, in the first instance, to the head teacher. The school welcomes children from all backgrounds and faith communities. If there are serious reasons, for example religious objections, why parents want their child to wear clothes that differ from the school uniform the school will look sympathetically at such requests. Similarly, should an item of school uniform prove problematic for a pupil with disabilities then parents are invited to draw this to the attention of the head teacher. The school will not treat pupils with disabilities unfavourably.

Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents;
- has been designed with health and safety in mind.

RETURNING TO SCHOOL FOLLOWING ILLNESS

We have recently had a number of children who have been brought into school at lunchtime having been too unwell to come in the morning. On several occasions these children have been given medicine at home to 'get them through' the afternoon but they really should have been kept off for the whole day. It is really important that children are given time to recover properly and if they have suffered from sickness or diarrhoea they cannot come back to school for 48 hours after the last bout of illness. This way we prevent germs and bugs spreading. Thank you for your support.

TISSUES

With such a tight budget situation please can we ask that you provide your child with their own pack of tissues if they have a cold.

COATS

Children should wear a coat to school every day at this time of the year, even though it may appear sunny outside.

SPARE PAPER

We are always very happy to receive any spare paper you may have. In the past parents have donated from their workplaces/contacts, any spare or damaged paper which otherwise would have been disposed of—we will always use it!!

SCHOOL WEBSITE

School websites are an important way of finding out about a school. There is a great deal of statutory information that should be included on a school site but we continue to work hard to try and ensure that ours also gives a true flavour of what the school is really like. Our website is constantly being developed and I would urge you to take a regular look as new information/detail is often added. We would be pleased to hear your feedback or to receive suggestions as to what you would like to see on the website so we can make it as useful as possible. The website address is www.johnhampdenwendover.co.uk or you can find us by googling John Hampden School Wendover.

4. CURRICULUM

Discovery Week took place just before we broke up for the half term holiday. The focus of the week was to develop thinking and investigative skills. At the beginning of the week each KS1 class had a maths session with Mrs Barnes where they were encouraged to apply their mathematical knowledge in some active learning. This was followed by the introduction of a brand new resource—Rapid Recall Whiteboards. Each board is specifically designed to allow children to apply and develop their knowledge, skills and understanding across the Year 1 and Year 2 Mathematics National Curriculum. Feedback about the new resource was positive.

'We were given two numbers and then picked which number we wanted to use to work out answers.' Huw

'The activity helped us so that we can find answers more quickly.' Jenson

'It was really fun because you thought you weren't learning but you really were.' Jessica

'We learnt lots of different ways to work out answers to Maths problems.' Tillie



Wednesday was Thinking Day and the children were given the opportunity to learn from each other and to develop their Growth Mindset. KS1 classes were mixed so Year 1 pupils worked with a partner from Year 2. The Foundation Stage classes also joined in and everyone watched 'Austin's Butterfly' (available on You Tube)

Discussions took place as a Circle Time when children were asked:

What did Austin learn?

Who helped him to learn?

Why did he keep going?

What would have happened if he hadn't been told how to improve?

How can we help someone to improve in a kind way?

Then every child produced their own first draft of a butterfly picture before being given constructive tips on how to improve their work by their partner. After that a second draft was produced and more constructive praise and feedback was offered from their partner. This continued until the final version was produced. The butterflies produced will be used to form a display in the school.

Thursday was Science Day where the emphasis was on scientific enquiry/practical science. Each year group chose an investigation to complete which covered the relevant objectives from this term's Material's Unit of Work. Science Day was a great opportunity to make the most of our pupil's questioning and reasoning skills and to draw out deeper thinking through dialogue with teachers and peers. Year 1 completed an investigation to find which material would be best suited to make a roof for a teddy's shelter.

Year 2 completed an investigation to find out which materials were best to use to make a rocket fly the furthest.

Foundation Stage classes enjoyed a whole week of investigating including work on floating and sinking, electricity, slippery slopes, dancing raisins, exploring with magnets and completing an experiment with Coca-cola!

5. PUPIL'S SECTION

As part of our Discovery Week work each class was asked to take on a learning challenge. The children were asked to suggest ideas and then vote for their favourite. The challenge was something that had to be achievable within the time frame by all the children in the class.

On Friday, during Merit Assembly, each class had to present their skill to the rest of the school.

We were wowed by:

Hérons Class who sang a whole song in French without looking at any of the words!

Badgers Class who learnt to count to ten in Chinese.

Caterpillars Class who recited a poem, 'My John Hampden Smile' off by heart.

Red Kites Class who learnt an eight verse poem using their own picture prompts to remind them of the words in each verse.

Squirrels Class who learnt the name and order of all the planets in the solar system.

Honeybees class who recited a poem 'This Is My Body.'

Firecrests Class who showed us that they could count to ten in German, Italian and French.

Hedgehogs Class who sang one of our favourite school songs but completely in French.

Ladybirds Class who learnt to count from 1—10 in Greek.

We were so impressed by the skills that were demonstrated and we could see everyone joining in. You might want to test your child and see if he/she can still remember what they learned!!

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** please contact us on FJHvolunteers@gmail.com or Emma Childs (PTA Chair) for further info.



Bag 2 School Friday 8th February

Thanks to Hollie for her organisation again this year!

We raised a huge £140 to be split with WJS!

Spring cake Sale NOW Friday 8th March

Brighten up these chilly afternoons with our first cake sale of the year, after school on Friday 8th March. All donations very gratefully received! Please bring your baked or bought goods to reception on the morning. A little prize will be awarded for the loveliest bakes (don't forget to label your bakes with your child's name and class if you're taking part! Speak to Caroline or email FJHvolunteers@gmail.com - with any questions.



PTA SPENDS – HOT OFF THE PRESS!!!

We often get asked about how the money we raised gets spent – well watch this space – we have just got confirmation of the designs for the new play area - Phase 1 and soon to follow phase 2! We will let you know dates for completion of this work as soon as we know! **HUGE THANK YOU 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!**



PTA Meeting – Tuesday 5th March -

Shoulder of Mutton – Back room at 8pm

Fancy getting involved with the PTA please do come along have a glass of wine (or a hot choc!) – whether you can give 30 minutes or more to an event we really need you – If you can't make the evening but want to lend a hand please do email us on FJHvolunteers@gmail.com or contact us on JHS FB group.

Unfortunately we had to cancel the **Curry & Bingo night** - due to lack of support! Thanks to all those who bought a ticket – we hope you have received your refund safely! Any problems let us know on FJHvolunteers@gmail.com



Your cause has raised
£3,115.27
£46.11 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 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 muf-ti 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

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

JHS PTA (FJH) Meeting	Tuesday 5 th March
Spring Cake Sale	Friday 8 th March
World Book Day & work sharing 2.45pm	Friday 8 th March
Pamper, pudding and Prosecco	Friday 29 th March
Ice Cream Day	Friday 5 th April – last day of term – (yes its moved!)

PAMPER, PUDDING & PROSECCO NIGHT

Friday 29th March 2019
7.30pm to 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). A full list of available treatments will be shared before the event but these will include:

Nail Treatments ☞ Sports Massage ☞ Hair Styling ☞ Reflexology ☞ Make Up ☞ Skin Care

Retail Zone

We are thrilled to have a selection of local retailers joining us on the night offering their fabulous products, these include:

Artisan Belgium Chocolates ☞ Clothing Boutiques ☞ Handmade Gifts ☞ Beauty 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 PARENT PAY (details below)

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 PARENT PAY BY FRIDAY 22ND MARCH

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

As we reach the end of the financial year it is a time to reflect and plan for the future. We still need to make some significant cost savings so the leadership team are looking at how these can be achieved whilst retaining the high standard of education we offer. It is very important that we fill all the places in the school because our funding is maximised if we operate at full capacity. We are waiting for confirmation of numbers for the Foundation Stage classes for September 2019 and we are also working hard to fill our 26 place Nursery from September 2019. Please do contact the school office if you are interested in a place in the Nursery class.



GOAL B: TEACHING, LEARNING & ASSESSMENT



The last staff meeting of the half term was spent moderating writing across the school. The focus for writing throughout the first half of the Spring Term was 'Recount Writing' and laying out a selection of pupil's books from across the school allowed us to identify the continuity and progression of writing skills within this genre. We were pleased to note there was clear consistency in terms of the application of key policies including handwriting, marking & feedback and use of success criteria. This initial look at books will be followed up with further in-house year group moderation and Liaison Group moderation in March. Mrs McNally has been accepted as a County Moderator again this year so we have particular staff expertise in this area.

GOAL C: PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, BEHAVIOUR & WELFARE



We were delighted with the success of the recent Discovery Week. It was encouraging to observe how far our pupils have come in understanding the importance of developing a growth mindset. So many of them are recognising that effort will lead to success and we are impressed at how well they are starting to reflect and edit their work without becoming disheartened. The impact is that they are becoming more resilient and more open to accepting constructive criticism from staff and from their peers. This is an important skill for them to learn and one which will stand them in good stead in the future.

GOAL D: PUPIL OUTCOMES

Assessment Week

The week before half term was Assessment Week. The children completed a range of tasks and activities to help teachers confirm their judgements about progress and attainment in the core subjects. This week staff have spent time moderating the judgements they have made to ensure there is consistency across the classes within each year group. Learning Review meetings are on 6th and 7th March. Teachers will share with you, their observations and assessments of your child, at this time. They will also hand you a sheet outlining some targets which could be worked on at home as well as in school.



8. 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 £14,468 per annum pro rata) and the closing date for applications is Friday 15th 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

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“My children both really loved it, they found the variety of activities ‘top-end’ and very engaging.”

4-5

For children aged 4-5 years, there's a specific timetable delivered by Early Years trained staff to ensure children have a gentle introduction to camp and receive age-appropriate care – and of course, have lots of fun!



6-7

With an exciting mix of sport, games and creative sessions, our 6 and 7 year olds have the opportunity to try new activities, make new friends and burn off some of their boundless energy!



8-9

With the addition of extra games and activities like archery and zorbs, 8 and 9 year olds will enjoy some choice options, make friends and team-up for our popular 'Wide Game' sessions.



10+

Older children want to be more in control, which is why every day as well as timetabled activities, they may also have some 'Choice' activities to include more of what they like and maximise fun!



Early Booking Offer!

Book by Tuesday 12th March 2019 and Save!

£169

PER WEEK

**SAVE
£40**

£40

PER DAY

**SAVE
£6**

With £40 off our standard weekly rate (£209) or £6 off our standard daily rate (£46) now's the time to make your booking!

Ashfold School

Dorton House, Dorton, Aylesbury, HP18 9NG

EASTER

Monday 8th to Friday 12th April

SUMMER

Monday 29th July to Friday 23rd August

Leading independent school in Dorton near Aylesbury with 30 acres of lovely grounds – the perfect setting for our Ultimate Activity and Ultimate Survival programmes!

Facilities include:

- Heated outdoor swimming pool (summer only)
- Playing fields
- Modern sports hall
- Tennis/Netball courts
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- Art and cookery rooms
- Woodland, ideal for Ultimate Survival – see back page

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*not all activities in
each course - please
see online for details

Go Wild this Summer!

Adventurers aged 7 to 14 years can go wild during the summer holidays with Ultimate Survival! These exciting and fun 5-day courses immerse children in the natural environment, learning survival skills whilst encouraging team work and trying new activities. The perfect holiday experience for adventurous children looking to get outdoors and be inspired!

We have a different theme every week offering variety no matter what week they attend. Each day they will learn survival skills and enjoy team challenges and games with the added theatre of the different scenarios. We also offer a fun Thursday night Camp Out.



Extreme Earth

Children will pit themselves against the elements and survive against extreme weather scenarios, learning survival skills and working as a team to overcome challenges.



Survival Island

Young survivors are 'trapped on a desert island' and will learn the skills to escape whilst enjoying fun activities on the way!



Survival Games

Children are grouped into 'tribes' and will compete to survive through skills challenges and fun survival scenarios.

CAMP OUT - for the ultimate experience, we offer an overnight Camp Out on Thursday. £40 cost includes Thursday dinner, Friday breakfast and lunch, plus snacks and drinks along the way - starlit skies, evening activities and fireside stories are free!*



**CAMP OUT
OPTION
£40**

LOCATION: Ashfold School, Dorton House, Dorton, Aylesbury, HP18 9NG

SUMMER: Monday 29th July to Friday 16th August

AGES: 7-14 years

TIMES: Drop off 8.30 - 9.30am; Collection 4.30 - 5.15pm
(Extended Day Pass available for 8am to 6pm - £5)

Early Booking Offer!

Book by Tuesday 12th March 2019 and pay just £169 per week (£40 off).
This is our best offer for 2019 so hurry as spaces are limited!
Standard cost is £209 per week. See online for terms and conditions.

0330 111 7077
www.ultimateactivity.co.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.