



The John Hampden School Wendover



NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MRS BARNES

Happy New Year!

In this first newsletter of 2019, I would like to start by welcoming children and their parents to the Early Years Class (Crickets). I have been very impressed by how quickly the children have settled into the routines of school. The class are being taught by Miss Burns and we are very pleased to welcome Mrs Taylor as Teaching Assistant for this new cohort of pupils. They are the first class to use our brand new Nursery and they are making the most of this beautiful new learning space. **There will be an induction meeting for parents of children in the Crickets Class at 9.00a.m on Wednesday 23rd January.**

Having walked around myself and observed all the children in the school in the first days of the new term, it is clear that they are eager and ready for the challenges that the new year will bring. The Curriculum Section of this newsletter gives further details of some of the activities that will be covered this term.

May I remind parents that if you wish to take your child out of school during term time you must request a leave of absence form from the school office or download one from the school website. Wherever possible you must give at least one months notice of the proposed absence. We follow a locally agreed policy regarding leave of absence and it is important that parents think carefully before taking their children out of school. You will shortly be receiving a letter giving an interim attendance figure for your child. I hope you will find the attendance figure a useful guide for your own information. I am sure you will appreciate that it is difficult for me to authorise absence if your child's attendance percentage is below the expected level of 95%.

Voluntary Contributions—the time has come to request another voluntary termly contribution for each pupil. In a similar approach to last term each year group will be sending home an itemised list of activities with a cost against each one. Parents are asked to pay for the activities using the Parentpay website. No child will be disadvantaged if their parents/carers choose not to pay but it may be necessary to cancel activities if not enough contributions are received.

Thank you

Evening for Parents— Save the Date—Tuesday 22nd January 2019

We are pleased to announce another evening designed to give support to parents. This time the focus is on understanding your child's behaviour. Please look out for the letter in your child's book bag and send back your request for seats.

2. GOVERNOR SECTION

It's a new year and new beginnings for some children at John Hampden School. As part of my role as Early Years Governor I visited the NEW nursery class on Tuesday 8th January, and spent a lovely time there and was stunned by all that I saw and learnt about whilst there.....

The environment in which the 26 three and four year old children learn through play, is purpose built, with a wonderful array of easily accessible, clearly labelled resources. They are ably guided, directed, encouraged and stimulated by their teacher Miss Burns and her teaching assistant Mrs Taylor. Inside the building it is light and airy with lots of windows looking out enabling the children to observe the weather and seasonal changes, as well as seeing the children in the Foundation Stage when they are in their outside area. Within the room there are flexible areas for the children to discover so much and develop their fine motor skills, linked to the aspects of learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage - including creative activities, construction, numeracy, with an emphasis on language acquisition and Literacy throughout. Outside there is an enclosed area with a sand tray and other equipment, allowing the children to be outside whatever the weather. It has doors that can be opened so the children can go right outside and use more equipment to enhance their gross motor skills, such as a bike and other ride on toys and push along cars, a magnificent climbing frame and an outside seating area. Sand and water trays are also available. All storage items are covered with blackboard paint and the children are encouraged to draw/write on them with chalk.

Watching the children purposefully engaging in a wide variety of activities I found it difficult to believe this was only their FOURTH day in school. They seemed to have a very clear idea of what they were supposed to be doing and were gently reminded of the school's Golden Rules as necessary. I saw many examples of **collaboration** (playing together with small world equipment, setting up a midnight feast in the outside area, putting away equipment at tidy up time), **perseverance** (Daniel was very keen to show me how he could come down the fireman's pole on the climbing frame which he had been unable to do on the first day and Tate wanted to show me the colouring, cutting and sticking he had done), **independence** (collecting items needed to play, putting on and taking off coats, going to the toilet, washing hands). The adults actively encouraged and modelled **Good manners** and **respect**, with children being praised when they were present.

I left the Nursery class with some children getting ready to go home, with others settling down to their packed lunch and the prospect for those who were staying for the afternoon of much more fun to be had. I feel that the children attending this class for two terms in this wonderful setting are SO lucky to be able to make such an exciting start to their Learning Journey. I very much look forward to returning and seeing what progress they have made!



Alison Duggan
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

Adverse Weather Conditions

Another reminder that if we need to close the school again this winter due to adverse weather conditions the following procedures will be used to inform parents.

1. A decision will be made about the school closure by 7.30am. This decision will be based on health and safety grounds, which may include not having enough staff at school to supervise our pupils.
2. By 7.45a.m the school website home page will be updated with closure details. MIX 96 will have been contacted and should announce our school closure at regular intervals throughout the morning. The County Council's website will also list our school closure: www.buckscc.gov.uk
3. If the notices listed above have not been implemented then you are to assume the school will remain open.
4. With these three methods of communication in place, there should be no need for you to telephone the school asking whether we will be open or closed.
5. Should the school open but need to close earlier than 3.15p.m, we will contact you via text or telephone.

Please be assured that school closure will always be a last resort.

It is entirely the responsibility of the parent/carer to decide whether it is safe to travel to and from school in inclement weather and we respect the choices you make. As usual please inform the school by telephone or in writing if your child will be absent from school.

Coats, Hats, Gloves and Boots

In this winter weather please would you ensure your child comes to school wearing appropriate clothes and footwear. We will be going outside as long as the playground remains ice free. All hats, coats, gloves and boots must be named and it would be really helpful if you could show your child where their name is written on each item of clothing, so they know where to look!

CLUBS

Key Stage One parents will shortly be receiving a letter about extra-curricular clubs in their child's book bag. If you would like your child to be considered for a place you must return the form by the date given on this form. Places are allocated on a first come, first served basis but priority will be given to those who did not attend a club in the Autumn Term, to make it fair.

Medicines

Please note:

Medicines should only be brought into school for administration when essential; that is where it would be detrimental to a child's health if the medicine were not administered during the school day. Should a prescribed medicine be required to be taken three times a day or less, the school will not administer the medicine during the school day as we have been advised that medicines that need to be taken three times a day can be taken in the morning, after school hours and at bedtime.

Home School Diaries

Please remember to tell your child to inform us if you have written a specific message in their Home School Diary. Staff do not routinely check diaries every day and we would not wish to miss anything of importance. We do ask you to support regular reading at home and we request that you sign the diary when you have heard your child read— signatures are not apparent in every diary at the moment!

Collecting from School

If, for any reason, you are unable to collect your child at the end of the school day and you organise someone else to do it (even at the last minute) please would you make sure you inform the school office as we are unable to let children go with people that we/they were not expecting to collect them.

Nuts

This is a polite reminder that children bringing their own packed lunch to school should not have any nuts included in their meal. This is because we have a number of children with severe nut allergies and the children are eating together in the dining room so there is a risk of contamination.

Scooting to School

We do encourage children to walk, scoot or cycle to school but we would ask that parents are vigilant when supervising their children on scooters— there has been an incident recently where a pedestrian was hurt by a child who had scooted on ahead, out of sight of parents. Thank you for your support in ensuring scooters are used safely.

4. CURRICULUM



As the new year and the new term begins each year group has embarked on a new topic. You will soon be able to find a topic guide on the school website under the Classes heading and you will also have the guide emailed to you in due course. We hope this will help to give you an outline of what the children will be learning and ideas of how you can support this learning at home, if you would like to.

Foundation Stage have a topic of 'Explorers, Explorer'

Year One have a topic title of 'Earth & Beyond'

And Year Two have a topic title of 'London's Burning'

Each term we try to enrich the taught curriculum with other special days and weeks which allow us to introduce further interesting and thought-provoking activities. During the Spring Term there will be a 'Discovery Week' which will include Maths, P4C and Science tasks and visitors. There will also be an 'Arts Week' with a focus on art and music. These weeks will take place either side of the half term break.



Growth Mindset Update- Exciting news!

We have been developing Growth Mindset across the school for over a year now. The children are encouraged to challenge themselves and keep persevering when things become difficult. This may be in school or at home when learning a new skill. Rather than say 'I can't do it', we say 'I can't do it YET!'

As part of our work in Growth Mindset we are very lucky to be the first infant school in the country to be trialling a new web based programme called Make Your Mind Up. We will be using the programme to support our class work. Make Your Mind Up is aimed at building a positive mindset and mental strength to support children to get the most out of their time at school and outside the classroom. It has been created from extensive research into sports psychology, Neuroscience, mindfulness and optimal living and combines the best of these to create an exciting resource.

As part of the trial, the founder has offered a free trial to parents of children at JHSW to access at home in return for feedback. If this is something that you would like to be involved in please contact Mrs Anna King via the school office before Friday 18th January.

5. PUPIL'S SECTION

CONGRATULATIONS TO A WORTHY JHSW PRIZE WINNER

On Monday a special celebratory assembly was held at school. The purpose was to celebrate the achievement of one of our pupils. Some time ago a national competition was run in which children were asked to design a new badge for the WOW travel tracker initiative which is currently running at John Hampden. Bonamy, in Year 2, put forward his entry and he was chosen as one of the eleven national winners. His design for January can be seen in the photograph and any child who manages to achieve their badge this month will be awarded with one that has Bonamy's design on it.



At the assembly Bonamy was presented with a whole bag of goodies by Councillor Shaw from Bucks County Council and he also had his photograph taken for inclusion in the local paper.

Bonamy's success was also beneficial for the school because we were awarded some special prizes too for having a national winner in our school.

For the first half of the Spring term the theme for our Monday whole school assemblies is 'Going for Goals'. We thought you might like to read some of the goals our pupils have set for themselves in 2019. For some the school value of perseverance will definitely be tested!

Ladybirds class goals are to get better at listening and following instructions. They are also going to reflect on their work and think about how they can make it even better.

Honeybees class goals are to become even more independent and really persevere if they are finding something tricky. They also want to get even better at independently reflecting on their work and making it even better.

Caterpillars class want to learn how to reflect on their learning and to grow their brains even further.

Poppy in Squirrels said she wants to get better at writing her numbers correctly.

Michael in Squirrels wants to get better at reflecting.

Hedgehogs class goal is to keep following the Golden Rules and make sure they are always listening and working hard. Their playtime goal is to make sure they are all gentle in the playground. They want to make sure everyone has a happy playtime.

Badgers class want to become more independent. They will take on classroom jobs and responsibilities and they also want to improve their listening skills.

Isabella in Herons wants to cycle to school more.

Willow in Herons wants to do more reading at home.

Freya in Firecrests wants to be calmer when her brother annoys her and to be a better friend.

Gus in Firecrests wants to be better and neater at his writing so it is not so messy and untidy.

Red Kites want to look out for people who need help in class and on the playground. They also want to improve the presentation of their work to make it look even better.

6. THE FRIENDS OF JOHN HAMPDEN

Children's New Year Disco

- Friday 18th January – 6.30pm – 8pm

We are really looking forward to our annual 'School Disco' next Friday – 18th - tickets £3.50 are available NOW on Parentpay– please get your orders in NOW and please have a think about volunteering - email FJHvolunteers@gmail.com – 30mins is a real help and parents have to stay on site – a fun night for all is promised. DJ Dan Blaze will be rocking the dance floor with plenty of glow stuff and tuck to purchase, plus chill out rooms to wind down in so bring some pocket money!



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Bag 2 School Friday 8th February

Please look out for the small white Bag 2 School bags in your child's book bag this week. If possible please fill it with any unwanted adults' and children's clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, ties and soft toys and bring to school by 9am on Friday 8th February (there will be a tarpaulin on the grass by the scooter park from 7.30am). The school then gets money by weight of the collection. Thanks!

Curry & Bingo Friday 8th February

Fancy a curry with a group of mates – throw some Bingo into the mix and yes we have another fun adult night out planned. Book a table or just a place (we can make up tables if you want to make some new friends). More details to follow soon...get the date in your diary now!



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£3,057.30

£113.67 in the last 30 days

You're raising for

Friends of John Hampden School Wendover



A huge thanks to all those who have shopped and donated over Christmas – don't forget to click the link before booking your summer holidays!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>

Spring cake Sale Friday 1st February

Christmas is over and it's time to dust off the aprons and get baking again – remember the most creative bakes from each year group get awarded prizes so don't forget to name your entry if you want to be included in the judging!! All entries will be sold at the gate after school – all profits to FJH!

See Caroline - caroline.benson2@gmail.com with any questions.



Attention New Crickets Parents

Want to get more involved in the school and meet new families? – lookout for PTA Friends of John Hampden Events! Get involved, all help is hugely appreciated and goes to supporting the school in making it the fantastic experience we hope for our children – making memories! Also 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

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

Bag to School	Friday 8th February
Children's New Year Disco	Friday 18 th January
Spring Cake Sale	Friday 1 st February
Bingo and Curry	Friday 8 th February
Ice Cream Day	Friday 5 th April – last day of term – (yes its moved!)

Fancy getting involved with the PTA – please do email us on FJHvolunteers@gmail.com or contact us on JHS FB group.

New secretary needed – could it be you? Chrissie is stepping down at Easter please contact her on

[Christina edley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Christina_edley@yahoo.co.uk) or Emma Childs (PTA Chair) for further info

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

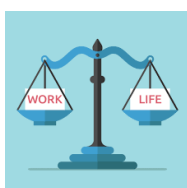
Our desire to generate additional income from a range of sources is impacting positively on the new resources and equipment we are able to purchase. During the final weeks of the Autumn Term and during the Christmas break we took delivery of a number of new and exciting resources for the school. These included lots of new resources for the Nursery class along with much needed sturdy and secure storage sheds for outside learning equipment. All of this equipment has been funded through successful grant applications, either from the local authority or from local charities. Additionally we have been fortunate to top up our ICT resources using the highly successful Rocket Funding initiative.



GOAL C: PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, BEHAVIOUR & WELFARE

As part of our work linked to Growth Mindset we are very lucky to be the first infant school in the country to be trialling a new web based programme called Make Your Mind Up. We will be using the programme to support our class work. Make Your Mind Up is aimed at building a positive mindset and mental strength to support children to get the most out of their time at school and outside the classroom.

During the afternoon of the INSET day in January the focus was on staff well-being and there were a series of planned activities designed to enhance well-being and to encourage a more healthy work-life balance.



GOAL B: TEACHING, LEARNING & ASSESSMENT



At the end of the Autumn Term the Senior Leadership Team met to review the outcomes of all the monitoring that had taken place during the Autumn Term. Monitoring of the Quality of Teaching & Learning covers evaluation of:

- The learning environment
- Lesson observations (Completed by Ofsted and Head Teacher)
- Book scrutiny
- Planning Scrutiny
- Pupil Attainment
- Pupil Progress

General findings were collated and fed back to the whole staff during the INSET day on 2nd January and individual feedback is also given.

GOAL D: PUPIL OUTCOMES



Tracking pupil progress is an important aspect of our work and at the end of the Autumn Term assessment activities were completed which allowed KS1 staff to give a summative assessment level for each pupil in reading, writing and mathematics. In Foundation Stage interim assessments were made against all seventeen areas of learning. This information is used to track progress from one term to the next. It is then possible for us to identify those children who are making below, expected or above expected progress. For any child that has not made expected progress, teachers are required to identify actions they will take to address any concerns. This careful tracking of pupil progress helps us to maintain the high standards of achievement we have come to expect at John Hampden.

8. MISCELLANEOUS

Cleaning Operatives Vacancies

We have vacancies for cleaning operatives to join the team at John Hampden School, the hours of work are from 4.00pm – 6.00pm and can be term time only if that fits in with your busy home lives. Training in all aspects of the role will be given, so you do not need to have any previous experience, just a willingness to learn and achieve the high standards that we like to present at the school. The rate of pay is £8.50p per hour, this is paid monthly direct in to your bank account. You must have the right to work in the UK and we will also need to complete an enhanced DBS check. Please contact our local manager – Doug Bain on 07971224059 for an early interview.

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 25th January 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

Mid Day Meals Supervisor

We have a maternity cover vacancy for a mid day meals supervisor from 12.00—1.30 pm. This is a temporary position, for a couple of days per week but we will consider a job-share for the right candidates.

If you are interested please contact the school office on 01296 622629 or email us at office@jhampden.bucks.sch.uk

The closing date for applications is Friday 25th January 2019

SUPPORT 4 PARENTS

**Have you ever thought...
If only I knew then what I know
now..?**

Now you can help in a really practical way.

We're looking for volunteers to work in a structured way with families in your area who are struggling to parent children under 8.

If you are interested in working with families and have experience in looking after children, you can make a difference.

If you can spare about 3 hours a week, we'll train you in how to pass on your precious skills and knowledge and we'll support you in doing a really worthwhile job.

Want to know more?

Telephone Barnardo's Support 4 Parents
for an informal chat on 07715 428 690

Or email

support4parents@barnardos.org.uk



Music and Piano Teacher

Experienced school music teacher and piano teacher living in Wendover has a few vacancies for children of all ages and levels from complete beginner to post Grade 8.

The emphasis is on making learning fun in a relaxed atmosphere.

If you are interested, please phone or text me, Denise Erlandsen

on 07767 372049

or email me at derlandsen@yahoo.co.uk.



YOUR NEW *Happy* HOUR



Monday	7.30pm	William Harding School	Dance Mixx
Tuesday	7.30pm	Weston Turville School	Dance Mixx
Wednesday	7.30pm	Wendover Memorial Hall	Dance Mixx
Wednesday	7.30pm	William Harding School	Lo
Thursday	7.30pm	Weston Turville School	Strength45
Saturday	9.30am	Stoke Mandeville CC Sch	Dance Mixx
Sunday	10.00am	Jubilee Hall, Bierton	Dance Mixx

www.jazzercise.net/uk-aylesbury

Contact Keri on 07900 987230 or email jazzercisebbh@jazzercise.net



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
9.30am - Wilstone (DM)	9.30am - Cheddington (DM)	9.30am - Wilstone (Strength)	9.45am - Wilstone (LO)	9.45am - Wilstone (DM)	9.00am - Winslow (DM)	10.00am - Bierton (DM)
7.00pm - Cheddington (DM)	6.00pm - Wilstone (LO)	11.30am - Tring (LO) ②	7.30pm Leighton Buzzard (Express) ④ Tring (DM) ① Weston Turville (Strength)		9.30am Leighton Buzzard (DM) ⑤ Stoke Mandeville (DM) Wilstone (DM)	
7.30pm Aylesbury (DM) Leighton Buzzard (DM) ③ Winslow (DM)	7.30pm Tring (DM) ① Weston Turville (DM)	7.30pm Aylesbury (LO) Leighton Buzzard (DM) ③ Pitstone (Express) Wendover (DM) Winslow (DM)	8.00pm Leighton Buzzard (Strength) ④	Dance Mixx (DM) - high intensity workout that mixes dance-based cardio with strength training LO - exercise without the hop, using muscles not momentum Express - 30 minute blast of dance-based cardio plus strength training Strength - Fire up the muscles in the muscle sculpting strength workout		
		8.00pm Pitstone (Strength)				

AYLESBURY AREA	TRING & VILLAGES	LEIGHTON BUZZARD	WINSLOW AREA
William Harding School Hazelhurst Drive, HP21 9TJ	Wilstone Village Hall Tring Road, HP23 4PE	③ Linslade Middle School Mentmore Road LU7 2PA	Furze Down School Verney Road, MK18 3BL
Weston Turville CofE School School Approach, HP22 5RW	Cheddington Village Hall Church Lane, LU7 0RU	④ Brooklands Middle School Brooklands Drive, LU7 3PF	FIND OUT MORE Call Keri on 07900 987230 or email jazzercise1@hotmail.co.uk
Wendover Memorial Hall Wharf Road, HP22 6HQ	① Goldfield Infants School Christchurch Road, HP23 4EE	⑤ St Leonards Church Hall Leighton Road, LU7 0AA	
Stoke Mandeville Combined School Lower Road, HP22 5XA	② Nora Grace Hall Faversham Close, HP23 5BA		For information about our different class formats visit www.jazzercise.co.uk https://jazzercise.net/uk-aylesbury/ www.facebook.com/jazzercisebucksbedsherts
Jubilee Hall, Bierton Aylesbury Road, HP22 5DL	Pitstone Memorial Hall Vicarage Road, LU7 9EY		