



# Abingdon Primary School

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## Newsletter Friday 22nd September 2023

### **Dates for your diary:**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September** – Parent questionnaire goes live

**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)

Monday's assembly focused on the British value of democracy, and what it means to live in a democracy and what this looks like in our school. The KS2 children have been thinking about this and deciding whether they would like to represent their class as a school councillor the children have been applying this week, next week they will be sharing their manifests with their classes and the voting day for each class will be next Tuesday. Good luck to all of our candidates!

This leads me on to remind all parents that all the information and forms to register your interest to become a parent governor at our school have now been sent out. The deadline to return any applications is Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September. This is a very important role within school and we need your help to drive our school forwards and to give the children the best educational start.

Most of our after school extra-curricular clubs are now up and running and it has been a delight to see how popular they have been.

It was lovely to see so many parents attend our 'Meet the Teacher' evening on Wednesday; and join us in our 'Drop Everything And Read' session on Thursday morning. I hope that you enjoyed sharing a story with your child and seeing their new classrooms.

Just a reminder that the parent voice questionnaire for you all to complete online 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. Here is the link in advance:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeVDIprdtI79vKnSZfrbjESn0Ybr62hPjI8aPQxEg145Agw7g/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeVDIprdtI79vKnSZfrbjESn0Ybr62hPjI8aPQxEg145Agw7g/viewform?usp=sf_link)

## Weekly Wellbeing Challenge:

For me, the first thing I do in the morning is put music on. I listen to music whilst getting ready for school, in the car, driving to school; pretty much as often as I can. This week's challenge is to listen to your favourite songs. Parents, you may want to share the songs you listened to when you were your child's age. You may want to make a playlist of all your favourite songs. Just play them and have fun dancing to them.



## KS1 WOW

Our KS1 children were introduced to their first topic of the year by going on a hunt for a special egg. The topic is 'Dungeons and Dragons' and the children had to read and follow clues around the school to find the giant egg. I have to say, hearing the excitement and seeing the children working together over the clues was amazing!



## Reading Clubs and Ambassadors

We started Lunchtime reading clubs this week. It has been a rainy week, so it was great to chill out at lunchtime in the library!



Our Reading Ambassadors have also been announced – children in Year 5 and 6 were given the opportunity to apply for the role and were shortlisted anonymously. Our Reading Ambassadors are:



## **Bible Encounters**

Today, Mrs Fraser delivered our first Bible Encounter of the year. The children love these assemblies and the stories they learn through them.



## **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 classes with the highest attendance this week were: **Y1/2 Squirrels and Y4 Owls**

They have won 'musical instruments in class!!!' as a special treat from the wheel, as well their extra playtime next week – Foxes are going to have a great time next week!

**No other classes** had over 97% this week, which again is 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 reading in school. We asked them about different authors that they know and what their favourite books are as well as asking their opinions about what else we could do in school to ensure everyone enjoys reading. Here are some of their responses:

Why would you not want to read?!

- I like nature and adventure books
- I like Michael Morpurgo
- David Walliams books are so funny

I would like some more Harry Potter books in the library



### **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 – Theo, Badgers – Evie, Hedgehogs – Casey, Squirrels – Omari, Foxes – Lola, Falcons – Toby, Kites – Skylar, Owls – Archie, Kestrels – Beau, Merlins – Emily, Hawks – Eva, Ospreys – Ava

### **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: Theo D

Year 1/2 Squirrels: The whole class!

Year 2 Foxes: Lola M

Year 3 Falcons: Darcy

Year 3/4 Kites: Aisha

Year 4 Owls: Sofia

Year 5 Kestrels: Teddy

Year 5 Merlins: Jonathan

Year 6 Ospreys: Fatoumata

Year 6 Hawks: Molly

### **Golden Broom**

Year 4 Kites 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 2023-2024

### Autumn term

Monday 4th September	INSET
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Back to School
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Finish for half term holiday
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	School returns
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Finish for Christmas

### Spring term

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	INSET
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	School returns
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Finish for half term holiday
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	School returns
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Finish for Easter

### Summer term

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	School returns
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Holiday
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Finish for Whit holiday
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	School returns

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July

Finish for summer holidays  
INSET  
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#### **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.**