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## Dates for your diary:

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| Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan | KS1 Celebration Assembly                    |
| Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb  | KS2 Celebration Assembly                    |
| Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>    | Thumbs up Thursday 8.45-9.15am              |
| Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>   | Children's Assembly and break for half term |
| Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>     | INSET day school closed                     |
| Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>     | Back to school                              |

24.1.19

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a brilliant week so far, with lots of activities going on in and out of school.

### Google!

Abingdon is working with Google to pilot a Virtual Reality set in the classroom. Miss Riley is leading the project and her class has used the headsets several times already. On Monday, all the upper junior classes used the sets, whilst 6 people from Google came to observe their lessons. Needless to say, those from Google were very impressed and will use our feedback to further improve the sets. If your child is in Year 5 or 6 ask them about the session, if they haven't already told you! All children will get to use the sets before the summer, which is when we have to hand them back☺. I have to say they offer us a fantastic and engaging new aspect to delivering our creative curriculum, and we are hoping to purchase some for next year. This is exciting for us as we are the only primary school in Stockport who is involved with this project.

### Rock Stars Rule!

Yesterday we launched our Rock Star times table programme by dressing as rock stars for the day, and the staff performed a dance for the children in assembly to Queen's 'We will rock you'. It was brilliant! Hopefully we will add this video to our YouTube collection, and I'll send a link when it is on. The children loved it and joined in at the end of assembly. You will have received details of the programme and how to access it at home, and fun aside, we think this programme will be a very effective way for children to improve their times tables, which are crucial to the KS2 maths curriculum. If you need any help with it, please ask your class teacher.

### Gymnastics

On Tuesday some Year 1 children and some from Year 3/4 took part in a gymnastics event after school. Their teachers were so proud of their enthusiasm and resilience, and despite the fact the coach was delayed, how cheerful everybody remained! Well done to all, and thank you to parents who helped.

### A message from Mrs Lamb

If anyone would like to join kickboxing, we need some more players! If no-one else joins, the club may have to close. Each session is £2, but there is no session next week as the teacher cannot come. If you are interested, please contact the office. Many thanks.

### Football Final

In November a team of footballers took part in a football tournament and got through to the final. Last night was the big game! Sadly, we didn't win. However, the team were amazing. Mrs Lamb said they were a credit to the school and showed such resilience. One of our children was even chosen for a respect award because of his attitude during the game. Well done Footballers, We are all really proud of you!

If there is anything you wish to discuss further, please contact school.

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