



# Abingdon Primary School

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## Newsletter Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021

### Dates for your diary:

**w/c 24<sup>th</sup> May** – Outdoor Learning Day. Please send your child in wearing suitable outdoor clothes.

- LKS2 Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May
- KS1 Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May
- UKS2 Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May
- Reception Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> May** – National Dinosaur Day! (Information to follow)

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> May** -School closes for Whitsun half term break

**School reopens Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June**



### 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 **Y3/4 Kites** with collective attendance of **97.5%**. They will have the trophy in their classroom and be recognised with an own clothes day on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May.



### Attendance winners

All classes who have achieved an attendance of 97% + over the past week have been awarded prize money. This money will be saved over the half term and classes can spend it on an activity or treat of their choice!

The winners this week were:

£5 prize – Y2 Rabbits

£3 prize – Y6 ospreys

£1 Reception Otters

**\*\*\*Please make sure your child is in school every day, on time\*\*\***

### Abingdon Advocates



### Our Abingdon Advocates certificate recipients are:

Poppy, Lucas, Isaac, Jake C, Loredana, Darcie, Olivia H, Holly, Olivia, Nyla and Abigail.

A huge well-done and thank you to these children for representing our school so wonderfully.



### Behaviour Policy Consultation – Parent/Carer Questionnaire

It has been 2 years since we reviewed our Behaviour and Conduct policy and, during that time, COVID-19 has impacted on our school community, particularly our children.

We are not aiming to completely overhaul our Behaviour and Conduct policy, more make sure it is accessible to parents/carers, children and staff to provide a clear and consistent approach to managing effective behaviour in school.

Please take 5 minutes if you can to fill in the questionnaire and provide us with your valuable feedback. Thank you in advance. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to access the survey.

## Bikes in the playground

We have had an increasing number of reports of near misses with adults and children riding bikes and scooters around the school premises. Please disembark all bikes and scooters, and walk alongside them when entering the school premises to avoid unnecessary accidents. Thank you.



## The Big Ask

The Children's Commissioner has launched the biggest ever national consultation with children. You have been sent a separate letter about this as well.

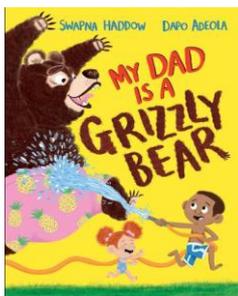
Dame Rachel De Souza, Children's Commissioner for England, launched 'The Big Ask' on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May, the largest ever consultation with children undertaken in England. The survey will be live from today until May 19<sup>th</sup> and asks children across England to set out their priorities for improving childhood post-Covid.

The results from this survey will help the Children's Commissioner identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve.

Children and young people can take part in the survey at [thebigask.uk](https://thebigask.uk)

## Eid Celebration Day

Miss Nuttall organised a super day on Wednesday with the whole school sharing festivities as part of Eid Celebration Day. The children looked wonderful in their traditional clothes and bright colours, and they particularly enjoyed the food tasting and class party! We enjoyed a whole school (virtual) assembly during which we learnt about the main celebrations associated with Eid-al-Fitr. We also received a biscuit gift which was made by the kitchen staff! A big thank you to Hamzah and his family for the generous and very creative chocolate gift to staff, and the party bags he made for his class. Wishing all our our Abingdon Family who celebrate this festival 'Eid Mubarak'.



## Author Session

Mrs Sutton has won a virtual meeting with an author for Abingdon KS1 children!

On 27<sup>th</sup> May, children in KS1 will enjoy a live reading of Swapna Haddow's and Dapo Adeola's book 'My Dad is a Grizzly Bear!'. The children will also have the opportunity to pose questions to them, and join in a live draw-along. The session will not be recorded and is will be managed in line with our stringent safeguarding procedures.

There is a separate letter being sent out with details of how you can order a **signed** copy of the book to read with your child.

## Dementia Fundraiser

It makes me especially proud when I am told of the fantastic community work our children do under their own initiative. Therefore, I want to say a HUGE well done to Miley for raising over £500 for Dementia UK by holding a bake sale at her house. It is wonderful to know that our children are already inspirational citizens who are invested in their community.

## Children's Therapy Facebook Page

The link to the Children's Therapy facebook page is below. If you are a Facebook user, you may find this page useful. You can also search within the facebook app for 'Stockport Children's Therapy Services' to access the page.

<https://www.facebook.com/CTSSstockportNHSFT/>



## School Meals

Please remember that changes to school dinners can only be made 1 week in advance because food orders are placed each week in preparation for the subsequent week. We continue to offer a meal pattern i.e. children bring sandwiches or have a school dinner on a set day of the week but the school office need to know this information. Thank you for your support.

## Free School Meals

If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals, please visit <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/free-school-meals/apply-school-grants-free-school-meals> This means that more money is given to school to provide children with additional opportunities, such as free school trips and additional academic support.

## School Lottery

This week's lottery winner is our Chair of Governor Mr Bryan Archer who won £18.30. He has very kindly donated it back to school – a big 'thank you' to Mr Archer. Thank you to all who participate! There is a new competition being held by Your School Lottery, with the prizes being B&Q vouchers worth £100.

If you would like to support our school by buying tickets for the weekly draw please go to:

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



## Hot Chocolate with the Head

A huge well done to children nominated this week: Aimee M, Natalia, Ryan in KS2; Ava R, Callum, Layla-Mae and Honey-Leigh in KS1; Cooper and Darcie in Reception. We will have a catch up on Monday and enjoy our hot chocolate then. 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 **Reception Otters** who won the Golden Broom this week for having the tidiest classroom. Well done for setting a fantastic example to others. The Golden Broom is awarded by Mr Bosson in Friday assembly.

Wishing you a lovely weekend; stay safe.

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>