



# 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 disappointing weather at times 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 at 8.45a.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 20th 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, I will try to be outside as the children come into school so do come and speak to me if you need to. I am 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	Tuesday 17th September	2.30pm—3.00pm
Hérons—Mrs Bowman Year 2	Tuesday 17th September	2.30pm—3.00pm
Firecrests—Mrs McNally & Mannering Year 2	Monday 23rd September	2.30pm—3.00pm
Honeybees—Mrs Parkinson Foundation Stage	Monday 16th September	2.30pm-3.00pm
Ladybirds—Miss Fox Foundation Stage	Thursday 19th September	2.30pm-3.00pm
Caterpillars—Miss Tiffin Foundation Stage	Wednesday 18th September	2.30pm-3.00pm
Cricketts—Mrs Wheeler Early Years	Tuesday 17th September	9.00am-9.30am
Hedgehogs - Mrs Norman & Mrs Burrows Year 1	Wednesday 18th September	2.30pm-3.00pm
Squirrels—Miss Bell Year 1	Thursday 19th September	2.30pm-3.00pm
Badgers—Miss Burns Year 1	Tuesday 17th 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.

We are all looking forward to a happy and successful year at John Hampden.

## 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

**We are delighted to inform you that a new kitchen has been installed in the school over the summer holiday so hot meals are now being cooked on site rather than being delivered in hot. This means improved food quality and better choice for our pupils.**

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. By Monday, all Foundation Stage parents and parents of new children will find an activation letter with your Parentpay username and login details in their child's book bag. **Orders must be placed by midnight on Tuesday 10th September for your child to start receiving the meals on Monday 23rd 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 9th September (completed prior to your child starting in their new class) so they will receive a hot meal week commencing 9th and 16th September. You need to log in by 10th September to order meals for week commencing 23rd September. Thank you**

**At the end of this newsletter you can see the meal ordering dates**

## **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 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024 or Monday 18th November 2024.**

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 the banking details can be found on the order form.

### **PUPIL PREMIUM FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

**Did you know .....just 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.

### 3. FRIENDS OF JOHN HAMPDEN (FJH)



## FJH Annual General Meeting 2024

We would like to invite you all to our AGM which will take place on Tuesday 17 September at 8pm at The Red Lion, Wendover.

This meeting is a great opportunity for parents/carers to meet the current committee members and find out what we do and how you can get involved.

We will review the Treasurer's Report for the previous academic year, discuss Mrs Barnes' wish list for the year ahead and elect the committee who will run the FJH for the coming year.

The current committee members will stand down which offers new volunteers the chance to run for a place on the committee. Present committee members are, of course, welcome to re-run if they wish.

Please come along, have a drink on us, and be part of the conversation. Have your say and help plan upcoming FJH events. We would love to take your ideas and suggestions on board and would really benefit from your support.

The AGM will be followed by the first FJH meeting of the year.



Dear Parent / Guardian,

**\*\*Meal Ordering & Cancellations\*\***

All orders will need to be completed by midnight Tuesday two weeks prior to when they are currently due.

Sickness - The parent needs to call the Chartwells Customer Care Line on 01908 615705 before 9am every day of the child's sickness. A credit is given from the second day onwards.

School trips and other cancellations – 48 hours' notice before 9am prior to the event the parent needs to call the Chartwells Customer Care Line in order for the meal to be cancelled and a credit given.

Deadline to Place Order	For Week Commencing
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2023	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2023
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2023	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> August 2023	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2023
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2023	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023 (No Bookings Required)</b>	<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 (OCTOBER HALF TERM)</b>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2023	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
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Kind Regards,

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