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Newsletter Friday 8th September 2023

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 13th September – Virtual Author visit for KS2 children

Wednesday 20th September – Meet your teacher drop in 3.30pm – 5pm (more details to follow)

Thursday 21st September – DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) Parents to join children 08.45am – 09.10am

Wednesday 27th September – Virtual Author visit for KS2 children

Thursday 28th September – Phonics/Reading Workshop for KS1 parents 3.30pm – 4pm

Thursday 5th October – National Poetry Day

Thursday 5th October – Phonics/Reading workshop for Reception parents 3.30pm – 4pm

Monday 2nd October – Commencement of Black History Month

Friday 6th October – Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day (Children to wear green)

Monday 16th October - Harvest assembly (more details to follow)

Wednesday 18th October – Film Night Fundraiser

Friday 13th October - Thumbs up Friday 8.45 until 9.10

- Abingdon Café 9- 10am

Friday 20th October - Finish for Half term



Welcome back to school for all the children in Yrs 1 to 6, and a warm welcome to our new children in Reception! We hope that you all had a lovely summer break making memories for years to come. It is becoming the law of September that after a whole summer of rain, we arrive back to school in a mini heatwave! I am sure that as parents you have noticed that this has added to the back to school tiredness that most children experience in the first few weeks.

We have a very exciting first term ahead of us with lots of events and activities for the children, as well as some amazing learning. The children have settled into their new classes really well and although there have been a couple of tears in the morning (and no, it isn't the staff!!) the new reception cohort have managed fantastically in their first week of school.

At the end of last year, we sadly said goodbye to some of our teaching and learning staff, but I hope that you will join me in welcoming our new incoming staff to Abingdon. In Reception we have Mrs Chilvers in Otters; in Squirrels, we welcome Miss Rowley; Year 3 see the arrival of Miss Yeomans, and Year 4 see the return of Mrs Brett. In Year 5 we welcome Mrs Hanley and in Year 6 we see the return of Miss Riley and also welcome Mrs Shuttleworth. Helping teach the children during the teachers' non-contact time, we have Mr Rowe. All parents will get the opportunity to meet their child's new teacher on Wednesday 20th September. Please see the table below for a full staff list.

	Teacher	Support staff
Reception Badgers	Miss Hall (EYFS Lead)	Mrs Arrowsmith
Reception Otters	Mrs Chilvers	Mrs Mc Fadden
Year 1 Hedgehogs	Miss Cleary	Mrs Darley
Year 1 Squirrels	Miss Rowley	Miss Green Mrs Walker
Year 2 Foxes	Miss Hammond	Miss Whitehead
Year 3 Falcons	Miss Yeomans	Mrs Conroy Mrs Caldwell
Year 4 Owls	Mrs Whitehead/ Mrs Brett	Miss Murphy
Year 4 Kites	Mr Amesbury (LKS2 Lead)	Mis Dulson
Year 5 Merlins	Miss Walton	Mrs Wood
Year 5 Kestrels	Mrs Hanley	Mrs Kerrigan
Year 6 Hawks	Mr Taylor	Miss Beresford Miss Baguley
Year 6 Ospreys	Miss Riley (UKS2 lead)/Mrs Shuttleworth	Mrs Bourke Miss Baguley



RAAC

There has been a lot of press coverage about RAAC in school buildings and schools being affected and even having to close in some instances. Please be reassured that our building is not affected by this. RAAC was last used in 1996, and we are a new building we do not have any in our school.

Parent Governor Vacancy

For your information, there is currently a Parent Governor vacancy. On Monday, families will receive information and a nominee form via email. If you would like to be considered for the position please complete and return it to school.

Free School Meals

A reminder that families can apply for Free School Meals via this link: <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/free-school-meals/apply-school-grants-free-school-meals> - all you need is your NATIONAL INSURANCE NUMBER. If your child has just gone into year 3 they will no longer be on Universal Free School Meals, so if you think you might qualify please apply as soon as possible.

Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, it is beneficial to apply for Free School Meals as your child can also access a range of other benefits and school help supplement some additional provision for you and your child(ren).

If you would prefer to apply using a school computer/internet, that is no problem and we can arrange a private area with a computer for you to apply. Just ask at the office, call 0161 480 4531 or email admin@abingdon.stockport.sch.uk.

School Uniform

The children look so smart this week. Thank you all for your support with this, looking smart and being ready with all the right things make such a difference to learning.

Please make sure **names are in all items of clothes** – especially cardigans/jumpers and coats! It is impossible to find lost items without this.

White polo shirt
Red cardigan/jumper – with or without logo (**NO other jumpers**)
Black/dark grey trousers/shorts/skirts/pinafores
Black shoes or all black trainers (no colour variations accepted)

PE Kits for PE days

White t-shirt and black shorts/joggers with school jumper. (**NO other jumpers/PE kits!**)

