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Newsletter Friday 16th June 2023

Dates for your diary Summer 2:

Thursday 22nd June - Reception sports day -9.20 – 10.00am

-KS1 Sports Day – 10.30am – 11.15am

-LKS2 Sports day 2.15pm – 3.00pm

Monday 19th June – Refugee Week

- Class photos – school uniform please

Friday 23rd June- Own clothes day bring Colour gift for Summer fayre (see below)

Monday 26th June -New Reception parents meeting (September 2023)

Thursday 29th June - UKS2 Sports Day 2.15 – 3.00pm

Friday 30th June – Summer Fayre 3.30 – 5pm – **NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

Monday 3rd July – Year 6 trip to RobinWood

Thursday 6th July – Transition day – move to new teacher for the day!

Friday 14th July – Transition afternoon

Thursday 20th Year 6 performance (info to follow)

Friday 21st Year 6 leavers treat

Monday 24th July - Children's assembly

– Yr 6 Disco (info to follow)

Wednesday 26th July Year 6 leaver assembly – Year 6 parents invited 9.15am

Year 6 leavers parade 3.25pm KS2 playground all welcome

Wednesday 26th July **Finish for Summer 3.15pm No after school club**

These dates are different to the original dates



Refugee Week



Head teacher's greeting!

Welcome back and what a great week weather wise to come back to! It has been very warm on some afternoons in school, but as usual the Abingdon Family have carried on! Well done to all the children and staff this week – it is not easy being in school in the heat, but everyone has been brilliant.

We have some lovely news to share this week too. Over the holidays, Miss Broxton got married. She said the day was perfect and we are all so pleased for her. She is changing her name- so will be Mrs Walker from now on!

This week has been our annual Keeping Safe Week. We have run it for the last few years to ensure that we have the time to talk about important issues that could save lives or just keep them safe generally! We have talked about sun safety, emergency services, online safety, basic first aid and keeping safe in the home eg electrical items, medicines etc. The week started with year 5 and 6 completing first aid training with the Red Cross and it ended with a sharing session in our celebration time to show what we have learnt to the rest of the school.



It was also clean air day yesterday and the children took part in an assembly about it on Monday. Some of the things you can do as a family to improve the air quality – particularly around school are: walking to school where possible, parking a bit further away if it is too far to walk – then walking the rest of the way and if you have parked outside school please ensure your engine is not idling as this really affects the air around us.



Well done to Charlie in Year 3. In his football end of season football presentation for the U8s Reddish North End he won two awards!

Class photos

Monday 19th June is class photo day, please ensure your child is in school uniform that day.

Summer Fayre



Raffle tickets are now on sale!!!!
Prizes include some fantastic summer themed hampers and lots more! £1 per strip.
Available on School Spider, in the office or on the day! 😊

Thank you for donations of bottles today – it is very much appreciated. The next own clothes day is Friday 23rd July – coloured gift (See below)

Last year we had a rainbow stall and it was very popular so we thought we would do it again! The children bring a gift e.g. sweets/hairbobbles /pencil case/toy, etc (anything that children would like!) that is the colour for their year group. It absolutely doesn't need to be expensive!

Reception – bring something red
Year 1 – bring something orange
Year 2 bring something yellow
Year 3 – bring something green
Year 4 – bring something blue
Year 5 bring something purple
Year 6 – top up with any of the colours!

If anyone would like to volunteer to help set up and run a stall we would very much appreciate it!

Also if you have a small business and would like a stall yourself please contact the office.

If you know any local businesses or own a business that would like to donate a raffle prize we would very much appreciate it!



Parking

We have sadly had some reports of inconsiderate parking around school and verbal abuse of local residents. We ask that parents and carers park considerately without blocking driveways and be respectful to our neighbours.

Sports Days

We have had to change the dates and times slightly of Sports days due to the availability of Mr Sanders our Sport Coach. See the changes in the dates section above. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Parents/Carers Questionnaire

Thank you so much to all the parents and carers who completed the questionnaire last half term. It is very useful to hear your views and work together to make improvements. Here's some of the views you had:

	% agreed		% agreed
My child enjoys school	96.4%	The school has high expectations for my child.	88.2%
My children feels safe and secure at school	90.6%	My child does well at this school.	92.9%
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	90.5%	The school lets me know how my child is doing.	84.9%
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	85.9%	There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.	94.1%
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	88.3%	My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.	88.2%
When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.	87%	The school supports my child's wider personal development.	91.8%
My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.	89%	I would recommend this school to another parent.	92.9%

Some positive comments you made:

Abingdon has been great so far for my children. They are celebrated when they do well and they mostly enjoy coming to school.

Abingdon teachers work hard for all the pupils. I appreciate the effort of teachers.

My son is thriving at this school. The staff are very supportive

Excellent school, Thanks for all the support you give to my daughter.

It's a lovely school with a great range of extracurricular activities and lessons. All the staff are helpful and helpful and welcoming I'm so glad we chose Abingdon

The school is very good at keeping you informed of any future events so you are able to prepare for it

Some areas of development areas that you suggested:

Can you bring back dance or gymnastics on a Monday night we loved that!

I think Dojo could be used more to give updates on a class level to say what they are doing that week or month.

I think staff absence needs to be communicated better, knowing what teacher will be covering the class would be helpful.

Would be helpful if some of the old dates for paying for things on school spider could be deleted as takes a while to find current dates when paying for after school club.

I hope the school can release more content about what the students have learned.

We thank you for your kind words, it is very uplifting for all staff to hear the lovely comments you made. We will also do our very best to address the areas of development in the coming months and will keep you informed as we do. Thank you again for your feedback.

Attendance

The national expectation for school attendance is 97.5%. Abingdon Primary School's attendance currently is **94%** 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, viruses and hay fever 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:

Colouring can be soothing to children and adults alike, especially when you really get in the zone! Colouring can calm the nervous system and promote mental focus, as well as teach the whole family a healthy way to express emotions. Apparently circular motions are particularly calming. There are a couple of links to printable circular mandala designs that the whole family might like to do.

<https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/free-mandala-coloring-pages-4027232>

<https://coloringhome.com/free-printable-mandala-coloring-pages-for-kids>



School Lottery

This week, one of our parents won £7.30 on the school lottery- Well done to them!!!

There is currently the chance to **win a Meta Quest 2 VR headset bundle!**

Step into a world of virtual reality with this top-of-the-range VR headset – play standalone games with no need for a PC or games console, watch blockbuster movies from a new perspective, keep fit with active experiences, collaborate with workers in new and innovative ways – the choice is yours! The bundle also includes a charging dock and a carry case, worth over £150!






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

<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 and 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 4 Kites again with 97.8% attendance - Well done!

As well as the additional playtime they have won a musical instruments session.

Sadly no other classes achieved over 97%

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 haven't been able to do it today sadly with some classes going out and about in the local area! Back to normal next week.



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 Jacob (Badgers), Violet (Hedgehogs), Laiba (Squirrels), Cooper(Foxes), Nyla (Rabbits), Rocco(Falcons), Archie (Owls), Ewan (Kites), Sienna (Kestrels), Alex (Merlins), Connor(Hawks), Haily (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: Willow
Year 1 /Rec Hedgehogs: Azaan
Year 1 Squirrels : Oliver
Year 2 Foxes: Toby and Holly
Year 2 Rabbits: Nyla
Year 3 Falcons: Henry
Year 4 Owls: Harry
Year 4 Kites: Damian

Year 5 Kestrels: Sarah
Year 5 Merlins: Torres
Year 6 Ospreys: Harry
Year 6 Hawks: jaiden

Golden Broom

Year 4 Kites 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

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

Spring term

Monday 9 th January 2023	School returns
Friday 17 th February	Finish for half term holiday
Monday 27 th February	INSET
Tuesday 28 th February	School returns
Friday 31 st March	Finish for Easter

Summer term

Monday 17 th April	School returns
Monday 1 st May	May Day holiday
Friday 26 th May	Finish for Whit holiday
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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Year 5 Merlins – charlotte.walton@abingdon.stockport.sch.uk

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Year 6 Ospreys (UKS2 lead) – vanessa.fallon@abingdon.stockport.sch.uk