



# Abingdon Primary School

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## Newsletter Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023



### Dates for your diary:

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

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October** – School Reopens

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October** – Whole staff training 3.30 – 5pm – **NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** – Individual photos

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November** – Parent Consultation Evening

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November** – Parent Consultation Evening

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November** – Own Clothes - Bring a bottle for the Christmas Fayre

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November** – Antbullying Week beginnings

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** Children in Need Day – Clothes to be confirmed!

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November** – Own Clothes – Bring chocolate for the Christmas Fayre

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November** – Nasal Flu immunisations

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – Christmas Fayre – **NO AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December** Choir performing at Festival of Choirs 7.30pm

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Reception Christmas Performance 9.15am

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Dinner

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – KS1 Christmas performance 9.15am

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 5 Air Raid Shelters

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December** Year 6 Air Raid Shelters

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December** Christmas parties

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** – Finish for Christmas

- Christmas jumper day/outfit/accessories

- **NO AFTERSCHOOL CLUB**

Well, here we are at the end of our first half-term, and it has definitely been an eventful one. We have had lots of different events, including a virtual visit from two authors, meet the teacher evenings for parents, phonics workshops, DEAR sessions with parents invited, 'Thumbs Up Friday', film night, and not forgetting our special visitors from OFSTED.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their hard work this first half-term; and to wish all staff, parents and children a wonderful half-term!

### **Weekly Wellbeing Challenge:**

Reflection is often something we don't make time for. This half-term, think back to how you felt at the beginning of the term. Think back to my first assembly about the magic power of 'YET'. Think about things that you couldn't do at the beginning of the half-term, and that you can do now. I know that we had one child learn to ride a bike this half-term. I have children coming to see me each day with pieces of work that they are proud of.

Take this half-term to reflect on the past six and a half weeks and celebrate all the achievements you have made!



### **Halloween Raffle**



### **LKS2 Theseus and the Minotaur Dance**

In LKS2 they have been working on a dance unit linked to the Greek myth Theseus and the Minotaur, here are Year 4 Owls performing their finished piece! This part of the story was about the townfolk choosing the children to be sent to the minotaur and then the children travelling on the boat to Crete. They have had a great time putting it together and have worked really hard on it.



### **School Council**

Last week our new School Council had their first meeting and their first task of the year. It was to talk to their class about the Attendance rewards on the wheel. Each class presented their ideas and we tallied them up to work out which rewards have won a slot on the 'Wheel of Fortune'!

Here are the winning prizes:

- ❖ 'Golden time' session
- ❖ Own clothes day
- ❖ Pyjama day
- ❖ Film Time
- ❖ Sweet treat Friday
- ❖ Hot chocolate for the whole class
- ❖ Bring a teddy/toy

### **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/>

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

### £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 was: **Y5 Kestrels with 98.6%**

They have won 'Hot chocolate for the whole class!!!' as a special treat from the wheel, as well their extra playtime next week.

**No other classes** had over 97% this week.

## 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:



### **Gold Table**

Children are chosen by their midday supervisors for their lunchtime behaviour. Each Friday we have a 'Gold table' in the hall for the children to sit on and they also receive a prize from the 'Gold Box'.

Otters – Haadi, Badgers – Robyn, Hedgehogs – Georgia, Squirrels – Theodore, Foxes – Lola, Falcons – Kirana, Kites – Skylar, Owls – Charlie, Kestrels – Mia, Merlins – Ruby, Hawks – Charlie, Ospreys - Riley

### **Child of the Half term:**

At the end of each half term, we hold our Children's Assembly, where the children vote for the student in their class that they think has worked hard and followed the Core Values. They are very good at noticing and the teachers always report that it was a good choice! Year 6 children present the assembly and today Sienna and Tom did a brilliant job. Well done to all our stars:



Year 1 Hedgehogs: Hermione

Year 1/2 Squirrels: Sudaysah

Year 2 Foxes: Kerry

Year 3 Falcons: Toby

Year 3/4 Kites: Hareem

Year 4 Owls: Archie

Year 5 Kestrels: Beau

Year 5 Merlins: Amara

Year 6 Ospreys: Willow

Year 6 Hawks: Lama

### **Golden Broom**

Reception Badgers 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 half-term break, and thank you for all your support.

Ms Spendlow

Headteacher

## **Holiday Dates 2023-2024**

### **Autumn term**

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> 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

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

School returns

May Day Holiday

Finish for Whit holiday

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July

School returns

Finish for summer holidays

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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.**