

# Wendover CE Junior School

## Newsletter: 12.11.2021



*We aim to be the school of choice for our community.  
Through living our Christian values, everyone at WCEJS has the opportunity to flourish.  
We nurture the curiosity to learn, the courage to lead and the compassion to care.*

**Building solid foundations (Mathew 7:24)**

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**Respect**

**Responsibility**

**Reflection**

**Resilience**

# COVID UPDATE (page 1 of 2)

We are experiencing rising numbers of positive cases in school. Therefore we are escalating our protocols. Specifically, we will be:

- Sending Warn and Inform letters to parents of children in year groups with higher numbers of cases, asking parents to arrange a PCR test for their child
- Suspension of whole school collective worship (delivered in class groups until further notice)
- Restricting indoor gatherings to one class as far as practicable
- Reminding all children about the importance of hygiene
- Reminding children that they may need extra layers as we continue to ventilate rooms
- Enhanced cleaning schedule
- Statutory wearing of masks for staff in communal areas and when working closely with children for more than 15 minutes
- Restrictions on parents attending meetings/events – we are proceeding with caution and asking all visitors to LFD test prior to attending a meeting or event (we are restricting numbers and requiring adults to wear masks inside).

# COVID UPDATE (page 2 of 2)

Continue to monitor your child's health carefully. Children should continue to attend school unless they have symptoms. If symptomatic or unwell, they should isolate and take a PCR test – only returning to school if the result is negative. If your child tests positive, please do your best to alert parents of close contacts your children may have outside of school (this may include play dates, parties, sporting activities etc). Follow the advice from Test and Trace. Daily LFD testing and a PCR test, particularly if any household member has tested positive or are showing symptoms, will help us to keep positive cases to a minimum.

So far, we have managed to work together successfully to keep remote learning and isolation to an absolute minimum. All staff are working hard to cover classes where teachers are absent; this means though that they may not be able to provide as intensive support for children as they normally would – we thank you for your understanding. It may be necessary for the school to move classes or year groups to remote learning at very short notice if we do not have enough staff to operate safely.

# Dates for your Diary

Date and Time	Event
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b> <b>1.30-2.00pm, 2.00-2.30pm, 2.30-3.00pm, 3.45-4.15pm</b>	<b>KS2 Transition School Tours</b> We are offering half hour slots from 1.30pm and groups will be limited to 10. 1 adult plus 1 child per family. Face coverings for adults must be worn and a LFD taken prior to visit.
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November – all day</b>	<b>Children In Need Spotty Mufti Day</b> Pupils to wear brightly coloured or spotty clothes. Any donations welcome.
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 9:00am</b>	<b>RAF/Service Family Coffee Morning</b> It was lovely to see so many of you at the last one. We really hope more of you are able to make it this time.
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November and</b> <b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b> <b>3.40pm to 6.00 pm – 10 minute slots allocated</b>	<b>Parent Consultations</b> Details of how to book will be sent to parents next week
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am</b> <b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm</b> <b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm</b>	<b>3W Nativity</b> <b>3J Nativity</b> <b>3S Nativity</b>

# This Week's Highlights

**Year 3** have enjoyed making remembrance poppies and writing instructions on how to make them.

**Year 4** have been making molecule models in Science as well as finding out about Ancient Egyptian society

**Year 5** speculated about the existence of UFOs

**Year 6** are enjoying their English unit on dialogue.



# Year 3 Nativity



We are delighted to announce our Nativity dates as follows:

**3W**

Tuesday 14 December – 9.30am

**3J**

Tuesday 14 December – 2:00pm

**3S**

Thursday 16 December – 2:00pm

There will be one performance per class.

2 people from each household may watch the performance.

***You do not need to book.***

We really hope you can join us for an exciting, fun and extra ordinary performance.

Christmas is nearly here!

# Well Done



We were delighted to receive the following feedback from staff at John Hampden School:

*Well done to the JRSOs from WJS for sharing important messages about road safety. The KS1 classes enjoyed their visit, especially the chance to learn the Road Safety Rap! Back in class, they were able to recall key facts about what they had been taught.*

*A well-presented assembly, thanks for taking the time to support our focus week on Safety at John Hampden School. Please pass on to Mr Kynaston & SLT my thanks for allowing the pupils to visit at such a busy time in the term - staff and pupils at JH really appreciated their contributions. If all of the pupils that visited could be rewarded with house points etc, that would be marvellous.*

# Communications

As part of our continual improvement we have revised our communications policy. Please see the attachment to this email.

Sadly, as is the case for many public sector workers over the last 18 months, we have experienced inappropriate communications from a small minority of parents. For this reason, governors and leaders have revised our parent code of conduct. This is attached and is available on our school website. We are ever thankful to the many parents who have continued to send positive messages and who have worked with the school in a positive way through this most difficult period.



# SEND Review Meetings

Parents/carers of children with SEND will be invited to attend SEND Review Meetings weeks beginning 29th November 2021 and 6th December 2021.

The aim of the meeting is to review the support given and progress made over the last term and to plan for next term.

The Office team will be in touch to arrange these meetings.

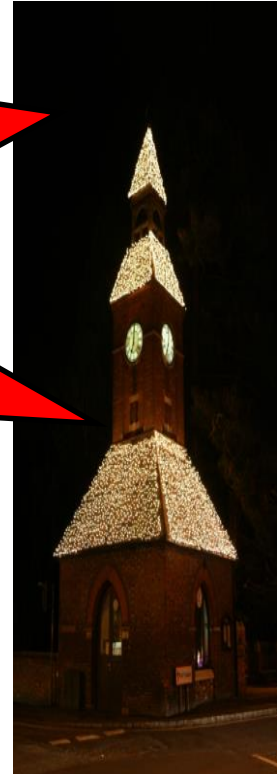
Jennifer Bartlett (SENCo and DSL)  
Assistant Headteacher

Wendover C of E Junior School  
Christmas Bauble Competition 2021

A reminder that the Christmas Bauble  
Competition entries need to be handed in  
by **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November.**

These will be displayed on the  
Christmas tree on  
Manor Waste (outside Budgens)

**The winner will receive  
a prize and the chance  
to turn on the Christmas Lights.**



# Midday Supervisor Vacancies

- We are looking for Midday Supervisors to join our friendly lunchtime team. This rewarding role involves supervising the children while they eat and play throughout the lunch break.
- The hours of work are 12.00-1.15pm, Monday to Friday, term time only. Salary is on Bucks Pay Range 1a (£8.21 per hour). Previous experience of working with children is not essential but would be a distinct advantage.
- Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff to share this vision. Successful candidates will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.
- For a full job description and application form for either or both of these posts, please contact our business manager, Karen Smith, at [finance@wendoverjunior.co.uk](mailto:finance@wendoverjunior.co.uk) or 01296 696822 (option 4).
- **Closing date: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

# Q & A's

As mentioned last week, as part of improving communications, we will be including a regular page in the Newsletter to address non-urgent questions raised by parents during the week, rather than sending individual emails.

**Question:** Is there an update on hot school meal provision?

***Answer: We have received 142 responses to date via our survey link and it will remain open until Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November. On average it only takes 46 seconds to complete. Please click below to log your view:***

***<https://forms.office.com/r/8SVVYJcRf9>***

**Question:** Have you set a date for the Year 2 transition visits?

***Answer: Yes, dates and times have now been set – Monday 15<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, running at 30 minute intervals from 1.30pm (see full details on our Dates for your Diary page). To book a slot contact the School Office Team on 01296 696822.***