



# Abingdon Primary School

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## Newsletter Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

### Dates for your diary:

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> March** – Red Nose Day (own clothes for a monetary donation)

**26<sup>th</sup> March** – School closes for Easter break

**12<sup>th</sup> April** – Skip2Bfit workshops – further information sent out before Easter break

**Tues 13<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> April** - Parent/Carer and teacher conferences (virtual) *moved from w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> March*



### Attendance

As we all know, attendance is the single largest contributor to a child's success in school – they have to be in school in order to make progress and achieve both now and later in life. Abingdon's usual attendance expectations resume from 8<sup>th</sup> March. Please make sure your child arrives in school on time, every day.

If you are having any problems such as running late, please call school before 9:00am. Late marks also count in attendance measures so please make sure your child is on time. If school can help with anything please let us know and we will work with you to assist in getting your child in school on time every day.

Our usual reward system will be in place again – our end of term reward will also be in place:

- ★ The class with the highest attendance (over 96%) wins the **Attendance Trophy** and has a **special mention** in the **newsletter**
- ★ **Every class** whose collective attendance is **97%** or over each week has a **non-uniform day** the following Friday
- ★ Children who have attendance **over 97%** over a half term (8<sup>th</sup> March – 26<sup>th</sup> March in this instance) are entered into a **raffle** where some children are selected for a **special treat** at the end of the half term. The special half term treat is displayed in school
- ★ **ALL** children whose attendance is **over 98%** at the end of the year receive a special treat! (excluding periods of school closure)
- ★ Other rewards for attendance will be given at the Headteacher's discretion e.g. for improved Attendance

### Attendance

A huge 'well done' to all of our children who are coming in every day, on time.

This week's Attendance Trophy was won by **Y1/2 Foxes** with a fantastic collective attendance of **100%**!

They have the trophy in their classroom and they will have an own clothes day next Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March.



The classes who achieved 97% + attendance this week are: Reception Badgers, Y2 Rabbits, Y3/4 Kites, Y5 Kestrels and Y6 Ospreys.

Well done and I look forward to seeing more classes enjoying own clothes days.

### Welcome Back!

A HUGE welcome back to all of our children who have been learning at home over the past few months. It has been absolutely wonderful to see all those smiling faces and we can't believe how much all the children have grown! We are greatly enjoying settling back into routines and, although we are still in bubbles, the children are very happy to be back together again.

## E-Safety

In school we teach e-safety as part of our curriculum and the children have a good understanding of how to be safe online. However, I thought it useful to include a reminder about supporting your child in using technology safely outside of school, as I have received several queries over how best to do this.

As you know, most games have an age appropriate guidance rating and several popular games carry an age restriction of 18+. Social media channels such as Facebook and TikTok also have an age restriction of 13+, so please do check that your child is using the internet or apps safely by having them in the room with you whilst they are using their phone or by doing regular checks on apps they are using. You can find out more information via the link below and we will be providing opportunities for parents/carers to join in workshops and receive training on how to support e-safety outside of school. If school can help in any way then please do not hesitate to contact us.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>



## Frances House Easter Chicks

We are supporting Frances House charity again this year by selling their knitted chicks which cover a Cadbury's Crème Egg. They will be on sale for £1 each every afternoon and will be brought round to each class for children to buy should they wish. If you want your child to buy any, please send in the correct money (change can't be given) in a named envelop or other secure pouch.

## Dogs on school premises

Please be aware that there are no dogs allowed on school premises.

## School Lottery

Last week's lottery winner is a Y5 parent who won £19.20. Congratulations and thank you to all who participate!

Thank you to all who participate. If you would like to support our school by buying tickets for the weekly draw please go to:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/>

There is a new initiative on School Lottery. **There is the opportunity to win a £500 bike voucher when you buy tickets – the draw is on 17<sup>th</sup> April.** Go to the website above and search for our school to enter.



## Hot Chocolate with the Head

A huge well done to Jacob and Mitchell from Reception, Molly, Henry, Lily-May, Ethan and Jack from KS1 and Thomas, Adam, Cara, Kyra, Logan and Leen from KS2. We all enjoyed a catch up and a hot chocolate together. We are very proud of the children being chosen for making good choices and for embodying the Abingdon core values of: Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.

Finally, well done to **Y6 Ospreys** who won the Golden Broom this week for having the tidiest classroom. The Golden Broom is awarded by Mr Bosson in Friday assembly.



Wishing you a relaxing weekend; stay safe and we look forward to seeing you on Monday morning.

Mrs Clark

Headteacher

## **Covid 19 advice**

The isolation period for COVID-19 is 10 days. See the link below for more information

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/how-long-to-self-isolate/>

Stockport is still in **full lockdown** <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/coronavirus-in-stockport>

**The current government advice is still:**

If your child is displaying any of these COVID related symptoms...

-a high temperature

-a new, continuous cough

-a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste

You should:

1) Keep your child off school, inform the school office and book a test.

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

2) Siblings or members of a childcare bubble must remain off school until test results are back -The whole family should self-isolate until the test results are returned.

3) If test is negative, your child/children can return to school (as long as they are well)

4) **If test is positive, keep your child at home for 10 days, other family members need to isolate for 10 days.**

Please contact school **immediately** so we can track and trace within the schools bubbles.

If you need medical advice the 111 website does have a symptom checker and will explain what to do.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

## **Lateral Flow Testing**

If you wish to participate in lateral Flow testing for your child and family, you can find out further information here:

Information for Parents/Carers

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>