



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 summer break despite the weather 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. Just a reminder that children should arrive at school between 8.45a.m and 8.55a.m. We do recognise that at the beginning of the term it does take a while for some of our younger children to get to the classroom door because of the queuing but I promise it does get quicker!!

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 emailed out on Friday 22nd September.

At the beginning of each school year we like to 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. Year 1 and Year 2 parents attending meetings will need to enter the school through the main entrance, EYFS parents should use the classroom door as usual.

INDUCTION MEETINGS

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.

CLASS	DATE	TIME
Red Kites—Mrs Spencer Year 2	Monday 11th September	2.30pm—3.00pm
Hérons—Mrs Bowman Year 2	Tuesday 12th September	2.30pm—3.00pm
Firecrests—Mrs McNally & Mrs Gough Year 2	Wednesday 13th September	2.30pm—3.00pm
Honeybees—Mrs Griffiths Foundation Stage	Wednesday 20th September	2.30pm-3.00pm
Ladybirds—Miss Fox Foundation Stage	Friday 22nd September	2.30pm-3.00pm
Caterpillars—Miss Tiffin Foundation Stage	Thursday 21st September	2.30pm-3.00pm
Crickets—Mrs Wheeler Early Years	Tuesday 12th September	9.00am-9.30am
Hedgehogs - Mrs Norman & Mrs Burrows Year 1	Wednesday 20th September	2.30pm-3.00pm
Squirrels—Mrs Mannering Year 1	Friday 15th September	2.30pm-3.00pm
Badgers—Miss Burns Year 1	Tuesday 19th September	2.30pm-3.00pm

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.

Following lots of media coverage I just want to reassure parents/carers that we have been assured by Buckinghamshire Council that there is no RAAC (Reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete) in our school

2. IMPORTANT MESSAGES

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. Plimsolls, sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms are needed for Games activities which often take 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.

COATS

The children will be working outside at certain points throughout the day so it is important that they have a coat in school every day. Rain does not stop us going outside!

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. Today, in your child's book bag there will be your activation letter with your Parentpay username and login details. **Orders must be placed by midnight on Tuesday 12th September for your child to start receiving the meals on Monday 25th September.** If you have any problems logging into your account or ordering the meals please contact Emma in the school office who will help you with this. 01296 622629 or email

office@jhampdenwendover.co.uk

If your child has any allergies or special dietary needs you must liaise directly with Chartwells, our hot meal provider, to organise special meals. Their contact details are:

www.chartwells.co.uk It is important that you also inform the school of the information you are sharing with Chartwells so we are aware.

For Foundation Stage classes, we will repeat your paper order from 11th September (completed prior to your child starting in their new class) so they will receive a hot meal week commencing 18th September.

CANAL TOWPATH

The schools and other organisations that share the Wharf Road campus have long striven to reduce the amount of traffic in the local area during the school run times. We regularly engage in schemes and activities to encourage children and parents to walk, scoot or cycle to school.

We are delighted that the Wendover Canal Trust has funded the renovation of the canal towpath between Wendover and Halton. This will provide an all-weather surface for children and parents to use to and from school. Not only will this help to reduce traffic on Wharf and Manor Road, but will also provide a cleaner, greener route for children to enjoy.

POLITE REQUEST TO PARENTS/CARERS OF PUPILS IN EYFS

Please could you support us in reminding your children that they should not be playing or using the equipment outside the classrooms at drop off or pick up times. We have spoken to all the classes and told the children that these areas should only be used when school staff are supervising but it would be very helpful if you could reinforce this message too.

Thank you



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 either Monday 9th October 2023 or Tuesday 14th November 2023.

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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2. IMPORTANT MESSAGES (continued)

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, wherever possible.

Reminder

This is a reminder, in line with Buckinghamshire Council guidelines, that no dogs should be brought onto the school campus and there should be no smoking on the school campus.

UNIFORM

If you still need to purchase any uniform you can download a uniform order form from the school website and email it to the school office or post it in the secure post box outside the school office. You can pay by cheque, cash or via bank transfer. If you opt for an online payment Mrs van der Lowen will provide you with the necessary details if you phone the school office.

PUPIL PREMIUM FREE SCHOOL MEALS

**Did you knowjust 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 £1,455 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 £1,455 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 £1,455 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, (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £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
- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £16,190
- Where they are entitled to Child Tax Credit and also Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after their employment ceases, or after they start to work less than 16 hours per week, their children are entitled to free school meals.

SCHOOL GROUNDS

Work has begun in partnership with The Chiltern Society to further improve the school wildflower meadows with the aim of further improving the diversity of flowers in order to attract a greater number of pollinating insects in these areas.

On Monday, Amanda from the Chiltern Society and a team of volunteers from Randstad Recruitment came into clear the areas ahead of re-seeding later this month.

Huge thanks to them all for working in extreme heat to get the job done.



3. FRIENDS OF JOHN HAMPDEN (FJH)



FJH AGM

TUESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 8PM AT THE BEL AND DRAGON

Please join us for the Friends of John Hampden Annual General Meeting next Tuesday.

Come along to find out what we have planned for the coming school year and hear about what was achieved last year.

It's an opportunity to meet the current committee, vote for the coming year's committee, ask any questions and find out how you can get involved.

Our committee is made up of 3 members – Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. If you are interested in volunteering for any of these roles please email us prior to the AGM on fjhvolunteers@gmail.com

4. VACANCIES

Job Title	Service Children / ELSA Nurture/Pastoral Support
Job Salary	Bucks Pay Range
Contract Type (Fixed Term or Permanent)	Permanent
Hours (Part Time or Full Time)	Part time, 14 hours per week
Closing Date for Applications	Friday 22nd September
Interview Date	Thursday 28th September

The John Hampden School Wendover is offering an exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic and committed individual to manage general pupil well-being as well as mobility and deployment issues for children from Service families arriving and departing the school. Relevant experience / qualifications e.g. ELSA trained are necessary together with a robust understanding of the issues faced by Service children and families.

This permanent role provides the opportunity to work within a friendly, hardworking and supportive school team. We can offer you a very welcoming and caring school community and a vibrant and engaging learning environment. The successful candidate will work under the direction of the Senior Leadership Team at the school and responsibilities will include managing and co-ordinating induction programmes and supporting Service families during parental deployment. In addition, the candidate will also provide nurture support for pupils deemed to be vulnerable in some way. This is an opportunity to build on the success of our previous Service Children/Nurture Support offer – flexibility, teamwork and excellent communication skills will be essential.

Please contact the school to request a job description.

The ideal candidate will:

- have excellent interpersonal skills particularly the ability to liaise effectively, sensitively and confidentially with parents and agencies
- have experience of working with children aged 3 to 7 years and in partnership with teachers/parents to meet the needs of children
- be a friendly, enthusiastic, committed and creative individual
- enjoy working as part of a team and have the ability to be self-motivated
- have a robust understanding of the issues faced by Service families and have a commitment to develop the work on Service issues
- have a high standard of Literacy and Numeracy skills along with being ICT computer literate and have an understanding of working with data
- strive for continuous improvement including embracing training opportunities

Please contact the school to request a Person Specification

Visits to the school are welcomed.

CONTACT DETAILS FOR ENQUIRIES AND APPLICATION PACKS : Full details and application forms available from the school by telephoning 01296 622629 or by email office@jhampden.bucks.sch.uk

Safeguarding Statement

The successful candidate will have due regard for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children as stipulated by our Child Protection Policy. Safer recruitment procedures are in place and any appointment will be subject to satisfactory references and statutory checks including an enhanced DBS check.

FREE TASTER SESSION
MON 18TH SEPT

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WEEKLY DRAMA CLUB IN WENDOVER



GIVING EVERY CHILD A CHANCE TO SHINE!



“My child's confidence has grown, they have developed new skills and made some great friends.”

15:35* - 16:10

Star-Starters with Alana
(age rising 6 - 7)

15:50* - 17:00

StarLings with Danielle
(age 7 - 10)

17:00 - 18:10

StarLets with Danielle
(age 9 - 12)

18:10 - 19:40

Drama Stars with Danielle
(age 11 - 16)

*Free pick up available from Wendover Schools

MONDAYS



“She absolutely loves it! It's the highlight of their week!”

VENUE: THE LEGION CLUB, WENDOVER

COST: FROM £5.50 PER WEEK

BOOK A FREE TASTER AT WWW.DRAMARAMACLUBS.UK

