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Newsletter Friday 24th March 2023

Dates for your diary:

Friday 24th March - Book Fair (Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th in the hall)

Tuesday 28th March – Year 5 to RVHS to watch show

Thursday 30th march – Rocksteady Assembly for the parents of band members!

Friday 31st March – School closes for Easter break (No after school club)

Monday 17th April – return to school

Monday 3rd May – Bank holiday

Monday 8th May – Kings Coronation bank holiday

Tuesday 9th May – Year 6 SATS week

Thursday 11th May – LKS2 Hat Works visit 1st Group (information to follow!)

Friday 12th May - LKS2 Hat Works visit 2nd Group (information to follow!)

Monday 15th May – Chance to Shine Cricket day (information to follow!)

Friday 26th May – Cake Sale to raise money for the Dance World Cup

Friday 26th May – Finish for Whit





Head teacher's greeting!

Thank you to all the Parents and Carers, who attended parent's consultations meetings this week. They are always a really positive moment in the school year and it was fantastic to see so many parents/carers attend. A big thank you to our teaching staff for all the preparation work they do in advance of the meetings.



Well done to Danica in Year 4, who has worked really hard to pass her Level 2 stable management and can now become a helper at the stables where she rides!

Autism awareness week

This week was Autism Awareness Week and the children have had discussion about Autism and what it is like to be autistic. The conversations overheard this week were very inclusive and heart-warming! It has been lovely to hear the children talk about differences not mattering and everyone being equal. It has also made the children aware that some children need different support/resources/interactions to them to succeed.

Mini Whistlers

Well done to the Year 5 children who attended Mini Whistlers today -It is a refereeing course that centres around respect. Children from St Mary's also attended and all the children were fantastic. It is always lovely to welcome in our neighbouring schools and do joint ventures.



Parenting Anxious Children

Please see the attached flyer regarding a course on Parenting anxious children. We have run it in school in the past and it is recommended!

Book Fair

The Book fair has arrived and will be open after school today - Friday 24th, Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th. Please come and have a look. Buying books from the book fair rather than a shop supports our school as we receive a percentage of the income we make and can buy more books with it!! So please do come along – more detail of location etc will follow next week!

Attendance

The national expectation for school attendance is 97.5%. Abingdon Primary School's attendance currently is **92.76%** this is falling short of the target set by the Government. This continues to be a concern of the school. I know that this time of year brings out the seasonal colds and viruses, but please try to send your child in to school. Trust that if they are truly poorly we will contact you to collect them. There has been many a time where we have woken feeling under the weather, but once we have moved around a bit and gotten some fresh air, we have felt much better. This is often the case with children. Once here and engaged with learning and friends they feel much better.

This term, we are looking at our attendance award system. We will be continuing to do our weekly extra play for any class that has a collective attendance of over 97.5% for the week, and the prize wheel for the class with the highest weekly attendance; but for the end of term award, we will be putting the names of all children with a cumulative attendance of over 97.5% into a raffle. The parents of the child whose name is pulled out of the raffle will receive vouchers for a meal for two at a local eating establishment.

Smartwatches – with games and photo facilities

We are seeing an increase in children wearing smart watches that either have the facility to take photos, play games or both on them. Can we please remind parents that these types of watches are not permitted in school.

Collection of Children

Children in Years 5 & 6 are allowed to walk home on their own if we have permission from parents. All other children need to be collected by a responsible adult. We cannot release children to any child who is younger than 16 years of age, if they are below Year 5. No child in Years Reception to Year 4 should be walking home alone, this is a safeguarding concern.

Also, when dropping your child off in the morning, you need to walk your child to the door that they go in through, so that you know that they have been securely handed over to a member of school staff. We do not take responsibility for children below Year 5 until they have been handed over by a parent. It is not secure to leave them at the gates and expect them to walk themselves to their classes. We do not know that they are on school premises and they may leave the premises, without us knowing that they were ever here! Please take those extra few steps to ensure your child has been handed over safely!

PE Kits

We are very proud of the children at Abingdon and they look so smart in their uniforms! The expectation to wear the uniform extends to the PE kits, and we are starting to see, some non-regulation sports clothing sneak into PE lessons. Just a gentle reminder that we would ask that children wear the following for PE:

- Black joggers/shorts
- White T Shirt
- School jumper - no other hoodies or jumpers please
- Black trainers

If children do not come wearing the correct PE kit, they will be provided with a spare kit from our lost property.

Healthy Snacks

Can we please remind parents that children should be bringing healthy snacks into school for breaktimes. Recently, we have seen an increase in unhealthy snacks being brought into school such as Doritos, chocolate biscuits, etc.

Volunteer Readers

Are you or any grandparents free for an hour or two on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday? We would love some volunteers to hear some of our younger children read. We will be able to conduct DBS checks if you require it. If you are free and would like to help please contact our Key stage 1 lead teacher:

valerie.gray@abingdon.stockport.sch.uk

Universal Free School Meals

Just for the information of Reception and KS1 parents: The government provides a universal offer for free school meals to **all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**. Our school dinners are prepared on site by Taylor Shaw employees – who are amazing! They are delicious. If you are not accessing this and wish to, please let your class teacher know.

Well-being Challenge:

Mindfulness – This week’s challenge is a funny one! Have a joke competition within the family! Try to make each other laugh with the best jokes. Have a look in joke books or on line for the best ones that work for the whole family. Share the best ones you find next week with your teachers!



School Lottery

This week, one of our parents won £8.90 on the school lottery- Well done to them!!!

There is currently the chance to win a whole year of Hello Fresh! So, if you would like a chance to win this amazing prize, please sign up using the link below.



For those families new to school, we have a school lottery that is run by the website below. Every ticket sold provides much needed funding for our school.

If you would like to take part please do sign up using the link below. Thank you.

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

How the lottery works

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| <p>£1 per ticket</p> <p>That's right, unlike many other lotteries, our lottery tickets are only £1 per week.</p> | <p>Help us do more</p> <p>For every ticket you play, 76% goes to our school and prizes.</p> | <p>£25,000 grand prize</p> <p>Match all 6 numbers and you win the JACKPOT!</p> |
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Attendance:



- ★ The class with the highest overall attendance each week will have the opportunity to 'spin the wheel'! The wheel has lots of different choices on – some of these have been updated this year by the children.
 - ★ Each class who achieves 97% or higher each week, or who show great improvement, will have an extra playtime the following week.
 - ★ **ALL children who have over 95% attendance for the year, or who show good improvement of attendance, will receive an end of term certificate and treat.**
- Attendance monitoring includes broken weeks and lateness. You **MUST** contact school if your child is late or absent.

The class with the highest attendance this week is: Year 1 Squirrels with a fantastic 98.4%! - Well done!
They have won a 'music in their class' as a special treat from the wheel!!

Hedgehogs and Kites also achieved over 97% attendance! They will get an extra playtime next week.

Hot chocolate

Each week we invite a child from each class (who is chosen for being a role model for behaviour) to come and have hot chocolate and marshmallows with the headteacher. We could not do it today sadly so we will do it on Monday and print the picture in next weeks' newsletter.



Gold Table

Children are chosen by their midday supervisors for their lunchtime behaviour. Each Friday we have a 'Gold table' in the hall and the children chosen have their lunch there with Ms Flanders, they also receive a prize from the 'Gold Box'.

Our winners were Alisha (Badgers), Renae (Hedgehogs), Hunter-Cole (Squirrels), Alfie (Foxes), Conor (Rabbits), Hallie (Falcons), Amara (Owls), Darcy-Mae (Kites), Isabelle (Kestrels), Charlie (Merlins), Nathan (Hawks), Adam (Ospreys)



'Child of the week' award

Each week children are chosen for showing our core values (Respect, Resilience and Responsibility). We award certificates in Celebration Time each Friday



Rec Badgers: Evie M

Year 1 /Rec Hedgehogs: Reuben

Year 1 Squirrels : Mark

Year 2 Foxes: Roman

Year 2 Rabbits: Conor

Year 3 Falcons: Daisy

Year 4 Owls: Olivia

Year 4 Kites: Bradley

Year 5 Kestrels: Isabelle

Year 5 Merlins: Saanviya

Year 6 Ospreys: Ayaan

Year 6 Hawks: Joe

Golden Broom

Year 6 Hawks have 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 (Site supervisor).



Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Spendlow
Headteacher

Holiday Dates 2022-2023

Autumn term

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| Thursday 1 st September | INSET |
| Friday 2 nd September | INSET |
| Monday 5 th September | Back to School |
| Friday 23 rd September | INSET |
| Friday 21 st October | Finish for half term holiday |

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| Monday 31 st October | School returns |
| Friday 23 rd December | Finish for Christmas |

Spring term

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| Monday 9 th January 2023 | School returns |
| Friday 17 th February | Finish for half term holiday |

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| Monday 27 th February | INSET |
| Tuesday 28 th February | School returns |
| Friday 31 st March | Finish for Easter |

Summer term

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| Monday 17 th April | School returns |
| Monday 1 st May | May Day holiday |
| Friday 26 th May | Finish for Whit holiday |

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| Monday 12 th June | School returns |
| Wednesday 26 th July | Finish for summer holidays |
| Thursday 27 th July | INSET |

Covid-19 advice

- Children with mild symptoms of a respiratory infection include covid-19 but are otherwise well should continue to attend school. They should stay home if they have a high temperature and are unwell, and can return to school when they no longer have a high temperature/feel well enough.
- It is not recommended that children should have a covid-19 test unless directed to by a health professional, but if a child under 18 does test positive, **they should stay off school for 3 days after the day they took the test. They can return to school after the 3 days if they are well enough.**

The isolation period for COVID-19 is 6 days with a negative LFD test (24 hours apart on day 5 and day 6). See the link below for more information

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

School 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

or

if your child receives a positive lateral flow test, **they should remain at home until they are feeling well again.**

Please inform school if anyone in your child's household tests positive for Covid-19.

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