



# Abingdon Primary School

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## Newsletter Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### Dates for your diary:

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September** – Meet your teacher drop in 3.30pm – 5pm (more details to follow)

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September** – DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) Parents to join children 08.45am – 09.10am

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September** – Virtual Author visit for KS2 children

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September** – Phonics/Reading Workshop for KS1 parents 3.30pm – 4pm

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October** – National Poetry Day

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October** – Phonics/Reading workshop for Reception parents 3.30pm – 4pm

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** – Commencement of Black History Month

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October** – Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day (Children to wear green)

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October** - Harvest assembly (more details to follow)

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October** – Film Night Fundraiser

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October** - Thumbs up Friday 8.45 until 9.10

- Abingdon Café 9- 10am

- Freddy Fit (children to wear own sports clothes)

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October** - Finish for Half term

As we reach the end of our first full week back, it is lovely to see how well the children have settled into their new classes, with their new teaching staff. We had our first Monday assembly which focused on British Values, our school values and the school's non-negotiables. Our assemblies each Monday will usually be linked to one of our school values; and with this in mind we would like to encourage parents to share with us any acts of responsibility, respect, and resilience that your child has shown outside of school. Please also continue to share your extra-curricular news and celebrations with us so that we can mention them in our weekly letters. In these assemblies we will also be highlighting main religious and cultural celebrations throughout the year.

We have a number of events throughout the year inviting parents into school to either meet teachers, share experiences with their children or to see the amazing work that the children have done. We also have our Abingdon Café each term. It would be lovely to see you all there, I appreciate as a working mum of three myself that attending all the events can be hard.

As a school we are currently reviewing our current school development plan and writing our new plan. Some of the priorities are obviously driven by internal factors, but we would also appreciate your views on our school. We are very proud of our school and want to make it the best for all our children, families and community. With this in mind, we will be creating a parent voice questionnaire for you all to complete online. This will go live Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September and will be open for 2 weeks, closing on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 12.00 noon. Please take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire and share your views with us.

### Weekly Wellbeing Challenge:

Each week I like to set a weekly wellbeing challenge for families. I started this during Covid with the families of my previous school. I try to make the challenges as cost effective as possible and I consider everyone's busy lives and schedules. Hopefully these will add a little calm and peace into your lives, as it is often easy to forget to just relax and have fun in today's world.

This week's challenge: It is definitely looking more autumnal outside and the nights and mornings are drawing in. My favourite parts of autumn are the colours around us and the changes we see in nature. Maybe this week, see what changes you can notice about the world around you to show that autumn has arrived. Maybe you could collect some of the leaves that have started to fall and you could either do some leaf printing, make a collage using the leaves and other natural materials, or create an autumnal colour wheel. We would love to see some of your creations! Go for a walk, have a hot chocolate and enjoy nature!



### WOWs

This week all year group have started their new topics for the term. We always start of with a WOW moment to engage the children and get them all excited about their learning. Here are a few of this weeks WOWs (Year 1 and 2 have theirs on Monday!)

#### Year 5 and 6 – Anderson Shelter

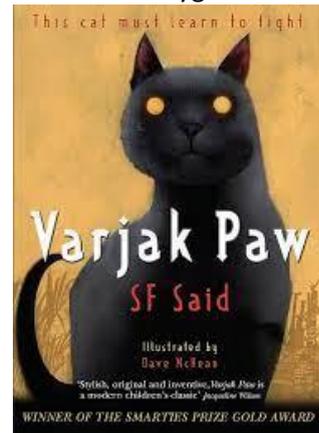
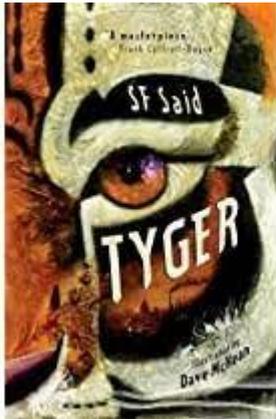


#### Year 3 and 4 – Greek Legend Board games



### **Author Visit**

On Wednesday most of KS2 (some had PE or RE workshops) were lucky enough to virtually meet SF Said, a famous author who wrote some of the recommended text for their year groups. He talked about what he loved about writing, where he got his ideas from and he also talked about his newest book 'Tyger'.



### **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](mailto: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!**)

## School Lottery

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

#### £1 per ticket



That's right, unlike many other lotteries, our lottery tickets are only £1 per week.

#### Help us do more

For every ticket you play, 76% goes to our school and prizes.



#### £25,000 grand prize



Match all 6 numbers and you win the JACKPOT!



## 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: Y1/2 Squirrels with 98.8%**

They have won 'music on in the classroom for a day!!!!' as a special treat from the wheel, as well their extra playtime next week – Foxes are going to have a great time next week!

**Most classes** had over 95% - What an amazing start! – They all have an extra play too! Although no class had 100% attendance, which for the first full week back is slightly disappointing.

## 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. It is definitely my favourite time of the week! It was lovely to hear today why the children were chosen. (Reception will join in after half term)

During this time Ms Spendlow and Ms Flanders collect children's voices about particular aspects of our school, again this is so that we can continually build on the good things that happen in our school to make it even better. This week we spoke about feeling safe in school, and the children shared who they would go to if they

had a worry or problem; how we can make playtimes better; how our non-negotiables help them to feel safe. The children spoke beautifully and contributed their views articulately.

I would go to the nearest adult if I had a problem



Some children need to follow our core value of responsibility by looking after equipment better at lunchtime

The teachers make me feel safe

### 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 sit with me and have their lunch, they also receive a prize from the 'Gold Box'. Otters – Elliott,, Badgers – Hannah P, Hedgehogs – Thea, Squirrels – Annabelle, Foxes – Joseph, Falcons – Darcy, Kites – Sebastian, Owls - Lily- Mae G, Kestrels – Darcy, Merlins – Ella, Hawks – Sophie DP, Ospreys - Sarah

### Class Stars of the Week

Each week children are chosen for showing our core values. We award certificates in Celebration Time each Friday. Well done to all our stars:



Year 1 Hedgehogs: Archie  
Year 1/2 Squirrels: Theo  
Year 2 Foxes: Freddie F  
Year 3 Falcons: Kirana  
Year 3/4 Kites: Cassidy  
Year 4 Owls: Logan

Year 5 Kestrels: Toby  
Year 5 Merlins: Paige  
Year 6 Ospreys: Joseph H  
Year 6 Hawks: Ryan D

### Golden Broom

**Year 1 Hedgehogs** 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) .



Finally, I would like to wish you a lovely weekend, and thank you for all your support.

Ms Spendlow  
Headteacher

## Holiday Dates 2022-2023

### Autumn term

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	INSET
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	INSET
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Back to School
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	INSET
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Finish for half term holiday
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	School returns
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	Finish for Christmas

### Spring term

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

### Summer term

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	School returns
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	May Day holiday
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Finish for Whit holiday
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	School returns
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Finish for summer holidays
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> 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.**