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Dates for your diary:

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

- Freddy Fit (children to wear own sports clothes)

Friday 20th October - Finish for Half term

We have had another fantastic week at Abingdon; from author visits to football tournaments and everything in-between! Today is actually National Teaching Assistant Day, and I would just like to highlight the fantastic teaching assistants we have at our school. They are all very dedicated and hardworking. I am sure you will join me in thanking them for everything they do to support your children.



Just a reminder that the parent voice questionnaire is still live and will be open until Monday 9th 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

Weekly Wellbeing Challenge:

This week we have had a reading corner competition amongst the staff as part of our reading for pleasure initiative. So, to fit in with that, why not make a little cosy place to read with your child. It might be as simple as the sofa, but it could be a den or who knows what else! I know Ms Flanders and the Reading Ambassadors would love to see everyone reading so if you are happy for you and your child to be featured on our Reading Newsletter (next half term) please send her your cosy reading corners!
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Meeting Author Maz Evans

Some of our KS2 classes met author Maz Evans virtually this week. Maz wrote 'Who let the Gods out' and has a new book coming out called 'Oh Maya God'. Her first book is a recommended text for Year 4 onwards and is a great read! We can't wait to get a copy of her new book.



School Council Voting

We take our school council voting very seriously at Abingdon! It is a great opportunity to talk about the British Value of Democracy and to show the children what it is like to vote. The children who wanted to be a school council representative had to communicate their 'manifesto' to say why they should be voted. Then we all came to the Polling Station (The Studio!) and placed our votes with our 'Official' (Mrs Murray!).



International Languages Day

We also celebrated different languages on Tuesday and started our new Spanish scheme in school. The school was a sea of red and yellow! It was lovely to see the children so enthusiastic about other cultures and languages. A big thank you to Olivia's mum for spending the day with us speaking Spanish.



The votes are in!

Y3 Falcons – Anna

Y3/4 Kites – Marley MS

Y4 Owls -Honey-Leigh

Y5 Kestrels -Maddie

Y5 Merlins - Amara

Y6 Hawks – Eva

Y6 Ospreys - Alannah

Whole Class Instrument lessons

We have begun a cycle of whole class instrument lessons in school this year. Year 6 Ospreys have started us off learning the recorder. We can't wait to hear their performance in assembly at the end of term. Over our 2-year cycle we plan for all children to learn!



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!**)

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/>

The Super Draw is here... and the prizes are BIGGER and BETTER than ever! This weekend's big Super Draw prize is an amazing Harry Potter double prize bundle - a Family trip to the Warner Bros Studio Tour, AND 4 tickets to see Harry Potter and the Cursed Child at the Palace Theatre!

Our new Super Draw gives people new and exciting ways to play – instead of committing to weekly tickets, supporters can choose to just buy tickets for the Super Draw week, meaning more flexibility and less commitment, whilst still supporting ABINGDON PRIMARY SCHOOL. Existing supporters can even choose to TOP-UP their tickets just for this weekend's draw!



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 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 was: Y2 Foxes

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 simply asked them why they had been chosen, here are some of their responses:

I was chosen because I have had such a great attitude to my learning

I was chosen for my great attitude and work in maths

I was chosen for following our non-negotiables



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 – Lily-Mae, Badgers – Daoud, Hedgehogs – Harper, Squirrels – Evie B, Foxes – Ariaah, Falcons – Grace, Kites – Mitchell, Owls - Lucas, Kestrels – Freddie, Merlins – Archie, Hawks – Lillie-Anne, Ospreys -Thomas

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: Casey
Year 1/2 Squirrels: Heidi
Year 2 Foxes: Leah Halliwell
Year 3 Falcons: Toby
Year 3/4 Kites: Marley
Year 4 Owls: Lily G

Year 5 Kestrels: Darcy-Mae
Year 5 Merlins: Ruby
Year 6 Ospreys: Riley
Year 6 Hawks: Mason

Golden Broom

Year 5 Kestrels 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 th September	INSET
Wednesday 6 th September	Back to School
Friday 20 th October	Finish for half term holiday
Monday 30 th October	School returns
Friday 22 nd December	Finish for Christmas

Spring term

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

Summer term

Monday 15 th April	School returns
Monday 6 th May	May Day Holiday
Friday 24 th May	Finish for Whit holiday
Monday 10 th June	School returns
Friday 26 th July	Finish for summer holidays
Monday 29 th July	INSET
Tuesday 30 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.

