

Parent Information Evening

21st September 2015

A Attendance

JHS has an excellent rate of attendance (95-96%). It is vital that children attend to ensure they have the best chance of achieving at school.

Assessment

'Life without Levels' – Levels have gone but a school in Boxham have supported us in formulating a new process for assessing children. Assessment will no longer be a ladder whereby children climb from 1c-1b-1a-2c-2b and so on. It is more about depth and mastery and the ability to use skills learned in a variety of contexts across the curriculum subjects.

We will be following the Foundation Stage model by using terms 'Emerging' 'Expected' 'Exceeding' to denote how a child has achieved during an academic year. The focus will be on reading, writing and maths skills and the children will have target cards according to their year group.

Assessment will be on-going and will be seen in class work, verbal feedback and individual tests. The target cards will show where they are achieving, where gaps in learning are occurring and where they need to go next.

SATs are still a statutory requirement for years 2 and 6 in May but we do not know as yet how they will be scored.

Cards can be personalised to suit individuals so that all children are able to achieve and progress.

B Behaviour

We are proud of our record in good behaviour. Our children are often commented on for their good behaviour in and out of school. High expectations must come from school and home.

C Communication

Parent mail, website and letters form our current system. We know they are not perfect but we are always endeavouring to improve it. If you ever have a query, problem or issue please come and see us face-to-face.

D Dinners

Every child up to the age of 7 is entitled to a free school meal. The number of hot meals we provide has doubled over the past few years with up to 1000 meals being cooked each week.

Forms must be **completed and returned to the school office** by the deadline and **must be named**. Parents should retain the top half of the form to ensure that the children are aware of what they will be having each day. Please note that children up to the age of 7 are entitled to a packed lunch from the school kitchen for school visits/picnics etc.

E Events

Please support our PTFA as much as possible as everything they do is for your children. This could be in the form of attending events, making donations, buying raffle tickets, helping at events, becoming a class rep or attending PTFA meetings (1 per term). The current chair is Sharon Smits. Everyone is welcome!

F Funding

We are in a poorer area for funding per pupil. Please sign John Howell's petition for fairer funding to try to increase funding at our school **(available in the school office)**.

G Grounds

We are very lucky to have such beautiful grounds. The new building is now finished and classes will be relocating in the coming week. Year 2 will occupy the new classrooms. They are stand-alone classrooms with lots of mod-cons! They are self-sufficient and solar panels will hopefully mean that approximately £4000 a year will be saved in our school. Year 4 will move to year 2's current classrooms. Year 3 will remain along their existing corridor and years 5 and 6 will occupy the old school house.

We are now a two-form entry school and therefore intake numbers are expected to rise from 45 to 60 per year group.

H Head lice

Please be diligent. Comb hair and treat where necessary.

H Holiday absence

No one has been fined at JHS for taking holiday during term time. We ask that parents restrict holidays during term time and refrain completely from holidaying during SATs times (May). Holidays must be kept to a minimum and **exceptional** circumstances are taken in to account.

I Illness

When your child is sick they must stay off of school for 48hrs. Phone in or email the office to let them know why your child is away.

J JHS - our school values

We try to instil values of friendship, perseverance, endeavour and truthfulness through our house and buddy system. We hope that the children and parents who are part of John Hampden School will be lifelong friends.

K Keep Calm

Whatever issues may arise please come and see us. We want to help.

L Label EVERYTHING! Even shoes.

M Medicines

Keep us up to date with any medicines your child needs. Make sure they are named and kept in date. We ask that parents administer where possible.

N Names and codes for teachers

OBE – Mrs Begley, OBU – Miss Butler, 1BA – Miss Bayliss, 1PA – Mrs Perring/Mrs Schleising, 2NI – Mrs Nichols/Mrs Field, 2PA – Mrs Parry/Mrs Craig, 3TH – Mrs Thomas, 3AR – Mrs Arnett, 4ST – Mrs Storey/Mrs Field, 4JU – Mrs Jules/Mrs Saville, 5ED – Mrs Edmunds, 5FA – Mrs Farrow, 6NU – Mrs Nutt, 6WO – Mrs Wormald/Mr Haigh

O OFSTED

We were rated 'GOOD' across the board in 2015. Everybody within our school community contributed to this so let us keep this teamwork spirit going.

P Pupil Premium

A letter has recently gone out to parents asking you to check what your entitlements are. Please fill this form out and hand in if this applies to you. This funding can go towards nurture programmes and interventions across our school.

Q Q&A time at the end of the meeting

R Raining

Children can go into class first thing in the morning if it's raining, anytime from 8.35am onwards.

Roads/Parking

You may only park on site if you have a parking permit from the office. Please be mindful of residents around the school, we would discourage you from parking in residential areas.

S Social media/Facebook

When using class pages on Facebook please exercise common sense and use them only for information gathering. Any concerns/worries/issues should go directly to the class teacher. We cannot police the PTFA pages but our logo is on there so use it carefully. Any defamatory remarks about a member of staff/pupil/parent will not be tolerated and we will seek legal advice from the county and hand over to the police where necessary.

T Team

We have a team approach and see our whole school community as one team working together for the good of our children. Please support us and your children in moving forward academically and socially.

U Uniform

Please name everything. Everyone should be smart and uniform includes shoes. Details are in our handbook on our school website. Our uniform gives us a sense of identity and we should wear it with pride.

V Visits

We always ask for contributions towards visits, we are mindful of costs and try to keep them as low as possible. Without sufficient funds we are unable to go but we try hard to support you with this.

W Water bottles

Named water bottles should come to school every day. As a healthy school we promote drinking water as taking sips of juice throughout the day can cause tooth decay. This is not something we can insist on it is a parental decision.

X eXciting times ahead

Our new head teacher Mr Hankey will be starting in January. Please see the change as an exciting new start and support him in the way you have always supported our school.

Y Your child, your school

Be proud, be upbeat, live for school and make the most of all of the opportunities. Rather than saying 'I can't do it' think 'I can't do it yet'. The best is **yet** to come.

Z zzzz.....meeting close.