

The John Hampden School Wendover

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NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS:		
13-11-23 Christmas Play tickets available	Friday 24th November—MUFTI DAY Donations for Christmas Fayre	
13-11-23 Grotto Tickets on sale	Saturday 25th November—FJH	
Friday 17th November – Filled Jam Jars brought in for FJH Christmas Fayre	Christmas Fayre 12 noon-3pm	
Friday 17th November—BBC Children in Need—Children to come to school in their own clothes in return for a donation	Friday 1st December—INSET DAY School closed to pupils	

MESSAGE FROM MRS BARNES

I hope you managed to have a relaxing half-term break. The curriculum theme of the first two weeks after the half term break is Health & Safety. The children really appear to have enjoyed these enrichment weeks and I hope you will have heard about some of the activities/visitors that have formed a major part of the learning. You could also visit the 'Classes' tab (What we are Learning) or the 'News' section of the school's website to see photographs and further details of the activities and visitors.

In an earlier newsletter near the beginning of the school year, I mentioned that we will be monitoring attendance and punctuality regularly. Attendance monitoring takes place twice a term and parents will be informed if their child's attendance gives any cause for concern. We must reiterate that parents/carers must continue to be vigilant regarding sickness, diarrhoea and respiratory illness including a raised temperature. Children should not return to school for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea and those with a high temperature should not come back into school until this has returned to normal. Punctuality is not only important in developing good habits for the future, our pupils are involved in a range of activities first thing in the morning and children who arrive late are disadvantaged if they miss the first important instructions of the day. Please do not arrive before 8.45a.m (unless your child attends Breakfast Club) as you will not be able to access the classrooms but as soon as gates and doors are shut in the morning, children need to be brought to the main entrance to the school to gain access.

We are looking forward to putting on Christmas performances for you to attend this year. There will be separate Year Group performances so please note the following dates:

Early Years Class (Crickets)	Foundation Stage	Year 1	Year 2	
One performance on 5-12-23@	Performance 1: 06-12-23 @	<u>Performance 1</u> : 14-12-23@	Performance 1: 14-12-23@	
9.30am	9.30a.m 9.30a.m		2.00p.m	
Max. 2 adults per child attend-	Performance 2: 07-12-23@	Performance 2: 15-12-23 @	Performance 2: 15-12-23@	
ing (tickets will be issued but	9.30a.m	2.00p.m	9.30a.m	
there is no charge for this short	Max. 2 adults attending per	Max. 2 adults attending per	Max. 2 adults attending per	
performance)	child (Tickets available from	child (Tickets available from	child (Tickets available from	
	13-11-23)	13-11-23)	13-11-23)	



Children CHILDREN IN NEED - the children may come to school in their own clothes (something spotty or a in Need Superhero costume if they like) on Friday 17th November in return for a minimum donation of £1 (any coin denominations) which will be sent to the BBC Appeal. Filled jam jars also sent in on this day.

Huge thanks to everyone for supporting the recent FJH Halloween Trail. £650 was raised on what turned into a rather wet afternoon. We appreciate all the effort that went into making the event so spookily spectacular and successful.

2. GOVERNOR SECTION

Each autumn the children at John Hampden enjoy Health and Safety fortnight, two weeks packed full of exciting lessons that promote positive behaviours and reinforce the school values. Hopefully you will have already heard about some of these from your children, but every day there were activities specifically tailored to the different year groups. Activities included a visit from Dr Evans to talk about staying healthy, learning about firework safety, trying new sports, a fun family Zumba session, understanding online safety, and a visit from two police community support officers and Sue West the School Crossing Patrol Officer (to name just some of the many many things they did). It's difficult to really do justice to the amount of work that goes in to organising all of these, but the children clearly love taking part and it was a joy to see how engaged they were during my visit this week.

As well as being great fun, these weeks are a key aspect of the school's Development Plan and integral to its delivery of PSHE. For anyone not familiar with PSHE, it stands for Personal, Social, Health and Economic education and it's one of the most important parts of your child's learning. PSHE supports the development of physically, emotionally and socially healthy young people and I've been incredibly impressed by how John Hampden teaches this subject integrating it across the curriculum and throughout the year. Health and Safety fortnight is just one example of how the school is helping to remove barriers to learning, such as bullying or low self-esteem, and enabling pupils to develop the understanding and skills needed to really thrive.

On behalf of the governors, I'd like to thank all the staff for their hard work in preparing and delivering another successful Health and Safety fortnight. A special thanks should also go to all the parents and friends of the school that gave up their time to help, including pupils from Wendover Junior School and the John Colet – these weeks couldn't happen without them.

If you have any questions about PSHE or how its taught, please don't hesitate to get in touch.



Peter Hooper
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 us at the school gate so please feel free to email the Chair of Governors, Ben Gattlin, Chair@johnhampdenwendover.co.uk if you would like to raise a matter for discussion



3. IMPORTANT MESSAGES



MOVING UP TO JUNIOR SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2023

Parents/Carers of Year 2 children at John Hampden must apply for a Junior School place for their child. The Junior School online application service opened on <u>1st November 2023</u> and the deadline for online applications is <u>midnight on 15th January 2024</u>.

Parents should use the following website to make their application:

https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-admissions

STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2024

If you, or someone you know, has a child who is eligible to start in **reception** in September 2024, an application for a Primary School place must be made in the next few months. The Primary School online application service opened on 1st November 2023 and the deadline for online applications is midnight on 15th January 2024. Please note that a place in the Early Years Class at John Hampden does not guarantee you a place in the school—an online application must still be made. Parents should use the following website to make their application:

https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-admissions/

STARTING NURSERY (EARLY YEARS) IN SEPTEMBER 2024

If you, or someone you know, has a child who is eligible to start in our **Nursery Class** in September 2024, an application for a place can be made directly with the school at any time (application form is available on the school website) Places will be allocated in mid April or just before.

If you have friends looking for a school place who want their children to go to a fantastic school do encourage them to book onto another of our Open Mornings (14th November) or to take a look at the John Hampden School Wendover website where we have information about the school to help their decision making. Alternatively we are happy for prospective families to contact us directly by phone or email if they need any further information about our school.

Warm clothing

Since coming back to school, after the half term break, the weather has become cooler and wetter. Children must wear a coat every day now and we also advise that children bring $\underline{\text{named}}$ hats and gloves to school to wear at playtimes in colder weather. We do sell woolly hats with the school logo on them—available from the school office at a cost of £4.50.

<u>Outdoor P.E. Kit</u> The children will still go outside for P.E. when weather permits. Please make sure they have a pair of tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt in their P.E bag to ensure they stay warm enough. Girls who wear tights to school should have a pair of socks in their P.E. bag to wear with their plimsolls. Thank you

<u>Staff Car Park</u> We politely request that parents do not use the staff car park at any time. Please take extra care when walking your children up and down the school drive—this is especially relevant in the darker evenings.

<u>Returning Scroll of Honour Badges</u> Please make sure all Scroll of Honour badges are returned to school on a Thursday. Each week new children are selected for this reward and it would be a shame if we could not give them a badge which they have earned.

Can you help Year One?

Year One are currently looking for the following items if you have any that you are able to donate:

- -large sheets of fabric
- -tubing of different lengths and widths
- -planks of wood that are sanded so they are safe to handle
- -logs of any size

Any donations would be greatly appreciated! The Year One Team

4. RANGOLI WORKSHOP

A few weeks ago, children from Year1 and Year 2 enjoyed a Rangoli pattern workshop. We are delighted that their work is available to view—we do hope you will be able to take your children along to see the display. Please see additional flyer at the end of the Miscellaneous section of this newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers of Year One and Year Two children at John Hampden School - Wendover

We would like to invite you to view your children's

RANGOLI ARTWORK

being displayed in our community gallery at Discover Bucks Museum from Saturday 11th November until Saturday 2nd December 2023

The special community display was designed by Preet Cox, commissioned by The Bucks Heroes Project and created on the 17th October by your very creative children in Year One and Two.

The community display will be available to view at the Festival of Light taking place on Sunday 19th November 12-4pm. The Festival is followed by a free light parade anyone can take part in. Preet and our other creative partner: Festive Road will be inviting your little budding artists to make mini lanterns to carry in the light parade from Discover Bucks Museum to Market Square (4.30-5pm).

Please see additional flyer for more Festival of Light info and to register attendance. More info can be found at www.holycowcommunityevents.org/lighting-up-the-dark









5. Curriculum

Health & Safety fortnight 2023

As PSHE (Personal, Social & Health Education) lead it is my role to ensure that all pupils gain an understanding about these areas of the curriculum. Our annual focus fortnight gives staff the perfect opportunity to teach their classes about what it means to be healthy and how to keep safe in an interactive and engaging way. It has been wonderful to be able to welcome visiting speakers, teachers, pupils and student from local schools and the community into John Hampden to share related important messages. The staff have worked hard to provide their classes with a range of interesting activities using a variety of resources both inside and outside the classroom to increase understanding in an engaging way. Lessons have enabled pupils to participate in thought provoking discussions and to seek answers to their questions to help further their understanding of these important topics.

Safety Week



Last week, the focus was about how to keep safe. Mrs Shrimpton shared important messages about e-safety and all classes have learnt more about fire safety too. Steph Reid kindly delivered a talk about the importance of safety in and around water. WJS Junior Road Safety Officers led an informative assembly about road safety and even included a rap for the children to sing along to! Pupils also received important advice about personal safety and how to deal with unkindness and bullying, led by Mrs Barnes and Mrs Parkinson. There was also a fantastic presentation for Year 2 by anti-bullying ambassadors from WJS. The children have also learnt what to do if they are ever lost. Teachers delivered scooter training to Year 1 while Year 2 found out top tips for staying safe when cycling using a presentation provided by a local bike trainer, Chris German. FS & Year 1 enjoyed a visit from Halton RAF Police and were thrilled to look inside their police van. Pupils have also learnt about dog and firework safety. Year 2 classes enjoyed a visit from Year 6 Ambassadors who spoke about their visit to Hazard Alley with a particular focus about hazards in the home. There were a wide range of follow up activities in class including; medicines safety, risk and danger, P4C linked to making wise decisions and the importance of rules.



















Jo Spencer

6. Pupil's Section

At the end of Safety week, pupils were asked to reflect on all that they had learned, please see the below for examples of comments provided.



Esme found out that she should only cross the road when the Lollipop Lady is there. Dora really liked the flashing blue lights and she loved the police officer who put the lights on.



Nate enjoyed finding out about the different objects on the police officer's uniform e.g. the walkie talkie and the torch.

Isabelle could talk about the job that the road crossing patroller does 'she stops cars so that people can cross the road'.



Audrey liked meeting the RAF Police and trying on the handcuffs. Frank enjoyed seeing the road crossing patroller because her coat glowed in the dark!



Jasper was excited to see the Police van and to look in the back of it. Neve enjoyed Mrs West's talk and remembered about how to cross a road safely.



Ruby enjoyed the scooter training because it was so much fun and now he wants to scoot to school every day!

Ethan enjoyed listening to the JRSOs from WJS who shared a story about how to stay safe near roads.



Alfie reported that it was good to learn about firework safety but his favourite activity was the scooter training.



Savannah was pleased to find out about how the Police keep people safe. Benjamin liked seeing the reflectors light up on Mrs West's safety jacket.



Millie enjoyed writing instructions about how to stay safe on a bicycle. Eva learned how to call 999 and all about fire safety where she learned what to do if there is ever a fire.



Alexander learned lots about how to keep safe. He found out that if there is smoke you need to 'stop, drop and roll'.

Autumn remembered Mrs West saying how important it is to never cross between two parked cars and to look both ways before crossing a road. She said that the best place to cross is on a zebra crossing.



Scarlett also learned that if you get fire on your clothes you should 'stop, drop and roll'. After the bike safety talk, she learned that it is important to wear bright clothes when cycling at night and to carry a rucksack on your back rather than a bag on the handle bars.

A huge thank you to all of our visiting speakers including; the staff and pupils from Wendover Junior School, students and staff at The John Colet, parent visiting speakers and other contributors involved from our local community. Thanks to them for giving the time to support this special focus fortnight and for making it so successful. A huge thanks also to all of the staff at John Hampden for their hard work and to Peter Hooper, the PSHE Governor for coming into school to support our focus fortnight. I am sure that you will agree that the children acquired a lot of new skills and have generally improved their understanding about how to stay safe as well as the importance of good physical and mental health in day to day life. Do ask your child(ren) about what they have been doing and encourage them to tell you about what they have found out.

7. E-SAFETY

E-safety

Our children have never known life before the online world and are getting more and more tech savvy at an earlier age. This causes many of us anxiety because we are not experts, we have not grown up in the age of online technology and we have not had childhood experience to draw upon when providing guidance for our own children.

However, the reality is, that we do live in a fast-paced, ever evolving digital world. At John Hampden, we believe that it is our role to ensure that pupils learn to become digitally literate, so that they can use, and express themselves and develop their ideas through, information and communication technology, at a level suitable for the future workplace and so that they can be active participants in the digital world. It is also our joint responsibility, with you as parents, to help them understand how to keep themselves safe online. During our recent Safety Week, all children attended differentiated e-safety assemblies led by Mrs Shrimpton, which covered important messages about e-safety, such as, knowing who to ask for help if they feel uncomfortable online, the importance of being kind to their friends online as well as in person, of not talking to strangers, and a basic understanding for Year 2 as to what their digital footprint is.

E-Safety is a key part of Computing at John Hampden. In addition to the termly e-safety assemblies and the use of stories, the children are reminded how to keep themselves safe online at the start of every weekly Computing lesson. We teach the children not only how to keep themselves safe online in school, but also remind them that it is even more important when using devices at home as they may not have the same firewalls installed on them.

We recognise that even our very youngest pupils are increasingly using a range of different, internet connected technology at home, so to support you, we thought it might be helpful to direct you to some useful, age appropriate websites.

<u>www.thinkuknow.co.uk</u> - this is split into different age ranges to give relevant information for each age group. You can visit the Parent/Carer section for advice, or the 4-7 child section to share animated stories and games with your children.

My other 'go to' site for Early years resources would be

<u>www.childnet.com</u> — this has some great picture books (Digiduck) for parents to read with children. These can be downloaded as pdf or read on the website, they also have some great advice pages.

<u>Get SMART | Childnet</u> – visit the "Know It All" Section for an interactive guide about online safety.

www.childline.org.uk

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/

8. THE FRIENDS OF JOHN HAMPDEN

November is a busy month for the FJH. We have two exciting fundraisers coming up: The Christmas Fair on Saturday 25th and our first ever Christmas Wreath Workshop on Tuesday 28th.

We hope to see you there!



A RELAXED AND FUN WORKSHOP WHERE YOU WILL BE SHOWN STEP BY STEP HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN 12" WREATH, DECORATED WITH SEASONAL ACCESSORIES

A COMPLIMENTARY MULLED WINE ON ARRIVAL AND A PAID BAR - TO KEEP YOUR CREATIVITY FUELLED!

ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED - NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

PLACES ARE LIMITED. PLEASE EMAIL FJHVOLUNTEERS@GMAIL.COM TO BOOK

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Firstly, thank you for bringing your hamper items into school this week. Your donations help make 10 really special prizes for the raffle.

Preparations are well underway but we need your help. We need volunteers on the day. Pair up with a friend and mann a stall for 45 minutes. It's good fun and the children love seeing their parents 'working' at school.

NOW! Drama Fun and Games from Dramarama!

Pre book now at https://www.dramaramaclubs.uk/john-hampden-fair

13:00-13:20 - ages 4 to 7 (15 spaces) 13:20-13:40 - ages 5 to 8 (12 spaces)

NOW! SignUp open. Please sign up to volunteer at

https://signup.com/go/qimbWNz

We can't do this without you! If you could spare just 45 minutes of your

time to help on a stall we'd be SO grateful.

Two grotto slots will be reserved exclusively for volunteers' children. The grotto is always oversubscribed so it's a good perk for those

able to volunteer.

NOW! Raffle tickets available NOW. It's a good one!

> Santa's Grotto tickets available. 150 tickets up for grabs on ParentPay £4 per child.

Jam Jars. Please hand them to your child's teacher. 20 Nov

WRAPPED SWEETS ONLY & NO NUTS PLEASE

24 Nov Donation Day! Mufti Day!

> Please bring your donations to the school office. Children are welcome to wear their own clothes to school in exchange for all your wonderful donations:

- Gifts for Wrap a Present anything new and unopened.
- Christmas jumpers all sizes
- Toys anything your child would love to win new or excellent condition toys, books, games, stationary, craft materials etc.
- Bottles something to drink, cook or even wash with!
- Bakes your lovely creations for our bake sale

Please give what you can. Your support is very much appreciated.

A huge thank you, in advance, for your generosity and enthusiasm in helping to make our fundraiser a success

From the FJH team

Registered charity no. 1070370

9. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

We aim to keep you fully informed of our actions linked to the school improvement plan. Since the beginning of this academic year we have made progress linked to the actions outlined below:

GOAL A: QUALITY OF EDUCATION

So far in the Autumn Term 2023 we have implemented a transition curriculum which has been monitored through: checking learning environments inside; lesson observations; book scrutiny and formative assessment in maths, English and phonics. We will soon begin gathering pupil's views about the

transition curriculum and listening to their feedback.

By now Early Years & Foundation Stage children have all been assessed using a Baseline Assessment tool and we will use the resulting data to plan learning experiences to meet the needs of this cohort of children.

The week before half term was assessment week where teachers used time to gain final pieces of evidence to support their on-going teacher assessments. Specific interventions and support will then be offered to children of all abilities. At this stage of the year we are focussing on understanding your child's current strengths and areas for development rather than trying to award a sun

GOAL B: BEHAVIOUR & ATTITUDES

Since the beginning of the Autumn Term we have continued to reinforce our Behaviour Policy by spending time focusing on our core Values and our Behaviour Expectations. We feel it is vital to reinforce the features that underpin our ethos and vision with all our pupils. We have monitored the implementation of our Behaviour and Self-Regulation policy and each week we are noting the children who have experienced the protective and educational consequences associated with not adhering to the Behaviour Expectations. We look to collaborate with families to support children who are experiencing any behavioural difficulties in school and behaviour management plans are implemented, where necessary, with a positive approach to encouraging and supporting appropriate learning behaviours.



GOAL C: PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

The fortnight of work linked to Health and Safety will be enhanced by having a number of visitors to talk about how their work helps to keep us safe and healthy. So far, feedback from the children has been very positive and they appear to have learnt a great deal. This is just one example of how we are aiming to achieve an exciting, memorable and engaging curriculum.

Safety week has provided a good opportunity to reinforce messages about e-safety. Mrs Shrimpton has reinforced important messages about internet safety with all our pupils and there are reminders of these messages in each classroom in the form of a class e-safety charter.



GOAL D: LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT

At John Hampden, we have a senior leadership team made up of Mrs Barnes, Mrs Parkinson and Mrs Spencer. We firmly believe that this model of distributed leadership enables the most effective leadership of the school. Ben Gattlin remains as the Chair of Governors and he is being ably assisted by the other governors in the team.

Since the beginning of term these teams have been working to ensure the School's Self-Evaluation and the School Development Plan are accurate representations of where we are currently and where we hope to get to by the end of this academic year. These documents reflect a range of views and an array of data that is available to us.

The school's new website is constantly evolving and, as important stakeholders, we would always be happy to hear your suggestions for how it could be improved further.



Free Junior Squash Taster Session

This Sunday 12th Nov at Wendover Tennis and Squash Club

5-9 YEAR OLDS

Location: Dobbins Lane (2 minutes walk from the Town Centre)

9.00am-9.40am

After a fantastic Monday afternoon of Squash with the Year ones at John Hampden we would like to invite your children to come along this Sunday 12th November for a Free Trial Session at our Squash Club



Our sessions are designed to help your children with Improving their eyeball coordination and concentration.

This is a great way to learn a new sport with friends and make new friends too. They will have a good run around no matter what the weather.

Our classes run every Sunday and are led by Tricia and Ana who are fully qualified and insured England Squash Coaches.

All equipment is provided.

The Juniors will just need clean indoor trainers.

For more information Contact Tricia at tmalliff@yahoo.co.uk or Mobile 07920 786003

Five week course £35

9. MISCELLANEOUS



Join us for a glass of wine and discuss plans for HS2 in Wendover



7pm Friday 24th November Wendover Memorial Hall



Find out how you will be affected and make a positive contribution to the outcome!



More information:

www.wendover-pc.gov.uk/socialise-and-strategise







HS2 IN WENDOVER

Building a better HS2 impact for Wendover, with your input

This is an opportunity to have your voice heard about the future of Wendover, now that the Government has decided that HS2 will be built from London to Birmingham.

We will provide an update on the state of HS2 locally, and give an overview of some available opportunities, followed by a question and answer session led by the Parish Council.

Then over a glass of wine members of Wendover HS2 will be available to provide further detail on key topics; including the Transport, Noise, Water and Environmental aspects of the project.

Following selection of the HS2 route through Wendover in 2010 the community has been blighted compared to other local towns, such as Tring and Princes Risborough. We can foresee further decline once the impact of HS2 becomes real, with the train noise being heard and the Small Dean Viaduct overshadowing the A413 as a reminder.

The Wendover HS2 Mitigation Action Group is keen to gain local feedback about how we can best use the opportunities presented by the HS2 to improve the community; rather than just accept further decline.



WENDOVER EVENING WI

Invite you to their





And raising funds for Wendover Evening WI



Meet Santa in his first 2023 visit to Wendover!



Children's craft activities!



Grand Christmas Raffle ★ Face painting ★ Hair braiding
★ Refreshments ★ Usborne Books ★ Christmas Crafts ★
Santa's Lucky Dip ★ Homemade cakes and preserves
Bottle tombola and much more!

Saturday, 18th November 10am – 12:15pm

At

The Memorial Hall, Wharf Rd, Wendover
FREE ENTRANCE





















Sunday 19th November

Discover Bucks Museum, Church Street, Aylesbury HP20 2QP 12 till 4pm

Community Lantern Parade departs at 4.30pm

Fun family event

EVENTS INCLUDE:

- Cultural and Bollywood Dance
 - Henna Tattoos
 - Craft Activities
 - Dhol Drummers
 - Street Food & Chai Stalls
 - Lantern Parade & Fire Show plus much more!



FOR MORE DETAILS VISIT:

holycowcommunityevents.org
BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Charity Reg No: 1194665





















